

Idũ expressives

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- SYMBOLS**
- C any consonant
 - N any nasal (n ~ ŋ)
 - R r or ɾ
 - S s or ʃ
 - V any vowel

1. Introduction

This paper is intended to set out a preliminary dataset for Idũ, a Koro cluster language spoken in some thirteen villages southwest of Jos. The Idũ language was known in the older literature as Lungu, and in more recent material as Duhnya and similar formulations. The name of the language is Idũ, one person is Udũ and the people are Adũ. Idũ has a particularly rich and complex set of plural verbs and the analysis sketches the underlying morphological processes leading to the highly diverse surface forms.

Idũ probably has nine phonemic vowels;

	Front	Central	Back
Close High	i		u
Close high-mid	[ɪ]		[ʊ]
Close-Mid	e		o
Open-Mid	ɛ		ɔ
Open		a	

These are arranged in \pm ATR vowel harmony sets. However, the high-mid vowels /ɪ/ and /ʊ/ are disappearing and are heard most clearly in older speakers. Younger and more urbanised speakers have effectively switched to a seven-vowel system. Long vowels, nasalised vowels and long nasalised vowels are recorded for the seven vowels.

Idũ consonants are as follows:

	Bilabial	Labio-dental	Alve-olar	Post-alveolar	Retro-flex	Palatal	Velar	Labial-velar	Glottal
Plosive	p b		t d			c j	k g	kp gb	
Nasal	m		n				ŋ		
Tap			ɾ		ɽ				
Trill			r						
Fricative		f v	s z	ʃ ʒ			x		h
							ɣ		
Affricate	pf bv		ts dz						
Approximant						y		w	ɥ
Lateral			[l]						
Approximant									

Idũ has three level tones, and glide tones that arise from sequences of level tones. The basic conventions are as follows;

High	ˈ
Mid	Unmarked
Low	ˋ
Rising	ˊ
Falling	ˋ

Tones are marked on each vowel; any vowel in the data without a tone is presumed to be mid.

2. Data

Table 1 is a preliminary list of Idũ expressives.

Table 1. Idũ expressives

Idũ	Gloss
kpùùù	sound of a stone falling on the ground
dzaìdzaì	sound of a rain falling on the ground
cacacaca	sound of a water falling on the ground
waaaa↘	sound of a grass or leaf falling on the ground
kèngěmm	sound of stone falling on water
heee↘ heee↘	sound of people shouting
tíṛṛṛ	sound of a flute
ṅgɛɛ↘ ṅgɛɛ↘	sound of baby crying
m̀bɔɔ↘ m̀bɔɔ↘	sound of cow lowing
gúr̀hùpgúr̀hùp	large person walking
takaptakaptakap	small person walking
vɔvɔvɔvɔ	sound of a vehicle moving
jakújakújakúj	sound of a person eating soft food
kokrokkokrokkokrok	sound of a person chewing palm kernels
kráwkráwkráw	sound of a person chewing crunchy food
ghàp birhíp ghàp birhíp	sound of farming
khakhakhaú	people walking in the bush
khakhakhar	sound of a carpenter using an adze
kímkimkímkim	women pounding in a mortar
kpengkpeng	sound of a blacksmith working
gùkùgùkùgùkù	sound of a drum at a dance
fɛfɛfɛfɛfɛ	sound of a bird flying
gberenggerenggbereng	sound a bell
wûwûwûwû	sound of dog howling
vúùvúùvúùvúù	sound of wind blowing