Definites and indefinites in Kono, a preliminary analysis.

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BACKGROUND

m		n	ɲ	ŋ	
b, p				k, g	kp, gb
ɓ					
	f, v	s, z/ʒ		ɣ	
		r			
		l			
w, ɥ			y		h

INITIAL CONSONANT MUTATION

01	a	ē pɔ́	*your trace*	póŋ	*kill!*
	b	`bɔ̀	*his trace*	`bǒŋ	*kill him!*
	c	mɔ́	*my trace*	móŋ	*kill me!*
02	a	ē téréŋ	*your aunt*	tólú	*call!*
	b	`dèréŋ	*his aunt*	`dòlú	*call him!*
	c	néréŋ	*my aunt*	nólù	*call me!*
03	a	ē kéŋèkɔ́	*your rib*	kílíŋ	*roll!*
	b	`gèŋékɔ́	*his rib*	`gìlíŋ	*roll him!*
	c	ŋéŋèkɔ́	*my rib*	ŋílíŋ	*roll me!*
04	a	ē kpéré	*your beard*	kpέ	*chase!*
	b	`gbὲré	*his beard*	`gbὲ	*chase him!*
	c	ŋmέré	*my beard*	ŋmέ	*chase me!*
05	a	ē kwánà	*your throat*	kwíré	*swear!*
	b	`gwàná	*his throat*	`gwìré	*swear it!*
	c	ŋwáná	*my throat*	ŋwíré	*swear me!*
06	a	ē híí	*your chest*	héɣè	*take!*
	b	`zìì	*his chest*	`zèɣé	*take him!*
	c	ɲíí	*my chest*	ɲéɣé	*take me!*

07	a	ē ɥáŋā	*your strength*	ɥέŋ	*prickle!*
	b	`vàŋā	*his strength*	`vέŋ	*prickle him!*
	c	ŋváŋā	*my strength*	ŋvέŋ	*prickle me!*
08	a	ē ɓàráŋ	*your friend*	ɓɔ́	*pierce!*
	b	`màráŋ	*his friend*	`mɔ̀	*pierce him!*
	c	mmàráŋ	*my friend*	mmɔ́	*pierce me!*
09	a	ē lɛɛ́	*your country*	lōóŋ	*hide!*
	b	`nɛ̀ɛ́	*his country*	`nòóŋ	*hide him!*
	c	nnɛɛ́	*my country*	nnóóŋ	*hide me!*
10	a	ē yè	*your arm*	yárá	*pull!*
	b	`ɲè	*his arm*	`ɲàrá	*pull him!*
	c	ɲɲé	*my arm*	ɲɲárá	*pull me!*
11	a	ē wóó	*your ear*	wá	*wash yourself!*
	b	`ŋwòó	*his ear*	`ŋwǎ	*wash him!*
	c	ŋŋwóó	*my ear*	ŋŋwá	*wash me!*
12	a	māāŋ	*your nephew*	mālá	*dance!*
	b	`màáŋ	*his nephew*	`màlá	*that he dance!*
	c	mmááŋ	*my nephew*	mmálá	*that I dance!*
13	a	ē námɔ̀lɔ́	*your grandfather*	nééŋ	*show!*
	b	`námɔ̀lɔ́	*his grandfather*	`nὲέŋ	*show him!*
	c	nnámɔ̀lɔ́	*my grandfather*	nnééŋ	*show me!*
14	a	ē ɲíŋ	*your tooth*	ɲííŋ	*bite!*
	b	`ɲǐŋ	*his tooth*	`ɲǐŋ	*bite him!*
	c	ɲɲíŋ	*my tooth*	ɲɲíŋ	*bite me!*
15	a	ē ŋūmū	*your knee*	ŋūmɔ́	*steal!*
	b	`ŋùmú	*his knee*	`ŋùmɔ́	*steal it!*
	c	ŋŋúmú	*my knee*	ŋŋúmɔ́	*steal me!*

