

The Demisa of Indonesia

There are at least 500 speakers of the Demisa language. Their homeland is in the province of Papua, Indonesia at an elevation between 100 and 900 meters above sea level. The Demisa people can best be reached by boat because the airstrip in their area is inactive. It is a six-hour boat trip from Serui.

Most Demisa are gardeners and forest-gatherers in their lowland homeland. They eat sago, fish and vegetables and clean water is available in their area. The government has built a number of houses for the people.

Both Demisa and Indonesian are used in church. At home, Demisa is regularly used. The Demisa language is part of the East Geelvink Bay language family. Sixty percent of the Demisa are Christian, while the remaining forty percent follow their tribal religion. The Demisa people have no gospel cassette, film or videos in their language.

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Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

60%

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

No Scripture

Population (date):

500 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	60%	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	60%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	40%	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	500	
World Population (Date)	2002	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Indonesia	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	This group lives in the province of Papua, Indonesia.	
Country	Indonesia	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Swampy	
Elevation	100-900 m	
Longitude	137 degrees east	
Latitude	3 degrees south	
Comments (Geography & Environment)	There is an inactive airstrip in the Demisa area. Therefore the Demisa homeland can best be accessed by boat, which takes about six (6) hours from Serui.	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Primary Language	Demisa	
Comment (Language)	The Demisa language is part of the East Geelvink Bay language family.	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Community Development		Group Description
Diet (Quality)	Good	
Comment (Diet)	The people eat sago, fish, and vegetables.	
Water (Quality)	Good	
Comment (Water)	Clean water is available in the area.	
Shelter Description	The government built a number of houses for the people.	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Available Scripture	None	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	No	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No	