

Nominalization in Mantauran (Rukai)*

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The present paper aims primarily at providing a descriptive analysis of the various nominalization processes found in Mantauran (Rukai), based on a large corpus of texts. While morpho-syntactic tests are proposed that permit the identification of derived nominals (as opposed to verbs) and the distinguishing of lexical nominalization from syntactic nominalization, the array of constructions that trigger syntactic nominalization shows that there is *a priori* no distinction between nominalization and relativization in this dialect.

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1. Introduction

The present paper focuses on nominalization in Mantauran, a highly endangered Rukai dialect spoken in the Maolin district of Kaohsiung County.

Preliminary reports regarding the phonological and morpho-syntactic divergences that the Rukai dialects¹ exhibit are found in Li (1977a, 1996) and Zeitoun (1995 and 1997b) and suggest that Mantauran is the most “aberrant” (Starosta, p.c.) among the six. It has undergone a series of sound changes that renders any comparative analysis very difficult, and has developed a “verb-object” agreement not reported in any other Formosan language (see Zeitoun 1997a).

The data for this paper has been largely extracted from texts comprising over 600 pages in two volumes of transcribed narratives collected over a seven-year period (Zeitoun and Lin, to appear). The first volume is a record of our late informant’s memories; the second is a compilation of traditional folktales.

The term “nominalization” is broadly understood as a process whereby an

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adjective, a verb, or a verb phrase is converted into a noun. Comrie and Thompson (1985) divide nominalization into two main types: action/state nominalization and argument nominalization. The first type refers to a noun derived from a verb/adjective designating an action or a state. The second type indicates a semantic role (e.g., agent, instrument, manner, location, etc.) of the derived verb. Besides these two main types, they mention that nouns can also be derived from other nouns and that full clauses (relative, complement, or adverbial, for example) can be turned into noun phrases. They further show that while a distinction must be established between “derived nominals” and “action nominals” in terms of their retaining (or not) verbal properties, relativization might not be structurally distinct from nominalization.

The goal of the present paper is two-fold:

- (i) to provide a descriptive analysis of the various nominalization processes found in Mantauran (sec. 3);
- (ii) to compare the morphological marking of verbs vs. that of derived nominals; and to try to establish a distinction between lexical vs. syntactic nominalization, and nominalization vs. relativization (sec. 4).

In the following section, I first provide a bird’s eye view of Mantauran phrase structure and constituency, and show how derived nominals can be identified in terms of their sharing the same morpho-syntactic characteristics and distribution as other (underived) nouns.

2. A bird’s eye view of Mantauran phrase structure and constituency

Mantauran is a verb-initial language with a relatively free word order:

- (1) a. o-kanə vələvələ tamatama.²
 Dyn.Fin-eat banana middle-aged man
 ‘Father is eating a banana.’

² Abbreviations are as follows: ActNmz: Action nominalization, Ca-: Ca- Reduplication, Caus: Causative, ClsNmz: Clausal nominalization, CncNmz: Concessive nominalization, Dyn: Dynamic, E: Exclusive, Fin: Finite, Gen: Genitive, I: Inclusive, Impr: Impersonal (pronoun), LocNmz: Locative nominalization, Neg: Negation, NFin: Non-Finite, Nom: Nominative, Obl: Oblique, ObjNmz: Objective nominalization, P: Plural, Rec: Reciprocal, Red: Reduplication, S: Singular, Stat: Stative, StatNmz: State nominalization, Subj: Subjunctive, SubjNmz: Subject nominalization, Sup: Superlative, TempNmz: Temporal nominalization, Top: Topic.

- b. o-kanə tamatama vələvələ.
 Dyn.Fin-eat middle-aged man banana
 ‘Father is eating a banana.’

While the topicalization of agents is unconstrained, that of patients is more problematic: to appear in initial position as topics, they must be definite.

- (2) tamatama ?a o-kanə vələvələ.
 middle-aged man Top Dyn.Fin-eat banana
 ‘As for father, he is eating/ate a banana.’
- (3) *(ðona?i) vələvələ ?a o-kanə tamatama.
 that banana Top Dyn.Fin-eat middle-aged man
 ‘As for the banana, father is eating/ate (it).’

With the exception of oblique arguments referring to human participants, as in (5), nominal arguments are usually unmarked for case:

- (4) a. o-laŋai taotao ða?anə.
 Dyn.Fin-buy Taotao house
 ‘Taotao bought a house.’
- b. o-ka?acə ta?o|o ?o|a?a.
 Dyn.Fin-bite dog snake
 i. ‘The dog bit the snake.’
 ii. ‘The snake bit the dog.’

Among oblique arguments marked as [+human], a further distinction must be made between [±kinship] and [±personal] nouns: [+kinship] or [+personal] oblique arguments induce obligatory agreement (5); [–kinship] or [–personal] nouns may not (6).

- (5) a. ma-ðalam*(-ilinə) ðipolo [taotao la ?anao].
 Stat.Fin-love-3P.Obl Zipolo Taotao and Anao
 ‘Zipolo loves Taotao and Anao.’
- b. maðalam*(-inə) lalakə-li taotao.
 Stat.Fin-love-3S.Obl child-1S.Gen taotao
 ‘Taotao likes my child.’ ~ ‘My child likes Taotao.’
- (6) a. ðona?i ?aolai ?a o?ilap(-inə) apoto-ni.
 that boy Top look for(-3S.Gen) stone-3S.Gen
 ‘As for that boy, he was looking for his stone(s).’

(iv) They can undergo topicalization:

- (10) a. ðonaʔi ʔaodoʔoʔo mani vaaʔ-iðə ʔaði.
 that lunch box then Dyn.NFin:give-3S.Gen younger sibling
 ‘That lunch box, (she) gave it to the younger brother.’
- b. ðona ta-ka-əaəa mani vaaʔ-iðə
 that SubjNmz-Stat.NFin-one then Dyn.NFin:give-3S.Gen
 ʔaði.
 younger sibling
 ‘That one, (she) gave it to the younger brother.’

(v) If it refers to a human participant, a derived nominal can take a plural prefix (11a); if it refers to a non-human participant, it can be circumfixed by the quantifier *kapa-...-ŋa* ‘all’ (11b’):

- (11) a. onaʔi a-oʔolai la onaʔi ta-a-ʔacakəlaə-ŋa
 that plur-child and that SubjNmz-plur-married-already
ta-ka-a-roðanə oðoʔo-nai
 SubjNmz-Stat.NFin-plur-old Dyn.Fin-can-1PE.Nom
 ʔi-kariði.
 wear-sleeveless garment
 ‘Children, already married (women) and old people could wear sleeveless
 (fur) jackets.’
- b. mani poa-ŋ-inamə toloðo ðonaʔi
 then Dyn.NFin:make-already-1PE.Obl bridge that
kapa-ʔana-ŋa.
 all-stream-Sup
 ‘Then, they built bridges for us on all the streams.’
- b’. ʔiraki-nai mənə-ŋa loŋai saŋəparə, toʔonai ʔinaʔi
 for-1PE.Nom now-Sup Dyn.Subj:buy car any(thing) this
kapa-a-laŋa]-aə-ŋa-nai...
 all-ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:buy-ObjNmz-Sup-1PE.Gen
 ‘That’s because nowadays we (want to) buy cars (as well as other)
 commodities.’

(vi) If it refers to a [+human] participant, a derived nominal can trigger verbal agreement:

- (12) a. ḏonaʔi ʔavai kapa-ki-kaavaʔ*(-iḏə)
 that woman continuously-Neg-Dyn.NFin:come-3S.Obl
 laməŋaə-ḏa.
 husband-3S.Gen
 ‘As for that woman, her husband didn’t come to her.’
- b. ḏona ta-ka-ljhili, ḏona ta-ljhoʔo ʔa
 that SubjNmz-Stat.NFin-clever that SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:know Top
 mani pa-ḏaac-iliḏə [...] ʔa
 then Caus-Dyn.NFin:leave-3P.Obl
 ‘Those (who were) clever, those (who) understood (would be) allowed to leave.’

The distinction between verbs and nouns is further illustrated in the following pairs of examples, which contrast the syntactic distribution of the verb *ʔaḏiḏapaə* ‘work’ with the noun *ḏiḏapə* ‘work’.

- (13) a. ʔaḏiḏapaə-ʔa.
 work-1S.Nom
 ‘I am working.’ ~ ‘I worked.’
- a'. *ḏiḏapə-ʔa.
 work-1S.Nom
- b. ʔaḏiḏapa-a!
 work-Imp
 Work!
- b'. *ḏiḏapə-a!
 work-Imp
- (14) a. ikaoḏo ka ḏiḏapə-li.
 not exist work-1S.Gen
 ‘I do/did not have any work (to do).’
- a'. *ikaoḏo ka ʔaḏiḏapaə-li.
 not exist work-1S.Gen
- b. paʔəhəmaə ḏiḏapə-li.
 laborious work-1S.Gen
 ‘My work is laborious.’
- b'. *paʔəhəmaə ʔaḏiḏapaə-li.
 laborious work-1S.Gen

In the following section, these syntactic tests will not be repeated, but the contrast between a verb and its nominal counterpart will be, whenever possible, explicitly exemplified.