PERMUTATION SERIES/GRADES:

a	m			n	ɲ	ŋ			
b	`m			`n	`ɲ	`ŋ			
c	mm			nn	ɲɲ	ŋŋ			

a	p	ɓ	ɥ [ɥ]	t	l	h	y	k	w	kp	kw
b	b	m	v	d	n	z	ɲ	g	ŋ(w)	gb	gw
c	m	mm	nv	n	nn	ɲ	ɲɲ	ŋ	ŋŋ(w)	ŋm	ŋgw

a	b		d	z	g		gb
b	`b		`d	`z	`g		`gb
c	[mb]		[nd]	[nz]	[ŋg]		[ŋgb]

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S<small>INGULAR</small>/P<small>LURAL</small>:I<small>NDEFINITES</small>/D<small>EFINITES</small>

		INDEFINITES			DEFINITES	
	01	02	03	04	05	06
16	b	bōó	*a manioc*	b	bɔ̀ó	*the manioc*
	b	bōóŋà	*maniocs*	b	bɔ̀óŋà	*the maniocs*
17	b	bāláà	*a sheep*	m	māláà	*the sheep*
	b	bāláàŋā	*sheep*	m	māláàŋā	*the sheep*
18	ɓ	ɓáàdɛ́	*a pangolin*	m	māàdɛ́	*the pangolin*
	ɓ	ɓāádɛ̀ŋà	*pangolins*	m	māàdéŋá	*the pangolins*
19	d	dɔ̄rɔ́	*an antelope*	`d	dɔ̀rɔ́	*the antelope*
	d	dɔ̄rɔ́ŋà	*antelopes*	`d	`dɔ̀rɔ́ŋà	*the antelopes*
20	g	gébɛ́	*a civet*	`g	`gèɓé	*the civet*
	g	gébēŋá	*civets*	`g	`gèɓēŋá	*the civets*
21	gb	gbíŋɛ́	*a tree frog*	`gb	`gbìŋē	*the tree frog*
	gb	gbíŋēŋá	*tree frogs*	`gb	`gbiŋēŋá	*the tree frogs*
22	gw	gwágɔ̀ŋɔ́ŋ	*a toad*	`gw	`gwàgɔ̀ŋɔ̄ŋ	*the toad*
	gw	gwágɔ̀ŋɔ́ŋà	*toads*	`gw	`gwàgɔ̀ŋɔ́ŋà	*the toad*
23	h	hɔ̄ɔ́	*a hare*	z	`zɔ̄ɔ̀	*the hare*
	h	hɔ̄ɔ́ŋā	*hares*	z	`zɔ̄ɔ̀ŋā	*the hares*
24	ɥ	ɥálí	*a caiman*	v	vàlí	*the caiman*
	ɥ	ɥálíŋà	*caimans*	v	vàlíŋá	*the caimans*
25	k	kēɓē	*a carp*	g	gèɓē	*the carp*
	k	kēɓēŋà	*carps*		gèɓēnà	*the carps*
26	kp	kpāáŋ	*a sparrow-hawk*	gb	gbàāŋ	*the sparrow-hawk*
	kp	kpāāŋá	*sparrow-hawks*	gb	gbàáŋà	*the sparrow-hawks*
27	kw	kwálā	*a monkey*	gw	gwàlá	*the monkey*
	kw	kwàláŋá	*monkeys*	gw	gwàláŋá	*the monkeys*
28	l	lɛ̄ɓú	*a bat*	n	nɛ̀ɓú	*the bat*
	l	lɛ̀ɓūŋá	*bats*	n	nɛ̀ɓūŋá	*the bats*
29	m	māámùn	*a nephew*	m	māàmùn	*the nephew*
	m	māámālá	*nephews*	m	mààmálá	*the nephews*
30	n	nīŋɛ̀	*a head of cattle*	n	nìŋɛ̀	*the head of cattle*
	n	nīŋɛ̀ŋá	*cattle*	n	nìŋɛ̀ŋá	*the cattle*
31	ŋ	ŋɔ́ɔ́	*a bird*	ŋ	ŋɔ̀ɔ̀	*the bird*
	ŋ	ŋɔ́ɔ́ŋà	*birds*	ŋ	ŋɔ̀ɔ̀ŋà	*the birds*

