

Chronologies of the Yaa-Naas of Dagbon

The sources of these dated chronologies of Yaa-Naas' reigns are: Brigitta Benzing, *Die Geschichte und das Herrschaftssystem der Dagomba* (Meisenheim am Glan: Verlag Anton Hain, 1971); and Phyllis Ferguson, *Islamization in Dagbon: A Study of the Alfanema of Yendi* (Ph.D. dissertation, University of Cambridge, 1972). The chronologies employ approximate dates based on "distributive" systems that work by assuming an average length of reign (15 years) and also by projecting backwards from "fixed" dates based on comparative historical data. The estimates of average reign are probably low, and the earlier dates could thus possibly be pushed back a bit further. Neither Benzing nor Ferguson lists the chiefs before Zipopora. Asterisks indicate "fixed" points in Ferguson's chronology.

	Benzing	Ferguson
Zipopora	1409-24	
Kumtili	1424-39	
Gbewaa	1439-44	
3irli	1444-59	
Shitɔbu	1459-74	
Nyaysi	1474-89	
Zulandi	1489-1504	
Nayalɔɣu	-----	
Dalgudamda (Daturli)	1504-19	
Briguyomda	1519-34	
Zɔlgu	1534-49	
Zɔmbila (Zunzoŋ)	1549-64	
Niŋmitooni	1564-79	
Dimani	1579-94	
Yenzoo	1594-1609	
Dariɛɣu	1609-24	
Luro	1624-39	-1660*
Tutuyri	1639-54	1660-69
Zayli	1654-69	1669-83
Zokuli	1669-84	1683-94
Gungobli	1684-99	1694-1700
Zanjina	1699-1714	1700-14*
Andani Siyli	1714-29	1714-28
Jinli Bimbiɣu	1729-44	1728-33
Garba	1744-59	1733-72*
Saa Ziblim	1759-74	1772-78
Ziblim Bandamda	1774-89	1778-97
Andani Jɛngbarga	1789-1804	1797-1802
Mahami	1804-19	1802-20*
Ziblim Kulunku	1819-34	1820-27*
Simaani Zoli	1834-49	1827-32*
Yakuba	1849-64	1832-64*
Abilaaɪ Naybiɣu	1864-79	1864-76*
Andani Naanigoo	1879-99	1876-99*
Alaasani	1899-1917	1900-1917*
Abudu Setɔŋ' Kuyli	1917-29	1917-38*
Mahama Kpɛma	1929-48	1938-48*
Mahama Bila	1948-54	1948-53*
Abilabila	1954-67	1953-67*
[Mionlana Andani: disputed]		1967-69
Mohammadu	1969-*	1969-74, (1986)
[Yakubu: disputed]	1974-	