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People Group Profile



Jola Bayot

The Jola Bayot are a sub-group of the Jola, a people group found in Senegal, The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau. They are one of the oldest, most established groups in their region.

The Jolas' most intensive economic activity is rice cultivation, although they are also known for farming peanuts and processing palm oil.

The Jola have developed a culture of acceptance of other cultures but not acceptance to change their own culture; they are one of few ethnic groups that have managed to keep its culture intact. Though some Jola have accepted Islam or Christianity, many continue to practice traditional religion, including belief in one god, whom they associate with natural phenomena like the sky and rain. They also have charms, sacred forests and sacred lands, and believe in spirits that can protect their families, villages and rice fields, and even protect them from conversion to Islam or Christianity.

People Group Name: Jola Bayot

Alternate Names: (None)

Location: Senegal

Language: Bayot

Population: 5,853

Primary Religion: African Traditional

Number of Christians: 31

Number of Churches: 0

Category: Unengaged with evangelical presence

Level of Difficulty in Reaching People Group: Strenuous

Christian resources in this language include the JESUS film and audio recordings.



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Please pray for...

Pray the Jola Bayot will realize Christianity is not a “foreign religion” but a relationship with their Creator God through His Son Jesus.