

**An overview of the Temein languages**

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The Temein cluster consists of three languages spoken in the Nuba Hills, Sudan, NE of Kadugli. Little has been published on these languages, but Roland Stevenson elicited substantial lexical data during the 1980s, mostly from Khartoum-based informants. His worksheets remain unpublished although they have been scanned and are now available on the internet. In addition, SIL files Khartoum contain significant data on the phonology of some of these languages. The three languages are;

Temein	(Correct name <i>ḏr̥ʒ̥geʔ</i> )
Keiga Jirru	(Correct name <i>Ḑóni</i> , language <i>alḥak na Ḑóni</i> )
Teisei umm Danab	(Correct name <i>Ṭeséʔ</i> , language <i>iläk ka Ṭeséʔ</i> )

The Ethnologue conflates these last two as a single language.

The paper will give an overview of the comparative phonology and morphology, as well as the potential for historical reconstruction and put forward some hypotheses as the place of the Temein cluster within Eastern Sudanic.

A project is underway at Stanford University to type this data into Toolbox and make it available through a new visual interface. If this is ready by the time of the conference, it will form part of the presentation.