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## Comments on the decimal classification of New Guinea languages

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5. By applying a similar principle of ignoring families and sub-families somewhat where it is convenient I am sure that many of your five-digit decimals can be reduced to four digits. For instance on page 144 I would re-classify and re-organize the 499.144 section as follows:

.1441 Enga, Wape	.1445 Lemben
.1442 Kyaka	.1446 Huli
.1443 Ipili	.1447 Mendi, Waola (not listed)
.1444 Nete (not listed)	.1448 Magi
	.1449 Kewa, Augu, Sau, Pole

What I did was to put very closely related languages (Mendi, Waola) and all dialects (Kewa, Augu, Sau, Pole) together.

6. In the opposite direction, I would also be happy to allot two adjacent 3-digit decimals to two (linguistic or geographic) parts of one family if it contained more than ten languages. e.g. .153 north and central Binandere family, .154 southern Binandere family plus Guhu-Samane.