	INDEFINITES			DEFINITES		
	01	02	03	04	05	06
32	p	pāàn	*a monitor*	b	bààn	*the monitor*
	p	pāàŋá	*monitors*	b	bààŋá	*the monitors*
33	t	télí	*a hedgehog*	d	dèlí	*the hedgehog*
	t	télíŋà	*hedgehogs*	d	dèlíŋā	*the hedgehogs*
34	w	wέɓέ	*a flying squirrel*	ŋw	ŋwὲɓὲ	*the flying squirrel*
	w	wέɓὲŋá	*flying squirrels*	ŋɥ	ŋwὲɓὲŋá	*the flying squirrel*
35	y	yàhéré	*a hippopotamus*	ɲ	ɲàhéré	*the hippopotamus*
	y	yàhéréŋà	*hippopotami*	ɲ	ɲàhéréŋà	*the hippopotami*
36	ɲ	yēέ	*a fish*	ɲ	ɲὲέ	*the fish*
	ɲ	ɲēéŋà	*fish*	ɲ	ɲὲéŋà	*the fish*
37	z	zálóŋ	*a grasshopper*	z	zálóŋ	*the grasshopper*
	z	zálóŋā	*grasshoppers*	z	`zálóŋā	*the grasshoppers*

SOME COMPOUNDS:

	Masculin		Féminin	
38	hīyō-hīnὲ	*a male animal*	híyō-hā	*a female animal*
	hīyō-hīnὲŋā	*male animals*	híyō-hāŋā	*female animals*
	`zīyō-hīnὲ	*the male animal*	`zíyō-hā	*the female animal*
	`zīyō-hīnὲŋā	*the male animals*	`zíyō-hāŋā	*the female animals*
39	wúrù-hínὲ	*a male tree*	wúrù-hā	*a female tree*
	wúrù-hínὲŋā	*male trees*	wúrù-hāŋā	*female trees*
	`nwúrù-hínὲ	*the male tree*	`nwúrù-hā	*the female tree*
	`nwúrù-hínὲŋā	*the male trees*	`nwúrù-hāŋā	*the female trees*
40	níŋē-hínὲ	*a bull*	níŋè-hā	*a cow*
	níŋē-hínὲŋā	*bulls*	níŋè-hāŋā	*cows*
	`níŋē-hínὲ	*the bull*	`níŋè-hā	*the cow*
	`níŋē-hínὲŋā	*the bulls*	`níŋè-hāŋā	*the cows*
41	yírē-hínέ	*a dog*	yírē-hā	*a bitch*
	yírē-hínέŋā	*dogs*	yírē-hāŋā	*bitches*
	ɲìrē-hínέ	*the dog*	ɲìrē-hā	*the bitch*
	ɲìrē-hínέŋā	*the dogs*	ɲìrē-hāŋā	*the bitches*

NOUN PHRASE/NOUN MODIFIERS

ADJECTIVES: {N ADJ}

42	kpéɣēléŋ	nὲὲ	*a black chair*
	kpéɣēléŋā	nὲὲ	*black chairs*
	`gbèɣēléŋ	nὲὲ	*the black chair*
	`gbèɣēléŋā	nὲὲ	*the black chairs*

43	pérè	kwélēyà	*a white house*
	pérèŋā	kwélēyà	*white houses*
	`bérè	kwélēyà	*the white house*
	`bérèŋā	kwélēyà	*the white houses*

44	pēré	hāŋáŋā	*a straight road*
	pēréŋā	hāŋáŋā	*straight roads*
	`bēré	hāŋáŋā	*the straight road*
	`bēréŋā	hāŋáŋā	*the straight roads*

