

The Atas Mandobo of Indonesia

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There are at least 1000 speakers of the Atas Mandobo language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. The Atas Mandobo people live by forest gathering, hunting, and farming traditionally. The men usually hunt while the women prepare sago, garden, and maintain the home. The Atas Mandobo homeland is about 100 meters above sea level. Winikit and the Atas Mandobo area can be reached on foot or by a 2-3 hour road trip from Kanggewot when there has not been a lot of rain. From Mindiptana, Winikit can also be reached by canoe. The main food is sago but sago worms as well as fish and animals killed in the hunt supplement the peoples' diet. Forest plants and garden vegetables also add greens to the Atas Mandobo diet.

There is an elementary school in Winikit but it needs teachers. No modern medicine workers are in the area and the locals often ask traditional "doctors" for medicines. The Atas Mandobo people frequently suffer from malaria, tuberculosis, and cholera symptoms. Machetes, steel axes, bows & arrows, spears, and shovels are common tools of use. Telephones and electric lines have not reached the area, but the government has installed a satellite television dish.

Many are registered as Catholics or Christians, but traditional religious influences are strong. Because many are Catholics, in the villages there are rosary prayer activities in May and October, and a road-to-the-cross mass right before Easter.

Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

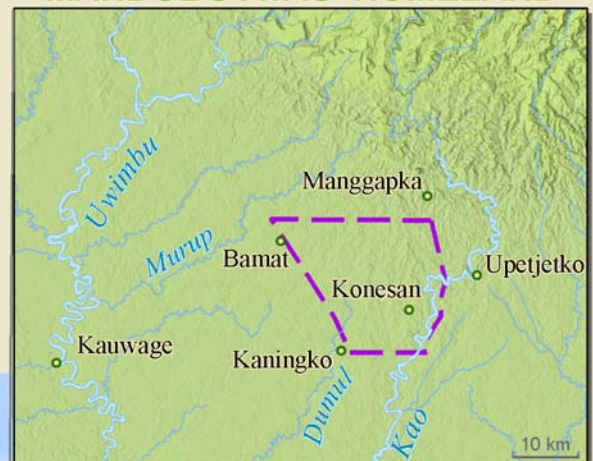
Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

Population (date):

1,000 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	1,000	
World Population (Date)	2002	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Indonesia	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	The people live in the province of Papua Indonesia	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Elevation	100 meters	
Longitude	141E	
Latitude	6S	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Fishers	
Occupation	Hunting and farming	
Income Sources	Occupation	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Health Care)	No modern medicine available. The Mandobo Atas people frequently suffer from malaria, tuberculosis, and cholera symptoms.	
Diet (Quality)	Good	
Comment (Diet)	Fish, meat , sago and vegetables	
Transportation	Walk, road vehicles and canoe.	
Comment (Community Development)	The government has supplied a satellite TV dish.	
Education		Group Description
Primary Schools	1	
Comment (Primary Schools)	School is in need of teachers	
Language Of Instruction Early Years	Indonesian	
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	Indonesian	
Language Of Instruction Later Years	Indonesian	
Language Of Textbooks Later Years	Indonesian	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Religious Practices & Ceremonies	Because many are Catholics, in the villages, there are rosary prayer activities in May and October and a road-to-the-cross mass right before Easter.	
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive	