

- 121\*. i. Mayabic Pama Subgroup\* ? Group?  
(64) (Originally Mayapic Group)

The six Mayabic Gulf dialects that Sutton recognises as comprising the Mayabic Subgroup are here tentatively classified as the Mayabic Pama Subgroup on a suggestion from Sutton that they really comprise part of the Pama-Maric languages. He suggests the group may be a vital link in the linguistic chain connecting north Queensland with Western Desert languages. Wurm (1970) follows O'Grady et al by classifying only three dialects and these as the Mayapic Group. To these three, Sutton adds three more: *Ngawun*, *Mayguduna* and *Maydhagurdi*, the last originally classified as the Mitakudic Group.

Sutton has commenced a salvage study, correlating early sources (Curr, Roth etc), especially in those languages presumed extinct, with field data collected in 1970. He comments that most of the languages are intelligible to each other except 'end to end'. Breen has collected some material (see below) and Blake collected some *Ngawun*. Sutton, Blake and Breen have commenced joint salvage study. Results so far are available in manuscript.

If informants can be located, the dialects of this subgroup urgently require study as knowledge is still very scanty.

- 121.la\* Mayabi Conan Downs, Canobie, G20 (AIAS G20)  
(64.3) Cloncurry River area;  
midway between Flinders  
& Saxby Rivers (AC)

*Mayabi* (GB, AIAS), *Mayapi* (SAW, O'G, 'RLS'), *Majabi* (AC, orig. AIAS), *Maijabi* (T), *Miappe* (C)

Montague Curr in 'AR' (No. 94) not mentioned in 'RLS'. Sutton and Breen agree with Blake and Keen that it is almost certainly extinct, though Sutton was given the name of one possible speaker.

'aboriginal person' : *yagoyne* (PS)

- 121.lb\* Mayagulan \*\*\* Middle Norman, G23 (AIAS G25)  
(64.1) Yappar & Clara  
Rivers (AC)

Means 'wild turkey' (C)

*Maygulan* (PS, AIAS), *Maykulan* (SAW, O'G, 'RLS'),  
*Maikulan* (T), *Maigulan* (PS), *Miecoolan* (Howitt),  
*Mikkoolan* (C), *Maigulung* (AC, AIAS), *Mycooloon*  
(Durkheim, Palmer), *Mykulan* (Giolioli), *Mikoolun* (R)

Though Blake & Breen reported earlier it was extinct, Sutton contacted one full speaker and another whose first language is the closely related dialect, *Ngawun*. Breen has since also collected a little. This is a case for urgent salvage.

Three words for 'man' have been listed: *bandjil*, *yalmid*, *bama* (PS); ("*Mycoolan*" in C has *bunjil*)

121.1c\* Ngawun \*\*\* Gregory Range, Saxby G27 (AIAS G17)  
(9Gr.) Downs, Julia Creek (AC);  
shared Woolgar River as  
a boundary with the Barrgal (PS)

*Ngawun* (PS, AIAS), *Nga:wun* (AC, orig. AIAS, 'RLS'  
9Gr.), *Ngaun* (T), *Nounun* ('LS'), *Ngaon* (T)

Is mutually intelligible with *Maygulan*. Sutton has recorded from at least one remaining speaker, and Breen obtained a little also from him at Poseidon Downs in 1972. Blake (1971) found one speaker at Aitkenvale, Townsville and another reported at Normanton. Thus the language is probably salvageable but the task is urgent.

'man' : *yalmir*; also *bandjil* (PS); *ma* (T)

121.2\* Mayaguduna Upper Leichhardt River G22 (AIAS G24)  
(6Gr.)

*Maygudun* (PS, AIAS), *Maigudina* (Palmer), *Maigudung*  
(AC, O'G, 'RLS' 6Gr., orig. AIAS), *Maikudun* ('LS'),  
*Maykudun* (PS), *Mayagooodoon* (C), *Migoodnah*, *Mikadoon*  
(both Turnbull), *Mayaguduna* (Bl., AIAS)

Palmer gives the location as Saxby River. Turnbull has a brief outline grammar and 23 words in 'Science of Man' (v.6,:1, 1903) not listed in 'RLS'. Two other vocabularies in Curr have been identified by Sutton, No. 91, Mouth of Leichhardt River pp.304-5; and No. 95, Leichhardt River below Kamaroli Station