NUMERALS: {N NUM}

	NOUN	NUMERAL	
45	lókòro	tɔnɔ́	*one child*
	`nókòro	tɔnɔ́	*the one child*
		dɔnɔ̀	*the one among ...*
46	koló	ɥérè	*two works*
	goló	ɥèrè	*the two works*
		vèrè	*the two among ...*
47	lɔ́ɣɔ̀	haɓa	*three weeks*
	nɔ̀ɣɔ́	haɓa	*the three weeks*
		zàɓa	*the three among ...*
48	pérè	naáŋ	*four houses*
	bèré	naáŋ	*the four houses*
		nàáŋ	*the four among ..*
49	taá	lɔ́lu	*five villages*
	dàá	lɔ́lu	*the five villages*
		nɔ́lu	*the five among ...*
50	kiɓéŋ	mɛna	*six rafters*
	gìɓéŋ	mɛna	*the six rafters*
		mɛ̀na	*the six among them*
51	tùɣulé	mὲɥérè	*seven colanuts*
	dùɣulé	mὲɥérè	*the seven colanuts*
		mὲɥérè	*the seven among them*

52	nú	mɛ́hàɓa	*eight people*
	nù	mɛ́hàɓa	*the eight people*
		mɛ̀haɓa	*the eight among them*

53	kúnɔ̀	mɛ̀náŋ	*nine years*
	gùnɔ̀	mɛ̀náŋ	*the nine years*
		mɛ̀náŋ	*the nine among them*

54	ɓara	pó	*ten drums*
	ɓàrà	pɔ́	*the ten drums*
		bò	*the ten among them*

ADJECTIVES & NUMERALS: {N Adj Num}

| 55 | hóó | tɛ̀ɛ̀ (tɔ̀nɔ́) | *one black horse* |
| | zòó | tɛ̀ɛ̀ (tɔ̀nɔ́) | *the one black horse* |

| 56 | hóó | kwéleyà ɥérɛ̀ | *two white horses* |
| | zòó | kwéleyà ɥérɛ̀ | *the two white horses* |

| 57 | hóó | kpɛ̀yakpɛ̀ya haɓa | *three big horses* |
| | zòó | kpɛ̀yakpɛ̀ya haɓa | *the three big horses* |

| 58 | hóó | pɛléyàn nàáŋ | *four small horses* |
| | zòó | pɛléyàn nàáŋ | *the four small horses* |

| 59 | hóó | pɛléyàn-tíkpe lɔ́lu | *five tiny horses* |
| | zòó | pɛléyàn-tíkpe lɔ́lu | *the five tiny horses* |

QUANTIFIERS: {N Quan}

	NOUN	QUANTIFIER	
60	ɓáà	táŋà	*some traps*
	màà	táŋà	*the some traps*
		dàŋà	*some among ...*

61	kpúɣùlu	kòròwá	*few granaries*
	gbùɣùlu	kòròwá	*the few granaies*
		gòrowá	*few among ...*

62	yàŋɔ́	kpulú	*many thorns*
	ɲàŋɔ́	kpulú	*the many thorns*
		gbulù	*many among ...*

63	tɛɛ́	tamáà	*numerous chicken*
	dɛ̀ɛ́	tamáà	*the numerous chicken*
		dàmáà	*numerous among ...*

64	heɣé	hɛnɛ̀	*all clothes*
	zèɣé	hɛnɛ̀	*all the clothes*
		zɛ̀nɛ̀	*all among ...*

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DEMONSTRATIVES: {N DEM}

	SINGULAR			PLURAL		
	NOUN	DEM		NOUN	DEM	
65	ɓā	kī	*the afore-mentioned rice*	ɓāŋā	kī	*the afore-mentioned rices*
	háɥīnɛ̀	kī	*the afore-mentioned soap*	háɥīnɛ̀ŋā	kī	*the afore-mentioned soaps*
66	ɓēyí	yākī	*this pig here*	ɓēyíŋā	yākī	*these pigs here*
	ɲírē	yākī	*this dog here*	ɲírēŋā	yākī	*these dogs here*
	kpɛ̀	yākī	*this corn here*	kpɛ̀ŋā	yākī	*this corn here*
67	ɲēé	yīkī	*the other cotton*	ɲēéŋā	yīkī	*the other cottons*
68	láŋ	ɲīyākī	*the other buffalo there*	láŋā	yīyākī	*the other buffalos there*
69	ɓɔ́ɔ́	yāmɛ̀ŋī	*that squirrel there*	ɓɔ́ɔ́ŋā	yāmɛ̀ŋī	*those squirrels there*

