

### 1.2.2. Sangil

This language (Sn1) is spoken in coastal areas in the Cotabato and Davao provinces of Mindanao and also in the lower Sarangani Peninsula and on the nearby Sarangani Islands. The number of speakers is estimated at up to ten thousand (Maryott 1977a). Maryott (1978a) states that the Sangil people migrated to the Philippines from the Sangir Archipelago several hundred years ago.

Maryott identifies two dialects: that of the Sarangani Islands (Sarangani) and that spoken on the Mindanao mainland (Mindanao).

Reid (1971) provides a list of Sn1 pronouns and demonstratives and 372 words. Maryott (1977a) has produced a phonological statement of Sarangani dialect and several other short publications (see bibliography).

Although the language has always been called Sangil in the literature, Maryott has recently employed the name Sangiré, which represents the indigenous name [saŋirəʔ]. For the present work the better known, and less confusing, name Sangil is used.<sup>3</sup>

Information on Sn1 for this study has come from the sources mentioned above and from personal communication from Maryott.

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