

## INTRODUCTION

### The Chrau people

The Chrau people live in South Vietnam in the provinces of Longkhanh, Binhtuy, Phuocuy, and Bienhoa, in an area bounded roughly by the Dongnai River, the Langa River, Tanhlinh, Hamtan, Baria, Longthan, and Trangbom. There are some Chrau villages as such, but the Chrau people mostly live scattered throughout the area in the forests or on the rubber plantations or mixed with the Vietnamese. The total Chrau population may be estimated at perhaps 15-20,000.

The name Chrau itself actually means simply 'montagnard', and can be used in combinations such as Chrau Koho, Chrau Radš, etc. But when used by itself, the name Chrau most often is used by these people in referring to themselves. Some Chrau people refer to the group as Chrau Jro (or Ro), while others use the name Jro only for a specific subgroup, and yet others refer the name Jro to a non-Chrau group.

There are several dialects of Chrau, with differences both in pronunciation and vocabulary. We have followed in general the dialect spoken around Xuanho and adjacent areas, though the large majority of the words listed in this vocabulary are used or understood throughout most of the Chrau area.

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