3. Types of nominalization processes

Following Comrie and Thompson (1985), different nominalization processes are examined below: action/state nominals (sec. 3.1), argument nominals (sec. 3.2), (abstract) nouns (sec. 3.3), and nominalized clauses (sec. 3.4). A short summary is provided in section 3.5. Section 3.6 shows that although nominalization in Mantaaran is a very productive process, it sometimes produces irregular morphophonological changes.

3.1 Action/state nominals

Four nominalization processes are involved in deriving action/state nominals. They are summarized in Table 1 and further illustrated in examples (15)-(18).

Table 1: Action/state nominals

Morphological process	Verbal (dyn.) stem	Action nominal	Verbal (stat.) stem	State nominal
Prefixation of <i>a-</i>	o- ʔiaʔipi 'count'	a- ʔiaʔipi 'arithmetic'	ma- aʔa 'flirt'	a- ka-ʔaaʔaa 'flirt'
	m- aramao 'resemble'	a- parama-ramao 'resemblance'	ma- ʔoolai 'young'	a- ka-ʔoolai 'childhood'
	m- aʔavi 'share'	a- paʔavi 'share'	-- --	
	pa- ðəʔəŋə 'make...meet'	a- pa-ðəʔə-ðəʔəŋə 'meeting'		
	pa- solatə 'make...study'	a- pa-solatə 'education'		
	pa- valʔsi 'make...change'	a- pa-valʔ-valʔsi 'antonym'		
	to- valʔəvalʔəʔə 'build roads'	a- to-valʔəvalʔəʔə 'traffic'		
Suffixation of <i>-aə</i>	-- --		ma- caʔəmə 'ill'	caʔəmə-aə 'illness'
			ma- rikoco 'busy'	rikoc-aə 'business'
			ma- taaðiʔi 'good'	taaðiʔ-aə 'goodness' ⁴

⁴ Compare with: *ta-ka-taaðiʔ-aə* 'advantage' (lit., 'good place').

Occurrence of root	o-halacəlacə 'comb'	halacəlacə 'comb'	-- --
	o-təmə 'obstruct'	təmə(təmə) 'tollbooth'	
	o-vələtə 'pile up'	vələtə 'piling up, wall'	
	o-cəŋələ 'see'	cəŋələ 'seeing, look'	
	o-kanə 'eat'	kanə 'eating'	
Occurrence of a verb stem marked with a finite or a subjunctive form	o-ḏaacə 'leave'	o-ḏaacə 'leaving' (+Real) ḏoacə 'leaving' (+Irr)	-- --

(15) Action/state nominals—prefixation of *a-*

- a. mani ḏo|o a-itina a-tamatama
 then Dyn.NFin:can plur-middle-aged woman plur-middle-aged man
 kaamai poa pa-ḏəʔəŋə...
 self Dyn.Subj:make Caus-Dyn.NFin:meet
 'The parents could have them meet...'
- a'. ...ḏonaʔi ʔaomo a|a-ŋ-inamə o
 that Japanese Dyn.NFin:take-already-1PE.Obl that
 ta-|ihoʔo po-inamə
 SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:know Dyn.Subj:make-1PE.Obl
 a-pa-ḏəʔə-ḏəʔəŋə, poa
 ActNmz-Caus-Red-Dyn.NFin:meet Dyn.Subj:make
 tolaḏəkaə, toŋoḏaə, a-pa-ʔika|oma|omalə, pa-ʔaovaovaha.
 place name place name ActNmz-Caus-get:prize Caus-speak
 'The Japanese gathered the cleverest students from Maolin, Tona (and
 Wanshan) and let us compete.'
- b. onaʔi lo to-ḏaʔanə-nai toʔa-toloraə-nai
 that when build-house-1PE.Gen use for-reason-1PE.Nom
 to-ḏələpə, ta-iki-ki-aə
 build-stone living room LocNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:b eat-LocNmz
 a-valo|valo a-sava-savarə ma-aʔa.
 plur-young woman plur-Red-young man Stat.Subj-flirt

‘At that time, when we built a house, we (would) have a living-room so that young women and young men (could) flirt.’

- b'. δ ona lo ma-a-va|ova|o-mao mani
 that when Stat.Subj-plur-young woman-Imprs.Gen then
 ka- δ ao δ ona?i a-ka-?aa?aa-mao lo
 Stat.NFin:many that StatNmz-Stat.NFin-flirt-Imprs.Gen when
 ma-taa δ i?i- δ a δ ona va|ova|o takaocae-ni.
 Stat.Subj-good-3S.Gen that young woman character-3S.Gen
 ‘At that time, when we were young, a girl (would) have many admirers if she was kind.’

(16) State nominals—suffixation of *-aə*

- a. olo δ oma-naə ma-ca?əmə-nai, o- δ o|o-nai
 when other-TempNmz Stat.Subj-sick-1PE.Gen Dyn.Fin-can-1PE.Nom
 ?iasə saŋəparə...
 Dyn.Subj:call car
 ‘If, at times, we are ill, we can call a taxi...’
- a'. δ ona ta-ka-kociŋai ca?əm-aə...
 that SubjNmz-Stat.NFin-serious sick-StatNmz
 ‘Those who had a serious disease...’
- b. ?ina?i ta-o-aə-ŋa-nai tavalə?əvə?ə
 this LocNmz-Dyn.NFin:go-LocNmz-already-1PE.Gen place name
 ?aəla, toramoro-ŋa-nai ka ma-rikoco.
 Dyn.Subj:move very-already-1PE.Nom Stat.Fin-busy
 ‘Since we’ve moved to the new village, we have been very busy.’
- b'. ona?i a-iki-na-nai ?oponoho
 that ClsNmz-Dyn.NFin:be at-still-1PE.Gen place name
 akao δ o ka rikoc-aə-nai.
 not exist busy-StatNmz-1PE.Gen
 ‘When we still were in the old village, we were not busy.’

(17) Action nominals—occurrence of the root

- a. ...mani patol-i δ ə vəkənə|ə və|ətə pa-okəla
 then from-3S.Obl soil Dyn.Subj:pile up Caus-Dyn.NFin:reach
 δ ona ta-iki-ki-aə-li δ a
 that LocNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:be at-LocNmz-3P.Gen
 ?apəcə a-?olalai...
 Dyn.Subj:sleep plur-male
 ‘...stones were piled up from the ground to the place where men slept...’

- a'. mani cəŋələ-nai ðonaʔi ðaʔanə ʔi
 then Dyn.NFin:see-1PE.Nom that house
 vələtə mani |jhoʔo-nai
 ActNmz:Dyn.NFin:pile up then Dyn.NFin:know-1PE.Nom
 ka-iki-liða ʔina va|jo.
 in fact-Dyn.NFin:exist-3P.Gen this village
 ‘Then we saw the ruins of (earlier) houses and we realized that originally there had been a village there.’
- b. o-cəŋələ-ka-ʔ-inə?
 Dyn.Fin-see-Neg-2S.Gen-3S.Obl
 ‘Did you see her?’
- b'. kani cəŋələ-ʔ-inə?
 why ActNmz:Dyn.NFin:see-2S.Gen-3S.Obl
 ‘Why did you look at her?’

(18) Action nominal—verb stem marked as finite or subjunctive

- a. onaʔi a-kaavaʔi-ni ana,
 that ClsNmz-Dyn.NFin:come-3S.Gen that
 o-ðaacə-ŋa-|ao.
 Dyn.Fin-leave-already-1S.Nom
 ‘When he came, I had already left.’
- b. oðaacə-ʔo ʔiðəə.
 Dyn.Fin:leave-2S.Gen when
 ‘When did you leave?’
- c. mənənəə lo ðoacə-ʔo ?
 which day when Dyn.Subj:leave-2S.Gen
 ‘When will you leave?’

3.2 Argument nominals

Argument nominals may be divided into: subject(ive), objective, locative, instrumental/manner/result and temporal nouns.

3.2.1 Subject(ive) nominals

Subject(ive) nominalization is rendered by the prefixation of *ta-* to the verb base (see Table 2) and yields the meaning ‘one which “verbs” though “the noun need not be in an ‘agent’ relationship with the verb” (Comrie and Thompson 1985:350). Thus the adoption of the term “subjective”, suggested by M.-C. Paris, in place of “agentive” that narrows down the usage of *ta-*.

