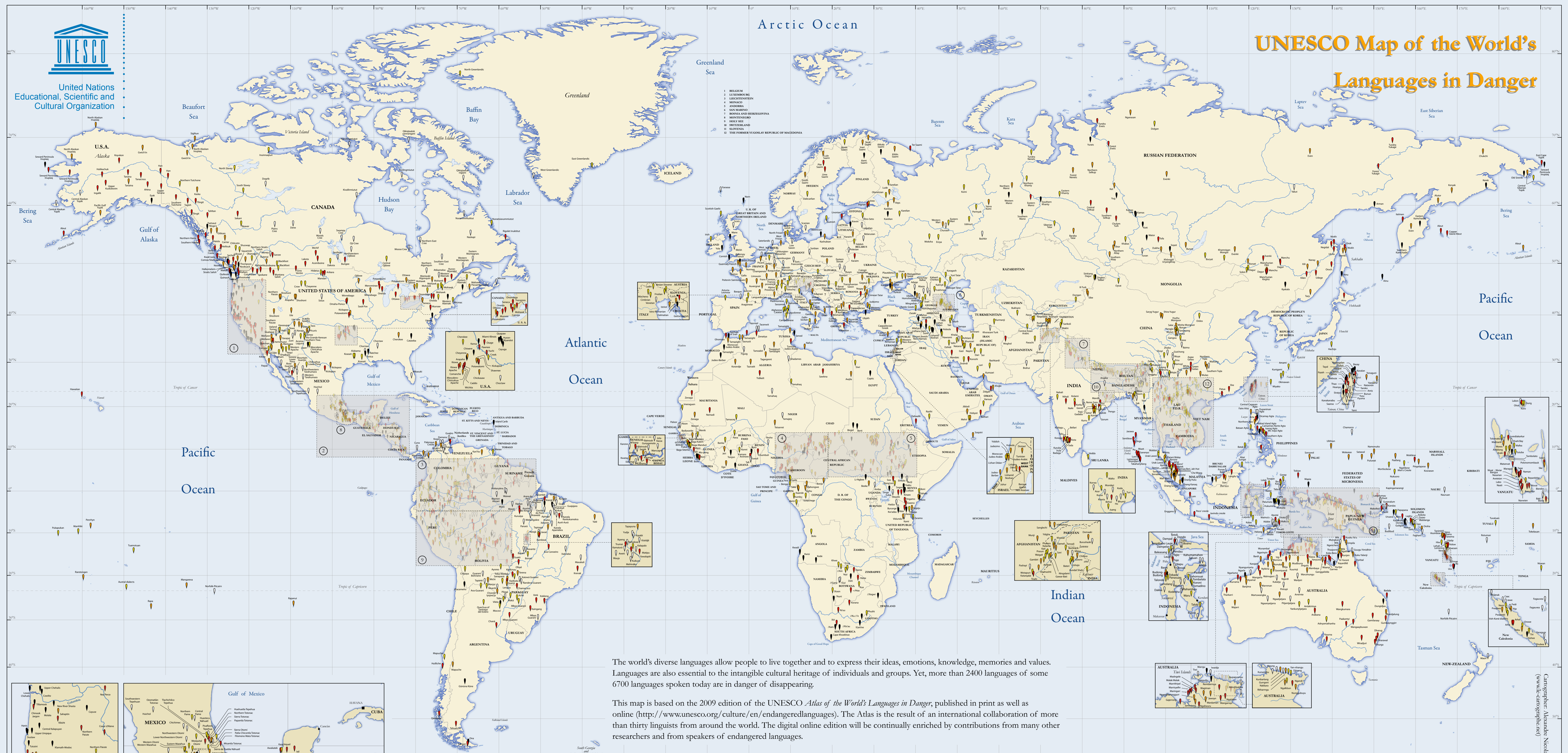


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# UNESCO Map of the World's Languages in Danger



The world's diverse languages allow people to live together and to express their ideas, emotions, knowledge, memories and values. Languages are also essential to the intangible cultural heritage of individuals and groups. Yet, more than 2400 languages of some 6700 languages spoken today are in danger of disappearing.

