Record Nr. UNINA9910416121003321 Autore Barlow Russell Titolo A sketch grammar of Pondi / / Russell Barlow Acton, Australian Capital Territory:,: Australian National University Pubbl/distr/stampa Press, , [2020] ©2020 **ISBN** 1-76046-384-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xiv, 292 pages): illustrations, maps Collana Asia Pacific linguistics Disciplina 499.12 Soggetti Papuan languages East Sepik Province (Papua New Guinea) Languages Grammar Papua New Guinea Languages Grammar Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction -- 2. Phonetics and phonology -- 3. Nominal morphology (number) -- 4. Verbal morphology -- 5. Other word classes -- 6. Phrase-level syntax -- 7. Clause-level syntax -- 8. The syntax of sentences -- 9. Lexicon. Sommario/riassunto This book provides the first grammatical description of Pondi, a severely endangered language spoken by fewer than 300 people, almost all of whom live in a single village in the East Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea. Pondi is a non-Austronesian (i.e. Papuan) language, belonging to the Ulmapo branch of the Keram family. A Sketch Grammar of Pondi includes ethnographic information, with ample discussion of language vitality and endangerment. The grammatical description begins with phonetics and phonology, before turning to major and minor word classes. The description of nominal morphology focuses especially on Pondi's irregular number affixation and stem alternation, while the description of verbal morphology is largely concerned with aspect and mood suffixation. Syntax is discussed both at the level of the phrase and at the level of the clause. Topics in syntax, such as questions, commands, negation and conditionals are

discussed. Following the grammatical description, there is a lexicon of over 600 Pondi words, presented both as a Pondi-to-English word list