

Bine is spoken by approximately 1800 people. The majority of these live in nine villages. Masingle, Kumini, and Boze are located along the Binaturi River and Giringarede on its tributary. Sebe (Wabozi) is located on the Pahoturi River. Täti, Irupi, Drageli, and Sogal are located between the two rivers. Three former Bine villages have been abandoned: Äliple, Glulu, and Usore. Also, Wurm lists Dirimu as a tenth Bine village. This is now a co-operative copra plantation with no permanent dwellings. Another former Bine village, Gamaewe, has become predominantly Gidra speaking. Glabi, an Agöb village, has become bilingual in Bine. There are also a number of Bine speakers living in neighboring villages and in Daru.

Chart A gives cognate percentage figures for a list of 100 lexical items, and also for an extended list of the 100 plus 50 additional items. The vocabulary lists are included in Appendix A. Thirteen words were dropped from the original 100 because of inability to elicit them consistently, and thirteen others were added to replace them.

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