Table 2: Agentive nominals

Types of verbs	Verbal stem	Subject(ive) nominal
Dynamic verbs	o -alopo ‘hunt’	ta -alopo ‘(who) hunts, hunter’
	o -kanə ‘eat’	ta -kanə ‘(who) eats’
	o -[jhoʔo ‘know’	ta -[jhoʔo ‘(who) knows’
	o -haraŋə ‘snore’	ta -haraharaŋə ‘(who) snores’
	o -piʔapiʔa aʎacə ‘write names’	ta -piʔapiʔa aʎacə ‘(who) writes names, officer, civil servant’
	o -solatə ‘study, write’	ta -solatə ‘(who) studies/writes’
	o -ʔosario ‘play’	ta -ʔosario ‘(who) plays, player’
	m -aavaʔi ‘come’	ta -kaavaʔi ‘(who) comes’
	om -oa ‘go’	ta -oa ‘(who) goes’
	to -alakə ‘give birth’	ta -to-alakə ‘(who) gives birth’
	topo əoləə ‘true, right’	ta -topoəoləə ‘(who) is right’
Stative verbs	ma -caʔəmə ‘ill’	ta -ka-caʔəmə ‘(who) is ill, patient’
	ma -[jihili ‘clever’	ta -ka-[jihili ‘(who is) clever’
	ma -roðəŋə ‘old’	ta -ka-roðəŋə ‘(who is) old, old person (sg.)’
	ma -siʔi ‘few, small’	ta -ka-siʔi ‘(who is/has) few, small...’

- (19) a. araʔəvə la o-kanə-ka-i ka iki ʔi
 but and Dyn.Fin-eat-Neg-3S.Gen Dyn.Subj:be at
 sakovo
 men’s house
 ‘But they did not eat in the men’s house.’
- a'. olo to-saisakipi-mao kasa-ni
 when make-small glutinous cake-Imprs.Gen only-3S.Gen
 a-o[olai ta-kanə.
 plur-child SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:eat
 ‘When someone made small glutinous cakes (saisakipi), only children
 (would) eat them.’
- b. mani [jhoʔo ʔoponoho maavaʔi-ŋa
 then Dyn.NFin:know Mantaaran Dyn.Subj:come-already
 ta-alopo.
 SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:hunt
 ‘Then the Mantaaran people knew the hunters had already come back.’

- b'. δ ona ta-ljhoʔo o-vaʔa-iðə ʔəməʔəmələ,
 that SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:know Dyn.Fin-give-3S.Obl prize
 ta-ʔakaəə, ʔakaðoʔa, ʔakatolə.
 SubjNmz-first second third
 ‘The cleverest were given a prize (to show who was) the first, the second
 (and) the third.’
- (20) a. onaʔi aronjo-ŋa-nai moa ʔina tavaləʔəvəʔə,
 that just-already-1PE.Gen Dyn.Subj:go this place name
ma-siʔi-na-nai ocao.
 Stat.Fin-few-still-1PE.Nom man
 ‘When we first arrived in Tavale’eve’e, we were (still) few (people).’
- a'. o ta-ka-siʔi soso ka o-poa-ka-ðə ka
 that SubjNmz-Stat.NFin-small breast Dyn.Fin-make-Neg-3S.Gen ka
 ʔi-toipi.
 wear-bra
 ‘As for those who had small breasts, they (would) not wear a bra.’
- b. lo pa-solatə-ð-inamə
 when Caus-Dyn.NFin:study-3S.Gen-1PE.Obl
 o-ljhoʔo-ka-nai ka siala[ə,
 Dyn.Fin-know-Neg-1PE.Gen Dyn.Subj:hear
ma-ljhili-ka-nai.
 Stat.Fin-clever-Neg-1PE.Gen
 ‘When they taught us, we did not understand, we were not clever.’
- b'. δ ona ta-ka-ljhili, δ ona ta-ljhoʔo
 that SubjNmz-Stat.NFin-clever that SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:know
 ʔa mani pa-ðaac-iliðə [...]
 Top then Caus-Dyn.NFin:leave-3P.Obl
 ‘Those (who were) clever, those (who) understood (would be) allowed to
 leave.’

3.2.2 Objective nouns

Objective nominalization is usually indicated by *a-...-aə* in dynamic verbs and by *...-aə* in stative verbs.

Table 3: Objective nominals

Types of verbs	Verbal stem	Objective nominal
Dynamic verbs	o -alopo ‘hunt’	a -lop- aə ‘game’
	o -kanə ‘eat’	a -kan- aə ‘food’
	o -ʔoŋolo ‘drink’	a -ʔoŋol- aə ‘drink’
	o -laŋai ‘buy’	a -laŋa[- aə] ‘(thing) bought, merchandise’
	o -vəʔətə ‘pile up’	a -vəʔət- aə ‘(stones) piled up, wall’
	om -iki ‘exist, be at’	a -iki- ə ‘existence’
	pa -cəŋələ ‘make...see’	a - <i>pa</i> -cəŋə-cəŋəl- aə solatə ‘references’
Stative verbs	ma -ðalamə ‘like, love’	<i>ka</i> -ðalam- aə ‘the loved (one)’
	ma -səkəʔə ‘angry’	<i>ka</i> -səkə[- aə] ‘the one being angered at’

- (21) a. o-kanə-ŋa-ka-li.
 Dyn.Fin-eat-already-Neg-1S.Gen
 ‘I have not eaten yet.’
- a'. ðonaʔi ʔa kasa-ða ðonaʔi a-kan-aə-nai
 that Top only-3S.Gen that ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:eat-ObjNmz
 ‘That was the only food we had.’
- b. ðona ka o-laŋai-ka-nai ka toʔonai...
 that Dyn.Fin-buy-Neg-1PE.Gen any(thing)
 ‘We never bought anything.’
- b'. [...] mani aʔa m-oa loŋai oʔi
 then Dyn.NFin:take Dyn.Subj-go Dyn.Subj:buy that
 moʔaə, timo, toʔonai ðonaʔi
 fabric salt everything that
a-laŋa[-aə]-liða.
 ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:buy-ObjNmz-3P.Gen
 ‘Then, they would go and buy fabric, salt, everything they needed to buy.’
- (22) a. ma-ðaa-ðalamə-ka-ʔ-inə ðipolo,
 Stat.Fin-Red-love-Neg-2S.Gen-3S.Obl Dipolo
ma-ðaa-ðalamə-ka-ʔ-inə taotao?
 Stat.Fin-Red-love-Neg-2S.Gen-3S.Obl Taotao
 ‘Do you prefer Zipolo or Taotao?’

- a'. a-iki-ə-ni ʔi
 ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:exist-ObjNmz-3S.Gen
ka-ðaa-ðalam-aə-ʔo?
 Stat.NFin-Red-love-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 'Which one do you prefer?'
- b. ma-səkə]-inə ðipolo taotao.
 Stat.Fin-angry-3S.Obl Zipolo Taotao
 'Taotao is/was angry at Zipolo.' ~ 'Zipolo is angry at Taotao.'
- b'. aaŋa-i ka-səkə]-aə-ni?
 who-3S.Gen Stat.NFin-angry-ObjNmz-3S.Gen
 'With whom is he angry?'

Another process has been reported in the Southeastern Rukai dialects as well as in other Formosan languages (Saisiyat, Atayal, Puyuma, Kavalan): the infixation of <in> that correlates an aspectual/modal distinction, i.e., perfective/realis vs. imperfective/irrealis (Teng 2001, Yeh 2000, Chen 1999). In Saisiyat, for instance, the distinction between "past" and "future" is usually expressed through a different device, e.g., <in> vs. *ka-...-əŋ*.

(23) Saisiyat (Yeh 2000)

- a. t-in-awbon 'something pounded, rice cake'
 a'. ka-tawbon-əŋ 'something to be pounded'
 b. t-in-alək 'something cooked, wine'
 b'. ka-talək-əŋ 'something to be cooked'

The infix <in> is found in a very few fossilized lexical items in the Northern Rukai dialects (Mantauran, Tona and Maga).⁵ In Mantauran, the realis/irrealis distinction mentioned above is also found (cf. the contrast between *-a* vs. *a-...-aə*) but is pending further investigation:

⁵ The word *c<in>əkəlaə* 'villager' might tentatively be treated as deriving from the verb *o-cəkəlaə* 'all' but it represents the only instance uncovered so far in Mantauran.

- (24) a. kana-ni kan-a-ʔo?⁶
 what-3S.Gen Dyn.NFin:eat-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 ‘What do you want to eat?’
- a'. kana-ni a-kan-aə-ʔo?
 what-3S.Gen ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:eat-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 ‘What did you eat?’
- b. kana-ni ʔoŋol-a-ʔo?
 what-3S.Gen Dyn.NFin:drink-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 ‘What do you want to drink?’
- b'. kana-ni a-ʔoŋol-aə-ʔo?
 what-3S.Gen ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:drink-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 ‘What did you drink?’

3.2.3 Locative nouns

Locative nominalization (which implies that “X is the place where Y did/does something”) manifests itself through the circumfixation of *ta-...-aə* to the verb base. Only one locative nominal—derived from the verb *omiki* ‘be at, exist’—was found to be formed by the suffixation of *-aə* (and not the circumfixation of *ta-...-aə*); cf. *kiki-aə* ‘space’.

