

The voiced linguolabial plosive in Kajoko (Guinea-Bissau)

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In this paper we document a voiced linguolabial plosive in Kajoko (Guinea-Bissau), in which the front part of the tongue blade makes contact with the inner surface of the upper lip. The Articulator Model predicts the sound should be classified as a coronal, yet it functions as a labial in Kajoko. It replaces /b/ in the consonant system, and it contrasts with the other labial phonemes and /d/. Sound correspondences with /b/ in Bubaque demonstrate that the linguolabial plosive derived historically from *b. In addition, Crioulo /b/ is borrowed into Kajoko as the linguolabial plosive.