

## KOLÁ, TPALÁ, OU KPALÁ?

### NOTE SUR LES OCCLUSIVES DOUBLES DAS LA LANGUE DABA-MOUSGOY (KOLA) DU NORD-CAMEROUN

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#### Summary / Abstract

The article deals with both the complex consonants and the consonant complexes of Kola (a dialect of the Chadic language Daba-Musgoy). The phonetic impression of spoken Kola is dominated by the large number of consonant clusters and syllabic continuants. Phonemically, however, all syllable patterns can be regarded simply as (C)V(C), with CV being the most frequent form (cf. the data evidence and the orthographic considerations in the final sections of the article). Section 1 presents the phonemic system in terms of two alternative analyses, and pre-nasalised as well as post-labialised stops - and affricates - are postited in the second analysis. Section 2 focuses on the plosives with their rich and intriguing series of implosives and double stops: all of the complex consonants /<sup>pt</sup> <sup>bd</sup> <sup>tk</sup> <sup>dg</sup> b d' and <sup>kp</sup>' [alternatively <sup>gb</sup>]/ are found to be phonemes of Kola. They form a symmetrical system - with only one complex sound upsetting the balance. This is the /<sup>kp</sup>'/ as in [<sup>kp</sup>'alá] 'Kola people, Kola language'.

[\*Numbers in the data here below refer to items in the sound file - recorded by a colleague whose name we lost.]

#### Sommaire

Le Kola est un dialecte qui se trouve à l'est de la zone géographique où est parlé le Daba-Mousgoy, qui est une langue chadique du Nord-Cameroun. ... Parmi les aspects phonologiques de la langue Daba-Mousgoy, dont le Kola est un des dialectes, il y en a deux que méritent l'attention du linguiste: Le système remarquable des occlusives doubles, et les agglomérations de consonnes. Dans cette étude, la présentation des occlusives doubles (section 2) est le point principal, et le précis de la phonologie du Kola (sections 1 et 3) n'en donne que l'arrière-plan.

#### Tableau [Sommaire, pp. 97-98]

/p/	/b/	/b/
[pət]	[bəŋ]	[bəl]
'se laver'	'tirer'	'tresser'
<sup>pt</sup> /		<sup>bd</sup> /
[ <sup>pt</sup> əm]		[ <sup>bd</sup> əv]
*1 'profond'		*2 'boxer'
/t/	/d/	[d]
[ta]	[da]	dar
'préparer'	'il y a'	'danser'
<sup>tk</sup> /		<sup>dg</sup> /
[ <sup>tk</sup> əm]		[ <sup>dg</sup> əm]
*3 'au matin'		'dessous'
/k/	[ <sup>gb</sup> , <sup>kp</sup> ']	/g/
[katá]	[ <sup>gb</sup> alá, <sup>kp</sup> 'alá]	[ganá]
'moi'	'Kola'	'langue'