⁶ Another form, exemplified in (ia) was found, remains also ill-understood:

- (i) a. oa-i-ʔo?
 Dyn.NFin:go-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 ‘Where are you going?’
- b. a-oa-ə-ʔo?
 ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:go-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 ‘Where did you go?’

Table 4: Locative nominals

Types of verbs	Verbal stem	Locative nominal
Dynamic verbs	o-cikipi ‘sew’	ta-cikip-aə ‘seam, stitch’
	o-ðomiŋi ‘white-wash’	ta-ðomi-ðomiŋ-aə ‘wall’
	o-kə ai ‘hang’	ta-kə a-kə -aə ‘hanger’
	o-laŋai ‘buy’	ta-laŋa -aə ~ ta-laŋa-laŋa -aə ‘store’
	o-saosi ‘lock (the door)’	ta-sao-saosi-aə ‘lock’
	o-sokovo ‘bend (one’s head)’	ta-soko-sokov-aə ‘church’
	o-solatə ‘study, write’	ta-sola-solat-aə ‘school’
	o-və ətə ‘pile up’	ta-və ət-aə ‘wall’ (lit: place where stones are piled up)
	o-ʔavolo ‘bury’	ta-ʔavo-ʔavol-aə ‘tomb’
	o-ʔosario ‘play’	ta-ʔosari-sari-aə ‘running field, touristic area’
	m-aavanao ‘wash (body)’	ta-paa-vaa-van-aə ‘bathroom’
	m-oʔa o ‘draw water’	ta-oʔa o-ʔa o-aə ‘well’
	om-iki ‘exist, be at’	ta-iki-aə ‘place where...is’, ta-iki-ki-aə ‘room’
	om-oa ‘go’	ta-oa-aə ‘place to go’ (ta-oa-aə) mo-ta-vilavilaʔa-aə ‘toilet’
	pa-ʔotalo ‘make...put away’	ta-pa-ʔotalo-aə solatə ‘schoolbag’ (Lit: place where books are put away) ta-pa-ʔotalo-aə mo aə ‘cupboard’ (Lit: place where belongings are put away)
	pa-ʔənao ‘make...wash’	ta-pa-ʔəna-ʔən-aə ‘washing machine’
	po-acilai ‘water (flowers)’	ta-po-acila -aə ‘paddy field’
	to-poi ‘make a fire’	ta-potopol -aə ‘fire place’
	ʔi-liŋo ‘look (oneself) in a mirror’	ta-ʔi-liŋo-liŋo-aə ‘dresser’ ⁷
	ʔaliki ‘(come) from’	ta-ʔaliki-ki-aə mokavolə ‘origin’
Stative verbs	ma-əcə əŋə ‘black’	ta-ka-əcə əŋ-aə ‘dirt’ (Lit: dark spot)
	ma-taaði'i ‘good’	ta-ka-taaðiaʔ-aə ‘advantage’ (Lit: good place)
	ma-tako a ‘good’	ta-ka-tako -aə ‘disadvantage’ (Lit: bad place)
	ma-təətələkə ‘cooler’	ta-pa-ka-təətələk-aə ʔadəmaðamai aʔoŋoloŋolə ‘fridge’ (Lit: place that keeps dishes and drinks cool(er))

⁷ A doublet form *ta ʔliŋliŋoə* was recorded.

- (25) a. mani pa-valjisi avo-avoko cikipi voto|o?o-ða...
 then Caus-Dyn.NFin:change Red-blanket Dyn.Subj:sew body-3S.Gen
 ‘(The bride would) be put on a blanket (we) saw around her body...’
- a'. ara?əvə lo ma-raði?i-ŋ-iðə ðona?i
 but when Stat.Subj-heal-already-3S.Obl that
ta-cikip-aə-n-iðə
 LocNmz-Dyn.NFin:sew-LocNmz-3S.Gen-3S.Obl
 ma|a-ŋa-nai
 Dyn.Subj:take-already-1PE.Nom
 ?ini-ka-ka-mamai ?o-cikipi.
 self-Ca-Stat.NFin-self take off-Dyn.NFin:sew
 ‘When the wound had healed and (we had to) take off the stitches, then
 we could do that by ourselves.’
- b. ðona?i ta-iki-ə-ða ?apə?apəcə
 that LocNmz-Dyn.NFin:be at-LocNmz-3S.Gen Dyn.Subj:lay
 |oolai saloðiri mani po-iðə o?i toloŋo la
 child cradle then Dyn.NFin:make-3S.Obl that receptacle and
 ako?əðə kə|ai.
 knife Dyn.Subj:hang
 ‘The receptacle and the knife were hung on the cradle where the baby
 slept.’
- b'. ona?i a-kaava?i-ŋa-ða ?aomo,
 that ClsNmz-Dyn.NFin:come-already-3S.Gen Japanese
 o-ðo|o-ŋa-nai loŋai kavanə,
 Dyn.Fin-come-already-1PE.Nom Dyn.Subj:buy wardrobes
ta-kə|a-kə|a|a-ə, kovokovo la
 LocNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:hang-LocNmz ActNmz:Dyn.NFin:cover and
ta-?i-liŋo-liŋo-ə.
 LocNmz-look at-Red-mirror-LocNmz
 ‘When the Japanese came, we were able to buy wardrobes, coat hangers,
 mosquito nets and dressers.’
- (26) a. ma-əcə|aŋə ðona?i mo|aə.
 Stat.Fin-black that cloth
 ‘That cloth is black.’
- a'. mani a|a-nai ?i ða?ə poa
 then Dyn.NFin:take-1PE.Nom mud Dyn.Subj:make
 liŋao pi?amaðalaə ?o|a
 Dyn.Subj:wash first take off

- ta-ka-əcə|aŋ-aə.*
 LocNmz-Stat.NFin-black-LocNmz
 ‘We (would) use some mud to wash (the dishes) to first take off the dirt.’
- b. *ma-taaðiʔi* toramoro.
 Stat.Fin-good very
 ‘It is very good.’ ~ ‘It was very good.’
- b'. oraʔəvə la *ta-ka-taaðiaʔ-ə* ma-ðao-ŋa
 but and LocNmz-Stat.NFin-good-LocNmz Stat.Dyn-many-alread
 ta-totiamə ʔinaʔi kata|jsiə [...]
 SubjNmz-open:store this aborigine
 ‘However, the advantage (is that) there are many aborigines who are making loans (to open stores)...’

Other locative nouns will be examined below, which are derived from original nouns through quite the same morphological processes.

3.2.4 Instrumental, manner and result nouns

Morphologically speaking, instrumental, manner and result nominals are treated the same in Mantaoran (see Tables 5-7). This type of nominalization is indicated through the prefixing of *ʔa-* (< P(roto) R(ukai) *sa-) to the verb base. The main distinction lies in the fact that an “instrumental”⁸ meaning is obtained if the verb is dynamic (Table 5) while a “manner” interpretation is perceived if the verb is inherently stative (Table 6). If a stative verb has previously undergone another morpho-syntactic process (e.g., causativization), then the derived nominal might be instrumental, cf. *ma-poli* ‘white’ > *pa-ka-poli* ‘make...white’ > *ʔa-pa-ka-poli-poli* ‘detergent’, *ma-ʔətə* > *pa-ka-ʔətə* > *ʔa-pa-ka-ʔətə-ʔətə* ‘anaesthesia’. In co-occurrence with other prefixes (e.g., *po-* ‘put, give, make’), *ʔa-* conveys another interpretation: “as a result of...” (Table 7).

⁸ No *Ca*-reduplication pattern yielding an instrumental meaning, as reported in Blust (1998), is found in Mantaoran.

Table 5: Instrumental, manner and result nominals

Types of verbs	Verbal stem	Instrumental nominal
Dynamic verbs	o-cəŋaʔa ‘drive in a nail’	ʔa-cəŋa-cəŋaʔa ‘nail’
	o-ðalʃi ‘pave the floor with slates’	ʔa-ðalʃi-ðalʃi ‘floor, slate (used to pave the floor, the soil)’
	o-ko-ŋiʔaŋiʔi ‘shave (beard)’	ʔa-ko-ŋiʔa-ŋiʔaŋiʔi ‘twizzers, razor’
	o-hisihisi ‘saw’	ʔa-hisi-hisihisi ‘saw’
	o-ʃakipi ‘stick’	ʔa-ʃaki-ʃakipi ‘glue’
	o-liŋao ‘wash (dishes)’	ʔa-liŋao-ŋao ‘washing up liquid, sponge’
	o-moromoro ‘clean one’s teeth, rinse’	ʔa-moro-moromoro ‘toothbrush’
	o-pana ‘shoot (with a bow)’	ʔa-pana ‘arrow’
	o-solatə ‘study, write’	ʔa-sola-solatə ‘pencil’
	o-taŋətəŋə ‘beat’ (with a board)	ʔa-taŋə-taŋətəŋə ‘wash board’
	o-ʔənao ‘wash (clothes)’	ʔa-əna-ʔənao ‘washing powder’
	o-ʔoðoʔoðo ‘mop (the floor)’	ʔa-oðo-ʔoðoʔoðo ‘mop’
	o-ʔosario ‘play’	ʔa-osari-sario ‘toy’
	m-aavanao ‘wash (body)’	ʔa-paavaa-vanao ‘soap’

- (27) a. ʔinaʔi mənə-ŋa toʔonai-ŋa ma-ðao ʔinaʔi pakisa,
 this now-Sup any(thing)-Sup Stat.Fin-many this plain
 mani ðo[ə-ŋ-inamə loŋai solatə,
 then Dyn.NFin:can-already-1PE.Obl Dyn.Subj:buy book
ʔa-sola-solatə, ʔa-ʃaki-ʃakipi...
 InstNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:write InstNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:stick
 ‘Nowadays, there are everything in the plain, and we can afford to buy
 books (or paper), pencils and glue (to our children) ...’
- b. o-kaod-inamə ʔa-hisi-hisihisi la
 Dyn.Fin-not exist-1PE.Obl InstNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:saw and
ʔa-pali-palipalici.
 InstNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:drive in a nail
 ‘(In the past), we did not have saws or screwdrivers.’