POSSESSIVES

ALIENABLE POSSESSIVES: {[NP [NP *nomen rectum* NP] SC + [wɔ́] + [N *nomen regens* N] NP]}

		NP	PC	POSS	N	
70	1st pers. sg.		ŋ́	wɔ́	kɔ̄lɔ́	*my shoe*
			ŋ́	wɔ́	kɔ̄lɔ́ŋā	*my shoes*
71	2nd pers. sg		ē	wɔ́	hāɣā	*your mat*
			ē	wɔ́	hāɣāŋā	*your mats*
72	3rd pers. sg.		`	ŋ̀wɔ̀	kpēléŋ	*his door*
			`	ŋ̀wɔ̀	kpēléŋā	*his doors*
73		`dōkpā	`	ŋ̀wɔ̀	tì	*Tokpaøs field*
		`dōkpā	`	ŋ̀wɔ̀	tìŋā	*Tokpaøs fields*
74	1st pers. pl.		gù	wɔ́	pérɛ̀	*our house*
			gù	wɔ́	pérɛ̀ŋā	*our houses*
75	2nd pers. pl.		ká	wɔ̀	kpɔ́ŋ	*your group*
			ká	wɔ̀	kpɔ́ŋā	*your groups*
76	3rd pers. pl.		dī	wɔ́	lɔ̀ɔ̀	*their wine*
			dī	wɔ́	lɔ̀ɔ̀ŋā	*their wines*
77		`dōkpānī	dī	wɔ́	tì	*Tokpa and his friendsø field*
		`dōkpānī	dī	wɔ́	tìŋā	*Tokpa and his friendsø fields*

INALIENABLE POSSESSIVES: [NP [NP *nomen rectum* NP] SC + [POSS] + [N *nomen regens ....*N] NP]

		NP	PC	POSS	N	
78	1st pers. sg.		ŋ́	ŋgbēlèéŋ	*my leg*	
			ŋ́	ŋgbēlèéŋā	*my legs*	
	2nd pers. sg		ē	kpēlèéŋ	*your leg*	
			ē	kpēlèéŋā	*your legs*	
79	3rd pers. sg.		`	gbēlēéŋ	*his leg*	
			`	gbēlēéŋā	*his legs*	
80		héré	`	ɲīŋ	*an elephant∅s tooth, ivory*	
		`zéré	`	ɲīŋ	*the elephant∅s tooth, ivory*	
81	1st pers. pl.	gū		tèréŋ	*our aunt*	
		gū		tèrénī	*our aunts*	
82	2nd pers. pl.	kā		kānā	*your uncle*	
		kā		kānānī	*your uncles*	
83	3rd pers. pl.	dī		léɣè	*their younger brother*	
		dī		léɣènī	*their younger brothers*	
84		héréŋā	`	ɲīŋā	*elephants∅ teeth*	
		*héré	`	ɲīŋā	*õö*	
85		`zérēŋā	`	ɲīŋā	*the elephants∅ teeth*	
		*`zérē	`	ɲīŋā	*õö*	

THE NOUN PHRASE: {(POSS) N (ADJ) (NUM) (DEM) (QUAN)}

86 ka   wɔ́   pérè   kpéya-kpéya   haɓa   ki   da   keréŋ
    you   POSS   house   big   three   mentioned   are   burnt
    your three big houses are burnt

87 pérè   kpéya-kpéya   haɓa   yaki   da   keréŋ
    house   big   three   these here   are   burnt
    these three big houses are burnt

SYNTAX: SIMPLE SENTENCE TYPOLOGY: S (AUX) (O) V (DAT)

INTRANSITIVE SENTENCES: S (AUX) V

88 Ø   hérē   ā   lɔ̄gbéŋ
    [-DEF]   elephant   he   disappeared
    An elephant has disappeard.