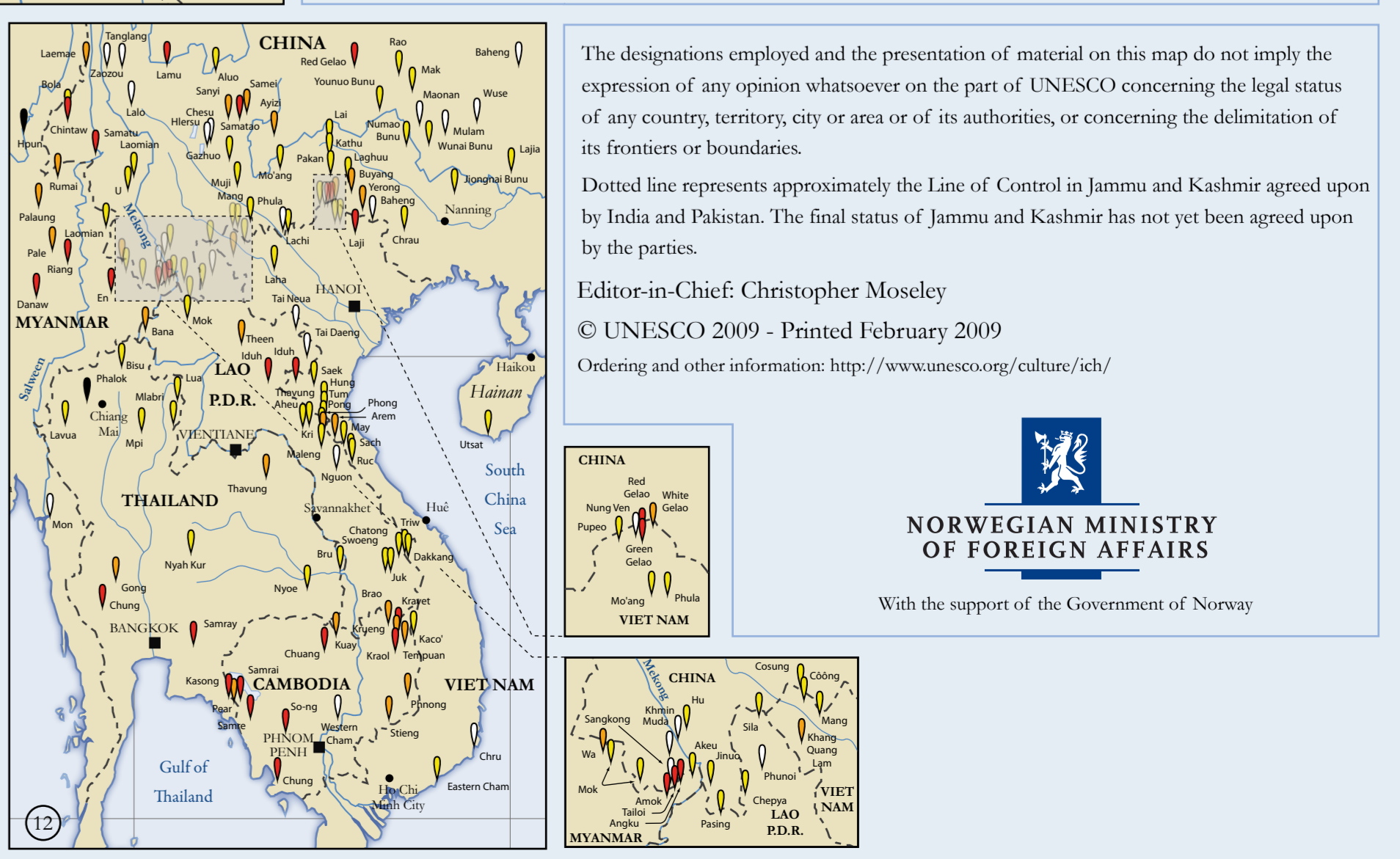
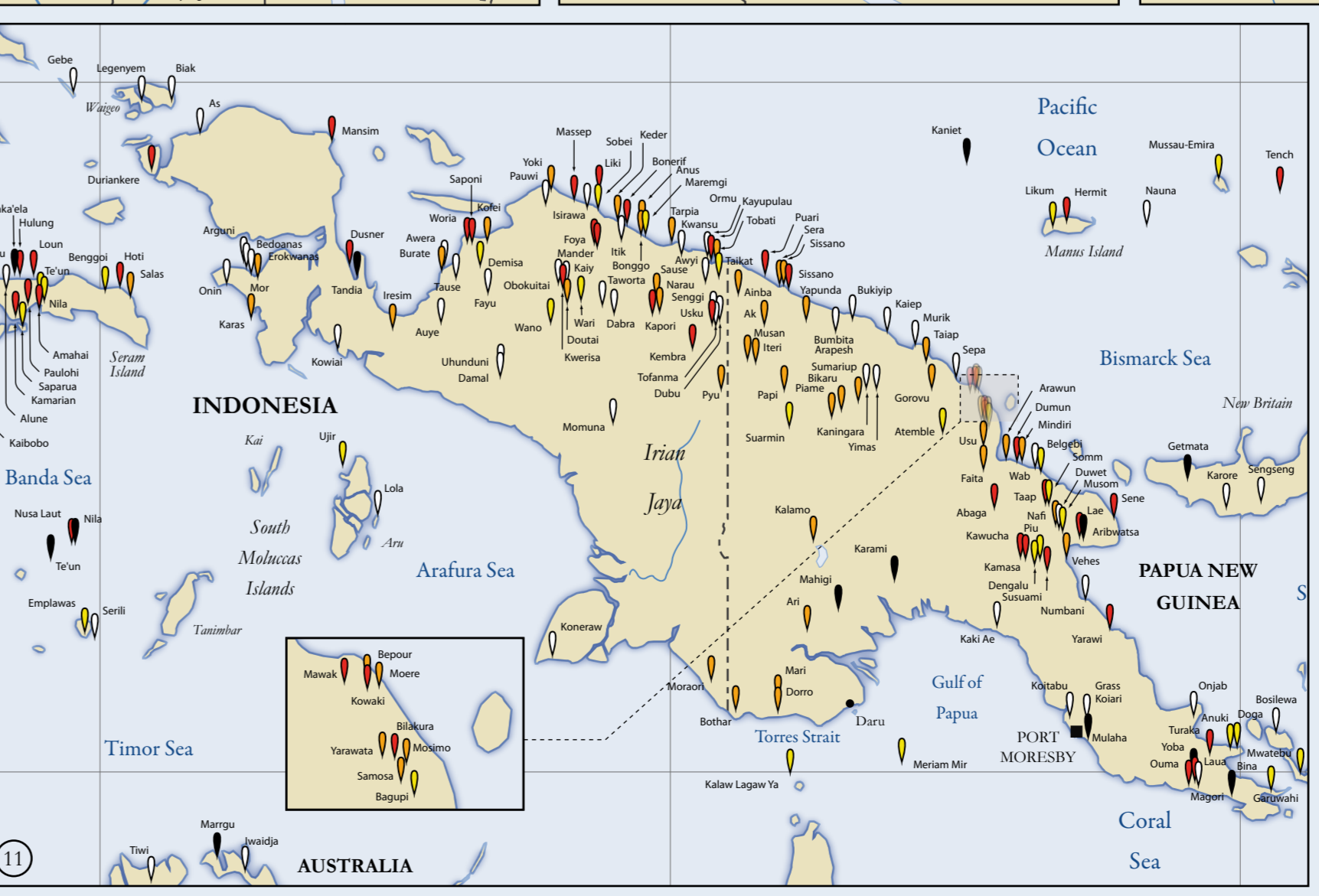
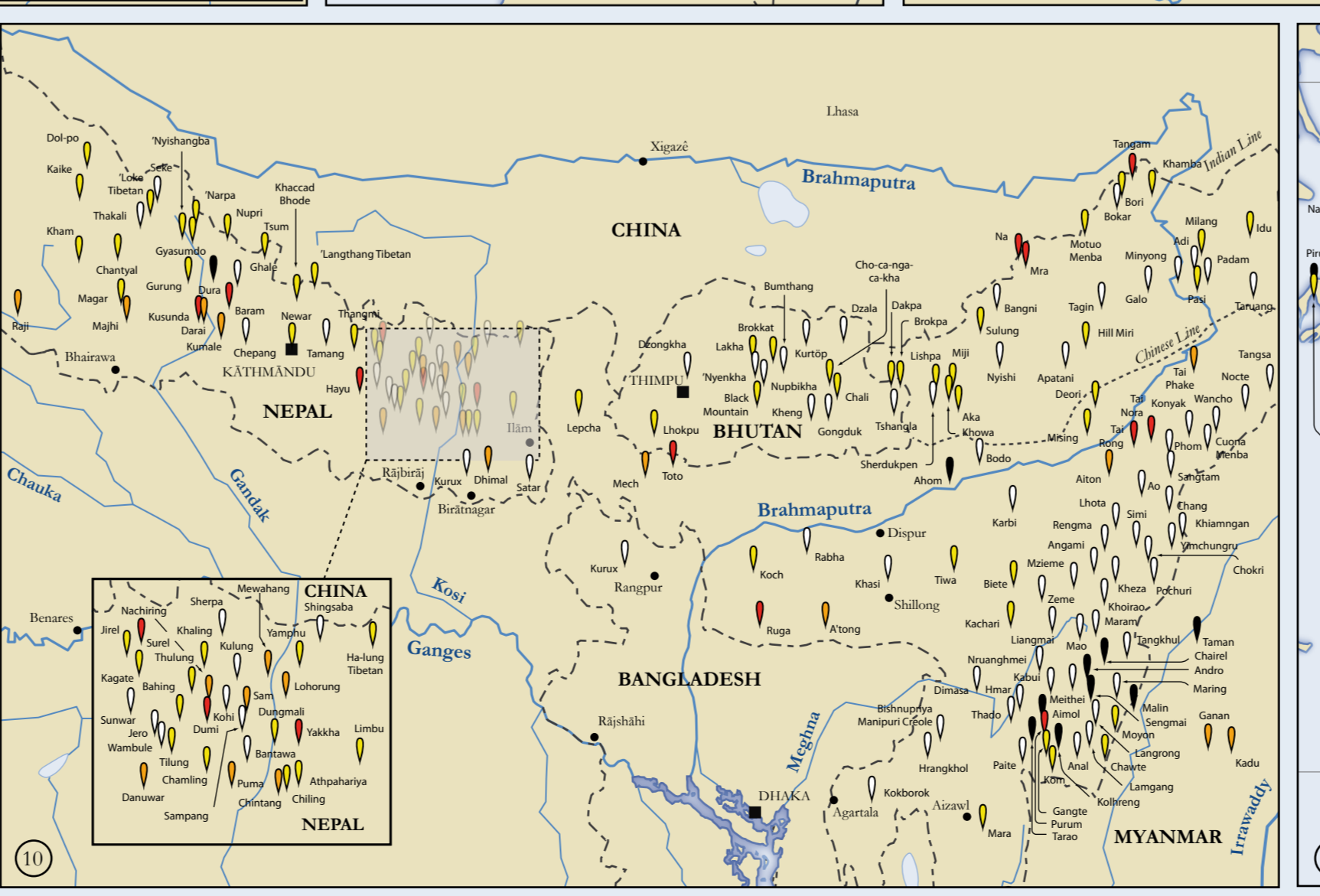