Table 6: Manner nominals

Types of verbs	Verbal stem	Manner nominal
Stative verbs	ma -taaḏiʔi ‘good’	ʔa-ka -taaḏiʔi ‘(how) good’
	ma -kəcəʔə ‘cold’	ʔa-ka -kəcəʔə ‘(how) cold’
	ma -l̥ihili ‘clever, smart’	ʔa-ka -l̥ihili ‘(how) clever/smart’
	ma -riḏarə ‘fast’	ʔa-ka -riḏarə ‘(how) fast’

- (28) a. ma-riḏarə ʔoʔamə.
 Stat.Fin-fast Dyn.Subj:run
 ‘He runs fast.’
- a'. amokoa-ni ʔa-ka-riḏai-ni ʔo
 how-3S.Gen ManNmz-Stat.NFin-fast-3S.Gen when
 ḏoaḏaacə-ni.
 Dyn.Subj:walk-3S.Gen
 ‘How fast does he walk?’
- b. ma-l̥ihili-ŋa-ʔao.
 Stat.Fin-clever-Sup-1S.Nom
 ‘I am the cleverest.’
- b'. amokoa-ni ʔa-ka-l̥ihili-ni omalə.
 how-3S.Gen ManNmz-Stat.NFin-clever-3S.Gen Dyn.Subj:sing
 ‘How well does he sing?’

Table 7: Result nominals

Types of verbs	Verbal stem	Instrumental nominal
Deverbal nouns	po -timo ‘put on salt’	ʔa-po -timo ‘as a result of salting’ ⁹

3.2.5 Temporal nouns

Temporal nouns are formed through the circumfixation of *kala-...-aə*¹⁰ to the verb base yielding the meaning ‘season’ (e.g., ‘cold season’, i.e., ‘winter’; ‘rainy season’, i.e., ‘monsoon’).

⁹ Only one such occurrence was found.

¹⁰ Whether this circumfix should be decomposed as *ka-la-...aə* is still under investigation.

Table 8: Temporal nominals

Types of verbs	Verbal stem	Temporal nominal
Dynamic verbs	o-ðaʔolo ‘rain’	kala-ðo-ðaʔol-aə ‘rainy season’
Stative verbs	ma-kəcəʔə ‘cold’	kala-kəcəʔ-aə ‘winter’ ¹¹
	ma-ʔapaʔa ‘burning hot’	kala-ka-ʔapaʔ-aə ‘summer’

- (29) a. amo-ðaʔolo lo ʔiða.
 will-Dyn.NFin:rain tomorrow
 ‘It will rain tomorrow.’
- b. olo kala-ðo-ðaʔol-aə lo i-vaʔi-vaʔjo-mao,
 when TempNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:rain if stay-Red-village-Imprs.Gen.
 ki-oa-mao ooma...
 Neg-Dyn.NFin:go-3Imprs.Nom field
 ‘During the rainy season, if one stayed home, one would not go to the field ...’
- (30) a. lo toramoro-ða ma-kəcəʔə ðonaʔi a-vaʔovaʔo ka
 when very-3S.Gen Stat.Subj-cold that plur-young woman
 o-ðoʔo-ka-ða ʔi-kariði, ma-ʔino.
 Dyn.Fin-can-Neg-3S.Gen wear-sleeveless garment Stat.Fin-embarrassed
 ‘When it was very cold, young women did not dare to wear sleeveless (fur) jackets (because) they were (too) embarrassed (to do so).’
- b. kala-kəcəʔ-aə ʔa o-əcəvə-mao
 TempNmz-cold-TempNmz Top Dyn.Fin-cross on foot-Imprs.Nom
 motaʔovaʔə.
 to:opposite side of the river bank
 ‘During the winter, (it was possible) to cross the river on foot.’

3.3 Nouns turning into other (abstract) nouns

Two major classes of nouns turning into other (abstract) nouns through a process of nominalization have been found: locative and temporal nouns. These are examined in turn below.

¹¹ Expected form: *kala-ka-kəcəʔ-aə*. Why *ka-* does not occur in this derived nominal remains unaccounted for.

3.3.1 Locative nouns

I showed in Zeitoun (1995:143) that there are three major ways of referring to a location in Mantauran: the suffix *-aə* (PR *-anə) is added to [–human] nouns, e.g., *i-vili[-aə]* ‘behind’; *-naə* (< *-n-aə*) is added to [+human, –personal] nouns, e.g., *ḏaʔan-a-naə* ‘household’; and *-inə* is added to [+human, +personal] nouns occurring in the oblique case, e.g., *ipol-inə* ‘Ipolo (Obl)’. Among these, the first two represent instances of nominalization, whereby a noun turns into another noun. Since then, two other nominalization processes have been uncovered: the first consists of the circumfixation of *ta-...-aə* to a [–human] base; the second does not allow any type of affixation, but reduplication of the [+human] base implies a location. These four types of nominalization—*ta-N[-human]-aə*, (Red-)N[-human]-*aə*, N[+human]-*naə*, Red-N[+human]—do not only differ in terms of the morphological process involved, but also in terms of the semantic interpretation attributed to the derived nominal.

Table 9: Locative nominals (derived from nouns)

Types of nouns	Nominal stem	Derived nominal
[–human]	acilai ‘water’	ta-cila[-aə] ‘spring’
	ʔima ‘hand’	ta-ʔima-ə ‘sleeve’
	ovəʔəkə ‘pig’	ta-vəʔək-aə ‘pigpen’
	palonjo ‘pot’	ta-palonj-aə ‘hearth’
	ʔaəʔəŋə ‘flower’	ta-ʔaəʔəŋ-aə ‘garden’
	ʔaŋato ‘wood, brushwood’ ¹²	ta-ʔaŋato-ə ‘woodshed’
	acilai ‘water’	acila[-aə] ‘pound’
	ḏakəralə ‘river’	ḏakəra-kəral-aə ‘river bank’
	ḏaʔanə ‘house’	ḏaa-ḏa-ḏaʔan-aə ‘place full of houses’
mairəŋə ‘sweet potato’	mairai-raŋ-aə ‘place full of sweet potatoes’	
[+human]	ḏaʔanə ‘house’	ḏaʔana-naə ‘household’
	ʔavai ‘girl, woman’	ʔavai-naə ‘girl/bride’s family’
	ʔaolai ‘male, boy, man’	ʔaola[ʔa-naə] ‘boy/groom’s family’
	a-oʔolai ‘children’	a-oʔo-oʔolai ‘place full of children’ ¹³

¹² Doublet forms include: *ʔaʔato* ‘wood, brushwood’ ~ *ta-ʔaʔato-ə* ‘woodshed’.

¹³ Only one such occurrence was found.

- a'. lo ʔiðanaə-ŋa mani vaʔoro ʔaolai
 when day after-Sup then Dyn.NFin:cook rice male
ðaʔana-naə-liða.
 house-LocNmz-3P.Gen
 'The day after, the groom's family (would) cook rice.'
- b. ...mani avil-iðə va|ova|o ʔiiðəmə
 then Dyn.NFin:carry-3S.Obl young woman toward
 ðaʔanaə-ða ʔaolai.
 house-3S.Gen male
 'The young woman (would) be carried to the groom's house.'
- b'. ðonaʔi ʔaola|a-naə mani a|a ðonaʔi cacavakə,
 that male-LocNmz then Dyn.NFin:take that pottery jar
 cəʔə|ə, livasə...
 necklace knife
 'The groom's family then take pottery jars, necklaces, knives...'

3.3.2 Temporal nouns

At least two morphological processes whereby temporal nouns turn into other (temporal) nouns have been identified.

The first, which consists of the circumfixation of *kala-...-aə* 'season' to [-temporal] nouns, is productive to the extent that even loans (e.g., *ʔaomo* 'Japanese', *ciokoko* 'Chinese') can be taken as the base of derivation. The second consists of the suffixation of *-naə* to the base to form temporal adjuncts.