89 `   zérē   ā   lɔgbéŋ
    [+DEF] elephant   he disappeared
The elephant has disappeared.

90 Ø   hérē   kī ā   lɔgbéŋ
    [-DEF] elephant DEM he disappeared
The elephant has disappeared.

91 Ø   hérē-ŋā   dā lɔgbéŋ
    [-DEF] elephant-s   they disappeared
Elephants have disappeared.

92 `   zérē-ŋā   dā lɔgbéŋ
    [+DEF] elephant-s   they disappeared
The elephants have disappeared.

93 Ø   hérē-ŋā kī dā lɔgbéŋ
    [-DEF] elephant-s DEM they disappeared
The elephants have disappeared.

NEGATIVES:

94 Ø   hére   ho   lɔ́-ni-gbéŋ[1]
    [-DEF] elephant DEM   NEG
An elephant has not disappered

95 `   zére   ho   lɔ́-ni-gbéŋ
    [+DEF] elephant DEM   NEG
The elephant has not disappered

96 Ø   hére   ki ho   lɔ́-ni-gbéŋ
    [-DEF] elephant DEM   NEG
The elephant has not disappered

97 Ø   hére-ŋa   di ho   lɔ́-ni-gbéŋ
    [-DEF] elephant-s DEM they NEG
Elephants have not disappeared.

98 `   zére-ŋa   di ho ni lɔ́-gbéŋ
    [+DEF] elephant-s DEM they NEG NEG2
The elephants have not disappeared.

99 Ø   hére-ŋa ki di ho ni lɔ́-gbéŋ
    [-DEF] elephant-s DEM they NEG NEG2
The elephants have not disappeared.

TRANSITIVE SENTENCES (S (AUX) O V)

100 ē   nā Ø   hérē   kɔ́níŋ
    thou PRES [-DEF] elephant   look for
you are looking for an elephant

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[1] This form consists of three parts: {lɔ́-ni-gbéŋ}, with the NEG2 inserted in the middle.

101	ē	nā	`	zérē			kɔ́nín̄
	thou	PRES	[+DEF]	elephant			look for

you are looking for the elephant

102	ē	nā	Ø	hérē	kī	`	gɔ́nín̄
	thou	PRES	[-DEF]	elephant	DEM	[+DEF]	look for

you are looking for the elephant

103	ē	nā	Ø	hérē-ŋā			kɔ́nín̄
	thou	PRES	[-DEF]	elephant-s			look for

you are looking for elephants

104	ē	nā	`	zérē-ŋā			kɔ́nín̄
	thou	PRES	[+DEF]	elephant-s			look for

you are looking for the elephants

105	ē	nā	Ø	hérē-ŋā	kī	dì	kɔ́nín̄
	thou	PRES	[-DEF]	elephant-s	DEM	[+DEF]	look for

you are looking for the elephants

TRANSITIVE NEGATIVES

106	e	ho	na	Ø	hére			kɔ́niŋ
	thou	NEG	PRES	[-DEF]	elephant			look for

You are not looking an elephant.

107	e	ho	na	`	zére			kɔ́niŋ
	thou	NEG	PRES	[+DEF]	elephant			look for

You are not looking for the elephant.

108	e	ho	na	Ø	hére	ki	`	gɔ́nín̄
	thou	NEG	PRES	[-DEF]	elephant	DEM	it	look for

You are not looking for the elephant.

109	e	ho	na	Ø	hére-ŋa			kɔ́niŋ
	thou	NEG	PRES	[-DEF]	elephant-s			look for

You are not looking for elephants.

110	e	ho	na	`	zére-ŋa			kɔ́niŋ
	thou	NEG	PRES	[+DEF]	elephant-s			look for

You are not looking for the elephants.

111	e	ho	na	Ø	hére-ŋa	ki	di	kɔ́nín̄
	thou	NEG	PRES	[-DEF]	elephant-s	DEM	them	look for

You are not looking for the elephants.

DITRANSITIVE SENTENCES: S (AUX) O V DAT

112	ē	nā	gīí	tɛ̀ɣɛ̄yēkɛ̄nín̄	Ø	hérē	pɔ̄
	thou	PRES	banana	give	[-DEF]	elephant	to

You give an elephant a banana.

