48.la* Wunambal* North of Prince Regent K21 (AIAS K22)
River, along Roe River,
Moran River and Mitchell
River eastward as far as
King Edward River and
inland to Mt. Bradshaw and
Mt. Hann (V)

Wunambal (AC, AIAS, SAW, O'G, 'RLS', Love), Unambal (Hernandez); Jeidji (8Kr. 'RLS', means "talk, speech")

Vaszolyi is making a major study; he has a word list of 4.000 words with illustrations embedded in sentences and taped, an outline phonology and grammar, syntax and a sizeable corpus of myths and narratives. The language is still viable with at least 200 speakers, most of whom speak Wunambal as a second language; those who speak it as a first language seem much smaller. It has been stated that most of the 500+ people from the recently closed Forrest River Mission speak Wunambal (though Capell queries this information). About 20 elderly people at Kalumburu Mission identify themselves as "proper" Wunambal from the Prince Regent - Mitchell River area. (V) There are at least 8 - 10 speakers at the Mowanjum Mission (1973-4 figures) and well over a score of Wurora and Ngarinjin people speak it as a second language.

48.1b* Gunin * Lower reaches and E. of K7 (AIAS K41)

King Edward R.; lower
Drysdale R. including
estuary; Barton R. up to
King George's R. (this
area is termed in
Wunambal, bember, 'Gwini
country' - see note under
5Kr. Bemba); also shores
of Napier Broome Bay (V)

Gunan (AC), Guna (?), Gunin (SIL, Lucich, AIAS, V),
Kunan (Taylor), Pela (Craig) Gwini (AC, APE, AIAS,
O'G, 'RLS'), Kwini (Love), Kwiini (Taylor), Kuini
(Perez), Cuini (?)

Vaszolyi describes Gunin as a language/dialect closely related to Wunambal, Miwa and Gambera (these four probably are dialects of the same language).