Table 10: Temporal nominals (derived from nouns)

Types of nouns	Nominal stem	Derived nominal
[-temporal]	pahai 'rice'	kala-paha[-aə 'harvest season (rice)'
	ʔaomo 'Japanese'	kala-ʔaom-aə 'Under the Japanese'
	ciokoko 'Chinese'	kala-ciokok-aə 'Under the Chinese'
[+temporal]	ðoma 'other'	ðoma- naə 'sometimes, when?'
	ʔiða 'day'	ʔiða- naə 'afterwards, when?'
	mənə 'now, day'	mənə- naə 'which day?'
		mənə- naə 'day, time' ¹⁴

¹⁴ As opposed to 'space'.

- (33) *kala-ʔaom-aə* a-pa-sola-solatə.
 TempNmz-Japanese-TempNmz ActNmz-Caus-Red-Dyn.NFin:study
 ‘Japanese education’
- (34) a. *ʔiða-naə* lo maavaʔi-nomi ?
 day-TempNmz if Dyn.Subj:come-2P.Gen
 ‘When will you come again?’
- b. *mənə-naə* lo maavaʔi-nomi ?
 day-TempNmz if Dyn.Subj:come-2P.Gen
 ‘Which day will you come?’
- b'. *mani iki mənə-naə ðonaʔi laməŋaə-ða pəʔləŋəə*
 then exist day-TempNmz that spouse-3S.Gen Peelengae
 “amo-ðaacə-|ao olopo” mani ia.
 will-Dyn.NFin:leave-1S.Nom Dyn.Subj:hunt then Dyn.NFin:so
 ‘One day, her husband Peelengae said: “I am going hunting.”’

3.4 Clausal nominalization

Comrie and Thompson (1985:392) use the term “clausal nominalization” to refer to the process by which clauses are nominalized. Though I have dubbed this process “adverbial nominalization” (so-called because one of the structures in question can be glossed as “when X happened/happens”) in a recent paper (see Zeitoun 2000), I am adopting Comrie and Thompson’s terminology for the sake of clarity.

This type of nominalization process is readily seen in temporal, conditional, and concessive clauses in Mantaaran. Three different processes are involved:

- (i) If the verb refers to a situation that has already taken place, it is prefixed by *a-* (temporal clauses); see Table 11.
- (ii) If the verb refers to a situation that is to happen or may happen, it appears in its subjunctive form (conditional/hypothetical clauses); see Table 12.
- (iii) If the verb indicates a concession, it is circumfixed by *ni-...-a(ə)* (concessive clauses); see Table 13:

Table 11: Clausal nominals (1)

Morphological process	Types of verb	Verbal stem	Clausal nominal
<i>a-</i> [temporal clauses]	Dynamic verbs	<i>o-ḏaacə</i> ‘leave’	<i>a-ḏaacə</i> ‘when...left’
		<i>o-kanə</i> ‘eat’	<i>a-kanə</i> ‘when...ate’
		<i>o-[iho]ʔo</i> ‘know’	<i>a-[iho]ʔo</i> ‘when...knew’
		<i>o-tovi</i> ‘cry’	<i>a-tovi</i> ‘when...cried’
		<i>m-aavaʔi</i> ‘come’	<i>a-kaavaʔi</i> ‘when...come’
		<i>om-oa</i> ‘go’	<i>a-oa</i> ‘when...went’
		<i>om-iki</i> ‘exist’	<i>a-iki</i> ‘when...were’
		<i>ʔitovo o</i> ‘ask’	<i>a-ʔitovo o</i> ‘when...asked’
	Stative verbs	<i>ma-oloho</i> ‘grow up’	<i>a-ka-aloho</i> ‘when...grown up’
		<i>ma-ḏao</i> ‘a lot, many’	<i>a-ka-ḏao</i> ‘when...a lot, many’
		<i>ma- oolai</i> ‘be young (child)’	<i>a-ka- oolai</i> ‘as a child’
		<i>ma-savarə</i> ‘be young (man)’	<i>a-ka-savarə</i> ‘as a young man’
		<i>ma-va ova o</i> ‘be young (woman)’	<i>a-ka-va ova o</i> ‘as a young woman’

- (35) a. *onaʔi a-iki-na-nai kaʔoponohaə,*
 that ClsNmz-Dyn.NFin:exist-still-1PE.Gen place name
om-iki-nomi ta-səʔəsəʔə koliʔi
 Dyn.Fin-exist-1PE.Nom SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:rise sun
om-i-inamə lo cəŋələ-n-inamə va|ava|aə.
 Dyn.Fin-so-1PE.Obl if Dyn.Subj:see-3S.Gen-1PE.Obl outsiders
 ‘When we still were in the old village [Kaʔoponohae], outsiders (would) tell us that we were located in the east, when they came to see us.’
- b. *ma-|oolai-na lalakə-li*
 Stat.Fin-young-still child-1S.Gen
 ‘My child is still young.’
- b'. *mani a-ka-|oolai-li o-[iho]ʔo-ka-li*
 then ClsNmz-Stat.NFin-young-1S.Gen Dyn.Fin-know-Neg-1S.Gen
om-iki va|inaə ḏaʔanə mia.
 Dyn.Fin-exist place name house Dyn.Subj:so
 ‘When I was young, I did not know that there were houses in Valinae.’

Table 12: Clausal nominals (2)

Morphological process	Types of verb	Verbal stem	Clausal nominal	
Vsubj [hyp/cond. clauses]	Dynamic verbs	o - <i>ḍapələ</i> 'fish (by poisoning)'	<i>ḍopələ</i> 'if...fish (by poisoning)'	
		o - <i>kanə</i> 'eat'	<i>kənə</i> 'if...eat'	
		o - <i>cəŋələ</i> 'see'	<i>cəŋələ</i> 'see'	
		o - <i>tovi</i> 'cry'	<i>tovi</i> 'if...cry'	
		m - <i>aavaʔi</i> 'come'	m - <i>aavaʔi</i> 'if...come'	
		om - <i>oa</i> 'go'	m - <i>oa</i> 'if...go'	
		om - <i>a a</i> 'take'	m - <i>a a</i> 'if...take'	
			<i>ʔitovo o</i> 'ask'	<i>ʔitovo o</i> 'if...ask'
	Stative verbs	ma - <i>aloho</i> 'grow up'	ma - <i>aloho</i> 'if...grow up'	
		ma - <i>ḍao</i> 'a lot, many'	ma - <i>ḍao</i> 'if...a lot, many'	
		ma - <i> oolai</i> 'be young (child)'	ma - <i> oolai</i> 'if...be young (child)'	
		ma - <i>savarə</i> 'be young (man)'	ma - <i>savarə</i> 'if...be young (man)'	
		ma - <i>va ova o</i> 'be young (woman)'	ma - <i>va ova o</i> 'if...be young (woman)'	

- (36) a. *olo ḍomanaə, mani ḍapələ-nai to-kaʔa-kaʔaŋə*
 when sometimes then Dyn.NFin:fish-1PE.Nom do-Red-fish
|oikii-kisi...
 Red-Dyn.Subj:fish
 'Sometimes, we (would) go fishing...'
- a'. *ḍonaʔi lo ḍopələ-nai ma|a oʔi kaʔaŋə...*
 that when Dyn.Subj:fish-1PE.Gen Dyn.Subj:take that fish
 'If we had been fishing and caught fish...'
- b. *om-a|a-lao to-ḍoʔa.*
 Dyn.Fin-take-1S.Nom do-two
 'I caught two.'
- b'. *cəla ʔi va|ava|aə lo m-a|a-nai*
 look outsider(s) when Dyn.Subj-take-1PE.Gen
siriri ka mati-|ihoʔo-ka-i
 Dyn.Subj:take as wife:Red well-Dyn.NFin:know-Neg-3S.Gen
m-iiʔa vaha-nai.
 Dyn.Subj-like language-1PE.Gen

‘Look at those outsiders; (even) if they inter-marry with the Mantauran, they do not understand our language very well.’

