

# Foia Foia Organised Phonology Data

## Foia Foia Western Province

**Phylum;** *Stock*; Family Inland Gulf, Foia Foia

Population census: 196

Major villages: Bibisa

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### Phonemic and Orthographic Inventory

ɛ	ɑ	b	d	e	ɸ	f	g	h	i	k	l	m	n	o	p	ʔ	s	t	u	v	w
a	ä	b	d	e	f	f	g	h	i	k	l	m	n	o	p	'	s	t	u	v	w
A	Ä	B	D	E	F	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	'	S	T	U	V	W

### Consonants

	Bilab	LabDen	Dental	Alveo	Postalv	Retro	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Pharyn	Glottal
Plosive	pb		td					kg			ʔ
Nasal	m		n								
Trill											
Tap/Flap											
Fricative	ɸ	f		s							h
Lateral Fricative											
Approx											
Lateral Approx			l								
Ejective Stop											
Implos											

w - voiced labio-velar approximant

p	papato upa'u	d	dabua dabua kolosaido
b	boitone gabo	n	nida pane
m	mabumono towomu	s	sino kousu
n	nida bonie	l	lika kabelewa
ϕ	futi 'type of grass' nekaedefinimo	k	kahalie sikoli
f	fawo malefu	g	gabo sologa
t	tokemo butakuo	ʔ	gi'a
		h	hiwio 'sun' edekimie behige 'a type of snake'

## Vowels

i	u
e	o
a	ɛ

i	ibisa	u	usu
i	kigio	u	sokulu
i	duligi	u	awu
e	edikawibuo	o	otogabo
e	fetu	o	elokito
e	behe	o	bowo 'type of tree'
a	abiai	ɑ	āgesa
a	fawo	ɑ	eatā
a	kowia		

**Suprasegmentals (tone, stress, length)****Syllable Patterns**

v vc

**Conventions: Phonological****Conventions: Orthographic****Sample Text****Daebuwanimo Obosa Bibisa**

Naho dakunbinimo no monokakiawo damo, iti makudobaomo boniomono dauba dokaiwolemiomo tulama sa. No menikenobaomo obosa nikenobao namo sabade siwio papato gamiso, ama nane pane maobamomo ebi ame gamise gilubo ekaiamo, gilubo tene benikadibenimo mani mono. Topou ama tene menemanadibemo gilubo deta itiago nedakadibe. E au kahalie tulama au okoe ebi tio paea modedumiode, boi topou gilubo benikadibenimo ete sitowa mopeobaomo wa'o mopekikinomo, boi tone nikao kowinimo ni wa'o monimopesetukodamo wota daubenamini. Boi tone emi oniekikiwi mo iamiodini gogowu gamiso domo kewiomoni siwio papato nani dina dina mio pekiawawa oto woko domokewiomoni boi ni wa'o didio nekaedefinimo adimo oto tone mo opoliomo mimio butakumo. Enanadamamionamo boi topou menekaedefo, tawuia topou.

By Rei Koiso

**Going Fishing**

Last week Saturday myself and my wife went fishing. We got a canoe and paddled down the river. And then we put the canoe near the bank of the river and looked for the bait to put on the hooks. When we got the bait we came back again to the canoe place and pushed the canoe to the other side of the river and then we put the bait on the hooks and threw them into the water. So from the two fishing lines I got one very big fish called baramundi. My wife didn't catch any. So the two of us we were very happy when we saw this big fish. So after that the high tide came and pushed the canoe and we went back to the village then when our family saw us carrying this big fish they too all were very happy and I told my children while we were at the one one week course we were hungry and I told them God gave us this fish. So we must bless God and think that he is the living God, that's all.

**Notes**

It is possible that the voiceless bilabial fricative may need to be represented by another ortheme. An ortheme representing the glottal stop has been included in the orthography. It is uncertain whether it is acutally needed.

**Bibliography**