Definites and indefinites in Kono.

113 ē nā gīí tɛ̀ɣɛ̄yēkɛ̄níŋ ` zérē pɔ̄
     thou PRES banana give [+DEF] elephant to
You give the elephant a banana.

114 ē nā gīí tɛ̀ɣɛ̄yēkɛ̄níŋ Ø hérē kī ` bɔ̄
     thou PRES banana give [-DEF] elephant DEM [+DEF] to
You give the elephant a banana.

115 ē nā gīíŋā tɛ̀ɣɛ̄yēkɛ̄níŋ Ø hérē-ŋā pɔ̄
     thou PRES bananas give [-DEF] elephant-s to
You give elephants bananas.

116 ē nā gīíŋā tɛ̀ɣɛ̄yēkɛ̄níŋ ` zérē-ŋā pɔ̄
     thou PRES bananas give [+DEF] elephant-s to
You give the elephants bananas.

117 ē nā gīíŋā tɛ̀ɣɛ̄yēkɛ̄níŋ Ø hérē-ŋā kī ` bɔ̄
     thou PRES bananas give [-DEF] elephant-s DEM [+DEF] to
You give the elephants bananas.

DITRANSITIVE NEGATIVES:

118 e ho na gií tɛ̀ɣɛyekɛníŋ Ø hére pɔ́
     thou NEG PRES bananas give [-DEF] elephant to
You don∅t give an elephant bananas.

119 e ho na gií tɛ̀ɣɛyekɛníŋ ` zére pɔ́
     thou NEG PRES bananas give [+DEF] elephant to
You don∅t give the elephant bananas.

120 e ho na gií tɛ̀ɣɛyekɛníŋ Ø hére ki ` bɔ́
     thou NEG PRES bananas give [-DEF] elephant DEM it to
You don∅t give the elephant bananas.

121 e ho na gií tɛ̀ɣɛyekɛníŋ Ø hére-ŋa pɔ́
     thou NEG PRES bananas give [-DEF] elephant-s to
You don∅t give elephants bananas.

122 e ho na gií tɛ̀ɣɛyekɛníŋ ` zére-ŋa pɔ́
     thou NEG PRES bananas give [+DEF] elephant-s to
You don∅t give the elephants bananas.

123 e ho na gií tɛ̀ɣɛyekɛníŋ Ø hére-ŋa ki di pɔ́
     thou NEG PRES bananas give [-DEF] elephant-s DEM them to
You don∅t give the elephants bananas.

RELATIVES

RELATIVE OF SUBJECT:

124 Ø hére ya Ø lɔ́gbéŋi
     [-DEF] elephant REL SC disappeared
an elephants which has disappeared ...

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125   `   zére-ŋa   ya   Ø   lɔ́gbéŋi
     [+DEF]   elephant   REL   SC   disappeared
     the elephant which has disappeared ...

126   Ø   hére-ŋa   ya   Ø   lɔ́gbéŋi
     [-DEF]   elephant-s   REL   SC   disappeared
     elephants which have disappeared ...

127   `   zére-ŋa   ya   Ø   lɔ́gbéŋi
     [+DEF]   elephant-s   REL   SC   disappeared
     the elephants which have disappeared ...

RELATIVE OF DIRECT OBJECT:

128:
Ø   hére   ya   e   na   `   gɔ́níŋi   a   pénè   a   pa
[-DEF]   elephant   REL   thou   PRES   it   look for   it   return   it   come
An elephant your are looking for has come back.

129:
`      zére    ya    e    na    `   gɔ́níŋi   a   pénè   a   pa
[+DEF]   elephant   REL   thou   PRES   it   look for   it   return   it   come
The elephant your are looking for has come back.

130:
Ø   hére-ŋa   ya   e   na   di   kɔ́níŋi   da   pénè   da   pa
[-DEF]   elephant-s   REL   thou   PRES   them   look for   them   return   they   come
Elephants your are looking for have come back.