Table 13: Clausal nominals (3)

Morphological process	Types of verb	Verbal stem	Clausal nominal
<i>ni-V-a(ə)</i> [concessive clauses]	Dynamic verbs	o-kaoðo ‘there is/was not’	ni-kaoðo-a ‘even if...there is/was not’
		o-ðo o ‘can’	ni-ʔi-ðo o-a ‘even if... can’ ¹⁵
	Stative verbs	ka-(ma)mai ‘self’	ni-ka-mama -a ‘even if...self’

- (37) a. **o-kaoð-inamə** paiso.
Dyn.Fin-not exist-1PE.Obl money
‘We do/did not have money.’
- a'. **ni-kaoðo-a-ð-inamə** paiso, ka
CncNmz-Dyn.NFin:not exist-CncNmz-3S.Gen-1PE.Obl money
ma-koa-ka-i.
Stat.Fin-matter-Neg-3S.Gen
‘Even if we did not have any money, it did not matter.’
- b. **ni-ʔiðo|o-a-ða** matakataka ðonaʔi
CncNmz-Dyn.NFin:can-CncNmz-3S.Gen Stat.Red:elder sibling that
ʔavai **o-ðo|o-ka-ða** ʔi-ðaʔanə.
woman Dyn.Fin-can-Neg-3S.Gen at-home
‘Even eldest daughters could not stay in (their ancestral) home.’
- c. lo ma-taaðiʔi ðona ʔaolai,
if Dyn.Subj-good that male
ni-ka-ʔama|-a-ða
CncNmz-Stat.NFin-self-CncNmz-3S.Gen
ðona va|ova|o, o-ðo|o a-itina
that young woman Dyn.Fin-can plur-middle-aged woman
a-tamatama **kaamai** poa pa-ʔacakəlaə.
plur-middle-aged man self Dyn.Subj:make Caus-marry
‘If the boy was good/kind, the parents could have them marry, even if the girl disliked him.’

¹⁵ The meaning of the prefix *ʔi-* in this particular environment is still unclear.

3.5 Summary

In the foregoing subsections, I have outlined the different nominalization processes that have been uncovered in Mantaaran so far. This derivational process, which is very productive and fairly predictable, can be said to be unconstrained because:

- (i) loan words and compounds can undergo nominalization, cf. *kala-ʔaom-aə* ‘Japanese era/occupation’ and *ta-pa-ʔototalo-ə solatə* ‘schoolbag’;
- (ii) a verb can undergo different types of nominalization; e.g., action nominalization *kanə* ‘eating’, Subject(ive) nominalization *ta-kanə* ‘(who) eats/ate’, objective nominalization *a-kan-aə* ‘food’, locative nominalization *ta-kanəkan-aə* ‘restaurant’, instrumental nominalization *ʔa-kanə* ‘instrument used to eat; e.g., fork’, etc.;
- (iii) it is not blocked because of the existence of lexical items “already filling the ‘slot’ which the derived form” might occupy, as argued by Comrie and Thompson (1985:358), cf. *ʔa-pana* ‘arrow’ (< *o-pana* ‘shoot (with a bow)’) vs. *ʔaili* ‘arrow’.

Table 14 provides a recapitulation of these different processes.

Table 14: Types of nominalizations in Mantaaran Rukai

ACTION/STATE NOMINALS			
Action/state nominal	a-V	a-pasolatə	‘education’
		a-kaʔaaʔaa	‘flirt’
State nominal	V-aə	caʔəm-aə	‘disease’
Action nominal	V	kanə	‘eating’
	V _{Fin}	oðaacə(-ni)	‘(when) did (he)...?’
	V _{Subj}	ðoacə(-ni)	‘(when) will (he)...?’
ARGUMENT NOMINALIZATION			
Subject(ive)	ta-V	ta-ʔihoʔo	‘(who) knows’
		ta-karoðaqə	‘old people’
Objective	a-V-aə	a-kan-aə	‘food’
	V-aə	kasəkəʔ-aə	‘angered about’
Locative	ta-V-aə	ta-oa-ə	‘place where ...go’
		ta-kaəcəʔaŋ-aə	‘dirt’
Instrumental	ʔa-V	ʔa-osarisario	‘toy’
Manner		ʔa-kataaðiʔi	‘how good’
Result	ʔa-po-V	ʔa-po-timo	‘as a result of salting’
Temporal	kala-V-aə	kala-ðoðaʔol-aə	‘rainy season’
		kala-kaʔapaʔ-aə	‘summer’

CLAUSAL NOMINALIZATION				
Temporal (past)		a-V	a-iki	‘when...were’
			a-ka[oolai	‘when...a child’
Conditional, hypothetical		V_{Subj}	ðoaðaacə	‘(If)...walk’
			maravəɾəvəɾə(-ni)	‘(If)...happy’
Concessive		ni-V-aə	ni-kaodə-a	‘Even if there is not’
			ni-kamama[-a	‘Even if...self’
ABSTRACT NOUNS				
Locative	-human	ta-N-aə	ta-vəʔək-aə	‘pigpen’
		N-aə	acila[-aə	‘pound’
	+human	N-naə	ʔavai-naə	‘girl/bride’s family’
		Red-N	ao[oololai	‘place full of children’
Temporal		kala-N-aə	kala-paha[-aə	‘harvest season’
		N-naə	ðoma-naə	‘sometimes, when’

3.6 Phonologically and morphologically unpredictable instances

The aforementioned different morphological processes might trigger a number of morphophonological alternations, which, though they do not result from nominalization alone, are worth mentioning.

3.6.1 Alternation between *i* (y) ~ *ʔ*

Li (1973 and 1977b) showed that glides (among other types of consonants) might alternate with liquids as a result of suffixation in many Formosan languages. While I am not inclined anymore to recognize /y/ as a phoneme in Mantauran, it is true that the suffixation of *-a* (either in imperative constructions or derived nominals) triggers the alternation between *i* (y) and *ʔ*:

- (38) a. okəlai ‘hang’ ~ ta-kəkəkəla[-aə ‘hanger’
 b. olaŋai ‘buy’ ~ a-laŋa[-aə ‘merchandise’
 ta-laŋa[-aə ‘store’
 c. kamamai ‘(one)self’ ~ ni-kamama[-a ‘even if...(one)self’
 d. poacilai ‘water (flowers)’ ~ ta-poacila[-aə ‘paddy field’
 e. acilai ‘water’ ~ acila[-aə ‘pound’
 f. pahai ‘rice’ ~ kala-paha[-aə ‘harvest season (rice)’
 g. ʔaolai ‘male’ ~ ʔaola[-a-naə ‘groom’s family’

3.6.2 Epenthetic vowel *-a-*

An epenthetic vowel *-a-* is inserted in the following examples:

- (39) a. ʔaolai ‘male, man, boy’ ~ ʔaola_l-a-naə ‘groom’s family’
 vs. *ʔaolai-naə
 a’. ɔaʔanə ‘house’ ~ ɔaʔan-a-naə ‘household’
 vs. *ɔaʔanə-naə
 b. ʔavai ‘female, woman, girl’ ~ ʔavai-naə ‘bride’s family’
 vs. *ʔava_l-a-naə
 c. mənə ‘now, day’ ~ mən-a-naə ‘time’
 & mənə-naə ‘which day’

3.6.3 Suffixation of *-aə* vs. *-ə*

A phonological rule on the deletion of *-a* (< *-aə*) can be written as follows after the vowels /i, a, o/:

$$(40) \quad -aə \quad > \quad -ə \quad / \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} a _ \\ i _ \\ o _ \end{array} \right.$$

Examples are plentiful. Consider, for instance:

- (41) a. om-iki ‘exist, be at’ ~ a-iki-ə (-ʔo) ‘where are (you)?’
 and not *a-iki-aə (-ʔo)
 b. ʔaŋato ‘brushwood’ ~ ta-ʔaŋato-ə ‘woodshed’
 and not *ta-ʔaŋato-aə
 c. om-oa ‘go’ ~ ta-oa-ə ‘place where (one) goes...’
 and not *ta-oa-aə

There are, however, counterexamples to this rule, which thus far remain unaccounted for:

- (42) om-iki ‘exist, be at’ ~ kiki-aə ‘space’ vs. *kiki-ə
 ~ ta-iki-aə ‘room’
 but ta-iki-ə ‘the place where...is’
 and to-ta-ikiki-ə ‘build a room/ bed’ (lit: build a place to stay...)

3.6.4 “Glottal-hopping”

I use the term “glottal-hopping” to refer to the displacement of the glottal stop in word-initial (42) or word-final position (43):

- (43) o-ʔosario ‘play’ ~ ʔa-osarisario ‘toy’
and not: *ʔa-ʔosarisario
- (44) a. o-ʔihoʔo ‘know’ ~ ki-ʔihoʔaʔə-nai ‘...that we (did) not know (about)’
and not: *ki-ʔihoʔaʔə-nai
- b. ma-taaðiʔi ‘good’ ~ kataaðiʔə ‘advantage’
and not: *kataaðiʔaʔə
- c. piʔa ‘do’ ~ tapapiaʔə ‘way, custom’
and not: *tapapiʔaʔə

3.6.5 Reduplication

In certain nominalization patterns (e.g., locative and instrumental nominals derived lexically), reduplication is compulsory—compare, for instance, (45a-a’); but not if a nominal is syntactically derived (see sec. 4). However, the contrast between (45b-b’) still needs to be accounted for:

- (45) a. ta-ʔosario ‘player’ vs. ta-ʔosari-sario ‘players’
a’. *ʔaosario ‘toy’ vs. ʔaosarisario ‘toy(s)’
b. acilaʔə ‘pound’ & acilacilaʔə ‘pound’
b’. *ðakəralaə ‘river bank’ vs. ðakərakəralaə ‘river bank’

4. Related issues

The morphological resemblance between (finite) verbs and derived nominals has been recognized by many scholars (e.g., Starosta et al. 1982, Ferrell 1982, Cauquelin 1991a-b, Ross 1995, among others) and has led to a questioning of the nominal nature of what apparently seem to be verbal sentences (Haudricourt 1979). The Rukai dialects differ from the other Formosan languages in their verbal morphology, in that they primarily distinguish two voices, active vs. passive. In Mantauran, the distinction between a verb and its nominal counterpart is, to some extent, easy to establish because verbal prefixes and verbalizers are quite different in shape from nominalizers. In cases where ambiguity arises, e.g., bare roots might be either be treated as non-finite verb forms or nouns, the categorial nature of a word must be determined through its syntactic

- (i) The occurrence of a genitive pronoun after syntactically derived nominals is obligatory, optional with lexically derived nominals.

