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ECAI Digital Language Atlas of the Pacific Area

This digital linguistic and cultural atlas of the Pacific languages is based on the UNESCO supported *Language Atlas of the Pacific Area* (Wurm and Hattori 1981 and 1983). The original is a 47-leaf paper atlas. These map sheets have been pieced together into a seamless vector Geographical Information System (GIS) database spanning Southeast Asia and Oceania. It is available over the Internet for use with ECAI TimeMap software for scholarly purposes.

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<http://ecai.org/austronesiaweb/PacificMaps.htm>.

For each leaf there is a web page with the jpg image, the map legend, and a GIS world file that enables users to add the image maps to their GIS projects.

Demonstration projects using the maps and a poster of the maps pieced together are also linked from the maps page.



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