Human Noun Pluralization in Northern Luzon Languages

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This paper describes some of the derivational processes by which human nouns are pluralized in some of the Northern Luzon, or Cordilleran, languages of the Philippines. Although primarily descriptive, it offers intriguing insights into the ways reduplicative processes have changed as a result of the application of regular sound changes in some of the daughter languages of the family.

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