131:
`   zére-ŋa   ya   e   na   di   kɔ́níŋi   da   pénè   da   pa
[+DEF]   elephant-s   REL   thou   PRES   them   look for   them   return   they   come
The elephants your are looking for have come back.

RELATIVE OF *DATIVE*:

132:
Ø   hére   ya   e   na   gií   tèɣɛyekɛníŋ   a   bɔ́-ki   a   lɔ́gbéŋ
[-DEF]   elephant   REL   thou   PRES   bananas   give   him   to-DEM   he   disappeared
An elephant which you give bananas has disappered.

133:
`   zére   ya   e   na   gií   tèɣɛyekɛníŋ   a   bɔ́-ki   a   lɔ́gbéŋ
[+DEF]   elephant   REL   thou   PRES   bananas   give   him   to-DEM   he   disappeared
The elephant which you give bananas has disappered.

134:
Ø   hére-ŋa   ya   e   na   gií   tèɣɛyekɛníŋ   di   pɔ́-ki   da   lɔ́gbéŋ
[-DEF]   elephant-s   REL   thou   PRES   bananas   give   them   to-DEM   they   disappeared
Elephants which you give bananas have disappered.

135:
`   zére-ŋa   ya   e   na   gií   tèɣɛyekɛníŋ   di   pɔ́-ki   da   lɔ́gbéŋ
[+DEF]   elephant-s   REL   thou   PRES   bananas   give   them   to-DEM   they   disappeared
The elephants which you give bananas have disappered.

Definites and indefinites in Kono.

136
Ø	hére	ka	ɓɔ́
[-DEF]	elephant	TAM	be

there is an elephant

Ø	hére		ho	na	ɓɔ́
[-DEF]	elephant	SC	NEG	PRES	be

there is no elephant

137
`	zére	ka	ɓɔ́
[+DEF]	elephant	TAM	be

there is the elephant

`	zére		ho	na	ɓɔ́
[+DEF]	elephant	SC	NEG	PRES	be

there is not the elephant

138
Ø	hére-ŋa	ka	ɓɔ́
[-DEF]	elephant-s	TAM	be

there are elephants

Ø	hére-ŋa	di	ho	na	ɓɔ́
[-DEF]	elephant-s	SC	NEG	PRES	be

there are no elephants

139
`	zére-ŋa	ka	ɓɔ́
[+DEF]	elephant-s	TAM	be

there are the elephants

`	zére-ŋa	di	ho	na	ɓɔ́
[+DEF]	elephant-s	SC	NEG	PRES	be

there are not the elephants

NAMES:

140
`mātɔ̄	Mato	`mātɔ̄lānɔ̀wān	the names Mato
`náà	Láà	`náálānɔ̀wān	the names Láà
`māámèn	Maamen	`māámèlānɔ̀wān	the names Maamen
`gɔ̀bū	Gobu	`gɔ̀būlānɔ̀wān	the names Gobu
`dáàwō	Táàwo	`dáàwōlānɔ̀wān	the names Táàwo
`ɲèpū	Yepu	`ɲèpūlānɔ̀wān	the names Yepu
`nómὲ	Lome	`nómὲlānɔ̀wān	the names Lome

141
`dōkpā	*Tokpa*	`dōkpāni	*Tokpa and others*
`dākpānā	*Dakpana*	`dākpānāni	*Dakpana and others*
`ŋwālāŋɔ̀	*Walango*	`ŋwālāŋɔ̀ni	*Walango and others*
`ɓāɣāmā	*Bagama*	`ɓāɣāmāni	*Bagama and others*
`ɲākpéŋ	*Yakpén*	`ɲākpéni	*Yakpén and others*
`mōnέyàɥā	*Monéyàwa*	`mōnέyàɥāni	*Monéyawa and others*

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hūwānān		the father of Huwa	tōkpā	Tokpa
		some Huwanan		
zūwānān		Huwanan	dōkpā	a certain Tokpa
hūwānān	gādēlóŋ	Huwanan son of Gade		
*zūwānān	gādēlóŋ			