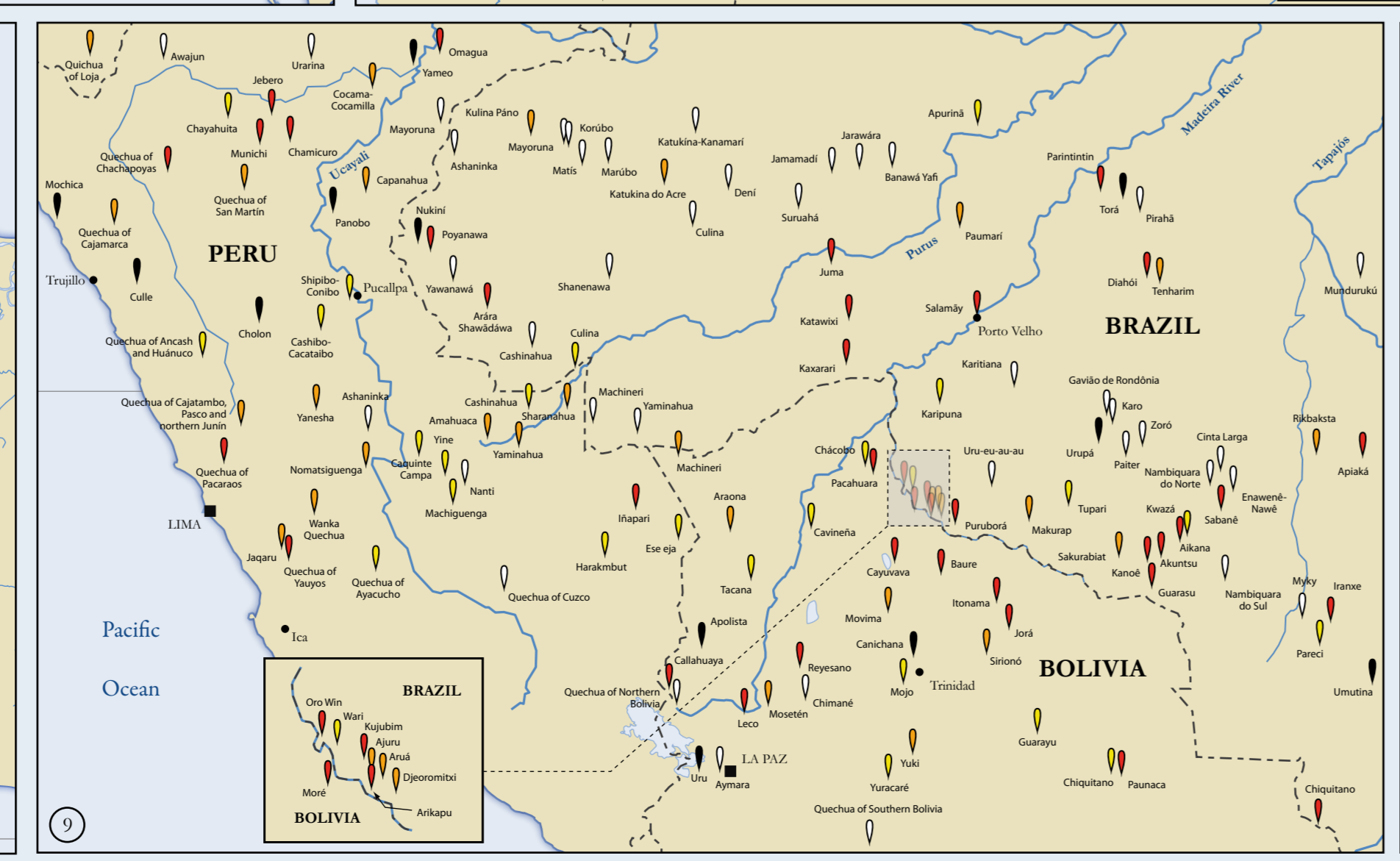
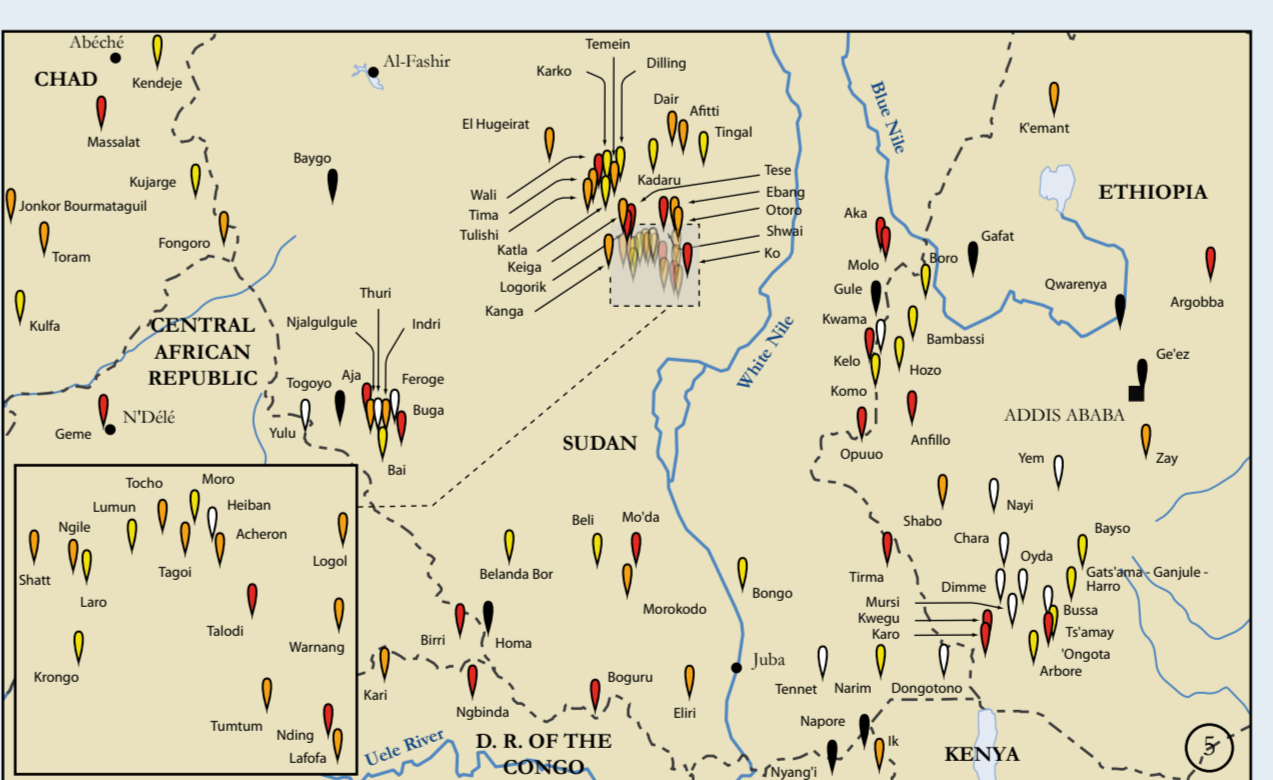
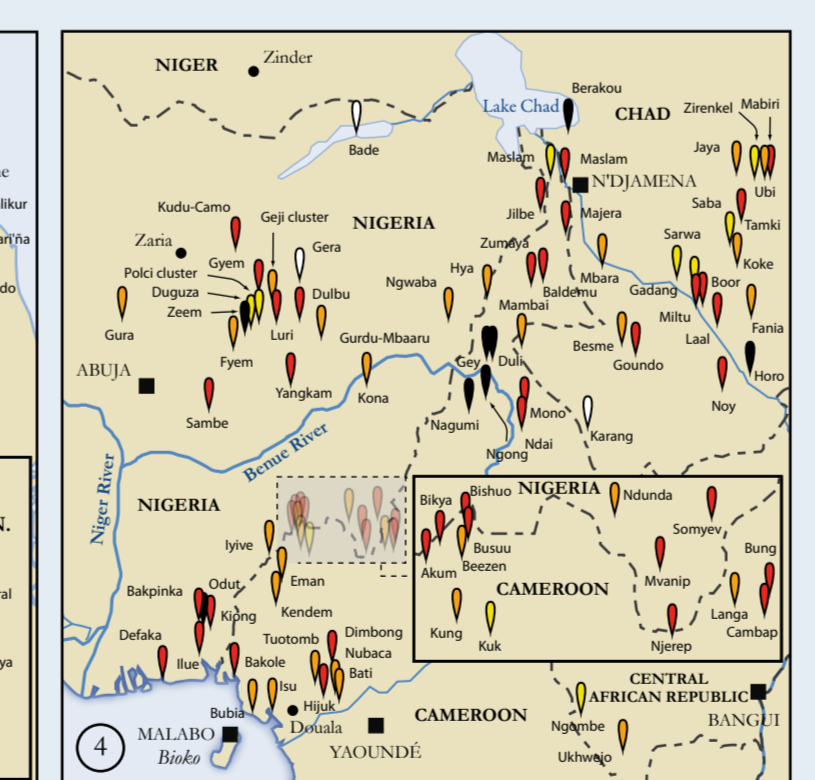
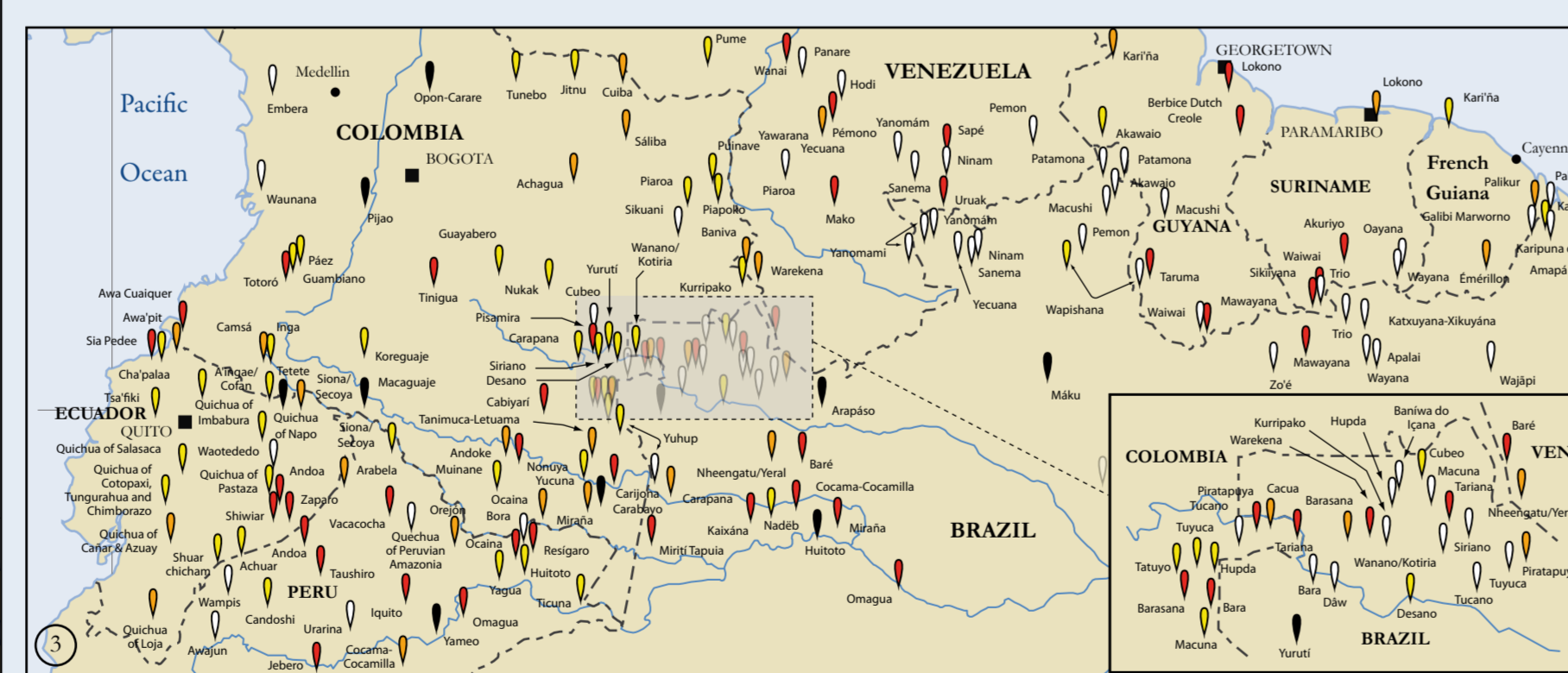
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### Language Endangerment



No single factor can be used alone to assess a language's vitality, but UNESCO experts have identified nine that should be considered together (see the "Language Vitality and Endangerment" report of the UNESCO *Ad Hoc* Expert Group on Endangered Languages, 2003, available online). Contributors followed the methodology presented in that report to assess the vitality of the languages displayed here.

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