- (47) a. Lexically derived nominal
 toʔa-cakar-iðə valəvalə ðona
 use for-Dyn.NFin:tie-3S.Obl bamboo that
ta-iki-ki-aə ʔapəcə.
 LocNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:be at-LocNmz Dyn.Subj:sleep
 ‘(Strings of) bamboo were fixed together to form the (upper) place where
 (men) slept.’
- b. Syntactically derived nominal
 ðonaʔi pato[ʔə] ta-piki-ki-ə-nai
 that chest LocNmz-Dyn.NFin:put-Red-LocNmz-1PE.Nom
 mo[ʔə] o-piki-mao ʔi sororo
 belongings Dyn.Fin-put-Imprs.Nom stone bed
ta-iki-ki-aə*(-mao) ʔapəcə.
 LocNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:be at-LocNmz-Imprs.Gen sleep
 ‘We (would) place the chest where we put away our clothes on the stone
 bed where we slept.’

- (ii) Syntactically derived nominals may occur with aspectual suffixes; lexically derived nominals do not.

- (48) a. onaʔi a-iki-na-nai ʔoponoho...
 that ClsNmz-Dyn.NFin:be at-still-1PE.Gen place name
 ‘When we still were in the old village...’
- b. onaʔi a-kaavaʔi-ŋa-ða ʔaomo...
 that ClsNmz-Dyn.NFin:come-already-3S.Gen Japanese
 ‘After the Japanese came...’ ~ ‘When the Japanese had come...’

- (iii) Syntactically derived nominals may be negated; lexically derived nominals cannot.

- (49) ðona ta-ka-kociŋai caʔəm-aə
 that SubjNmz-Stat.NFin-serious sick-StatNmz
ki-lihoaʔ-ə-nai
 Neg-Dyn.NFin:know-ObjNmz-1PE.Gen
ki-ðo[ə]-ə-nai, mani patoʔo-na-inə
 Neg-Dyn.NFin:know-ObjNmz-1PE.Gen then tell-1PE.Nom-3S.Obl
 caraʔə-nai.
 chief-1PE.Gen
 ‘If the disease was (more) serious and we did not know how to (treat the
 patient), we (would) tell the (doctor-in) chief.’

- (52) *ðona lo maka-to-taʔonaə-ŋa-mao o-po-iðə*
 that when finish-build-hut-already-Imprs.Gen Dyn.Fin-make-3S.Obl
to-[ta-iki-ki-ə] ʔapəcə..., mani
 build-LocNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:be at-LocNmz Dyn.Subj:sleep then
poa-mao to-[ta-paləŋ-aə].
 Dyn.NFin:make-Imprs.Nom build-LocNmz-cooking pot-LocNmz
 ‘When we had finished the construction of the hut, we (would) make a bed ...
 and we (would) build a cooking stove (with stones).’

(vii) Lexically derived locative and instrumental nominals usually undergo reduplication; syntactically derived nominals do not.

- (53) a. *lo moromoro-mao, o-kaoðo*
 when Dyn.Subj:rinse-Imprs.Gen Dyn.Fin-Neg
*ʔa-moro-moromoro/?*ʔa-moromoro.*
 InstNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:rinse/InstNmz-Dyn.NFin:rinse
 ‘If we (wanted to) clean our teeth, there was no toothpaste/toothbrush.’
- b. *araʔəvə lo ma-raðiʔi-ŋ-iðə ðonaʔi*
 but when Stat:Subj:heal-already-3S.Obl that
ta-cikip-aə-n-iðə/
 LocNmz-Dyn.NFin:sew-LocNmz-3S.Gen-3S.Obl/
**?ta-cikikip-aə-n-iðə*
 LocNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:sew-LocNmz-3S.Gen-3S.Obl
om-aʃa-ŋa-nai ʔinikakamamai ʔo-cikipi.
 Dyn.Fin-take-already-1PE.Nom self take off-Dyn.NFin:sew
 ‘When the wound had healed and (we had to) take off the stitches, then
 we could do it by ourselves.’

Subject(ive) nominals function like other syntactically derived nominals in that they retain the aforementioned verbal properties (54), but their impossible co-occurrence with genitive pronouns (55) remains, at this stage, to be accounted for.

- (54) a. *olo pasolatə-ð-inamə ‘aaŋa-i ta-(a)mo-[i]hoʔo?’*
 if teach-3S.Gen-1PE.Obl who-3S.Gen SubjNmz-will-Dyn.NFin:know?
lo mia-ðə.
 if Dyn.Subj:say-3S.Gen
 ‘When we were at school, we would sometimes take exams.’
 (Lit: When they taught us, they would say: “Who will know?”)

- b. onaʔi a-oʔolai la onaʔi ta-a-ʔacakolao-ŋa
 that plur-child and that SubjNmz-plur-married-already
 ta-ka-a-roðarə oðoʔo-nai ʔikariði
 SubjNmz-Stat-plur-old can-1PE.Nom wear:fur jacket
 ‘Children, already married (women) and old people could wear fur jacket.’
- c. ðona ta-ki-kanə vaʔoro, o-ðoʔo-ka-i ka
 that SubjNmz-Neg-Dyn:NFin:eat rice Dyn.Fin-can-Neg-3S.Gen
 molataðə ʔolilio.
 outside Dyn.Subj:play
 ‘Those who have not eaten cannot go outside to play.’
- d. lo ʔi-raʔopo-ða ʔa-pakaʔətə-ʔətə mani
 when Pass-inject-3S.Gen InstNmz-Red-Dyn.NFin:kill then
 ʔi-vorovoro-ða, o-ðoʔo-ka-nai ka ʔinikakamamai
 Pass-operate-3S.Gen Dyn.Fin-can-Neg-1PE.Gen self
 piʔa, onaʔi ta-patoʔotoʔ-inamə ta-piʔa.
 do that SubjNmz-Red:tell-1PE.Obl SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:do
 ‘If we had to give (the patient) an anaesthesia and operate, then we could not do it by ourselves.’
- (55) a. ana latəŋə ʔa ta-ʔəðəkə*(-ni) taotao.
 that vegetable Top SubjNmz-Dyn.NFin:plant-3S.Gen Taotao
 ‘Those vegetables, it is Taotao who planted (them).’
 (Lit: Those vegetables, Taotao is the one who planted them)
- b. ana latəŋə ʔa ʔəðəkə*(-ni) taotao.
 that vegetable Top ActNmz:Dyn.NFin:plant-3S.Gen Taotao
 ‘Those vegetables, it is Taotao who planted (them).’
 (Lit: Those vegetables, (they are) Taotato’s planting)

Below a panorama of all the types of constructions that trigger (syntactic) nominalization in Mantaauran—wh-questions (56), subordinate (57), pseudo-cleft (58), and relative clauses (59), as well as negative existential (60) and imperative (61) sentences—is offerered, that shows that there seems to be no distinction whatsoever between syntactic nominalization and relativization in Mantaauran.

- (56) a. aaŋa-i ta-ʔokoloð-imiaʔəʔ
 who-3S.Gen SubjNmz-afraid-2S.Obl
 ‘Who is afraid of you?’

- b. *akaoðo ka tonotoaʔ-ə kipiji.*
 not exist short-ObjNmz clothes
 ‘[At that time] there weren't short clothes.’
- (61) a. *a-kan-aə-ʔo!*
 ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:eat-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 ‘Don’t eat!’
- b. *a-ʔoŋol-aə-ʔo!*
 ObjNmz-Dyn.NFin:drink-ObjNmz-2S.Gen
 ‘Don’t drink!’

5. Conclusion

This paper represents a preliminary study of nominalization in Mantaaran, but I hope to have shown that this very regular and productive process poses empirical and theoretical problems in this dialect/language worth studying in even greater detail.

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魯凱語萬山方言名物化結構探究

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本篇論文主要以大量的長篇語料為依據來探討魯凱語萬山方言名物化結構。文中所使用的構詞及句法的證明是用來進一步識別派生名詞與動詞以及區分發生在詞彙及句法兩個層面的名物化結構。再者，本篇論文試圖證明，魯凱語萬山方言中名物化與關係子句的相似性。

關鍵詞：名物化，魯凱語，萬山方言，詞彙名物化結構，句法名物化結構，關係子句