

Chronologies of Dagbamba Chiefs

The sources of these dated chronologies 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 possibly be pushed back a bit further, based on chronologies of the founding of the Tenkodogo Mossi. See Elliott P. Skinner, *The Mossi of the Upper Volta: The Political Development of a Sudanese People* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1964), pp. 7-8, pp. 205-06 notes 13-14. Neither Benzing nor Ferguson lists chiefs before Zipopora. Asterisks indicate “fixed” points in Ferguson's chronology.

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Tɔhizɛɛ		
ʒinaani (Nimbu)		
Yɔɔyɔ Sɔɔɓieri		
ŋmɛrgili		
Namʒishɛli		
Kpɔɔyunimbu		
Yɛnuunsi		
Tuhusaa		
ʒipopora	1409-24	
Kumtili	1424-39	
Gbewaa	1439-44	
ʒirli	1444-59	
Shitɔbu	1459-74	
Nyaɔsi	1474-89	
Zulandi	1489-1504	
Nayaɔɔyɔ	-----	
Dalgudamda (Daturli)	1504-19	
Briguyomda	1519-34	
Zɔlgɔ	1534-49	
Zɔmbila (Zunzɔŋ)	1549-64	
Niŋmitooni	1564-79	
Dimani	1579-94	
Yenzoo	1594-1609	
Dariʒɛyɔ	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 Bimbieyɔ	1729-44	1728-33
Garba	1744-59	1733-72*
Saa Ziblim	1759-74	1772-78
Ziblim Bandamda	1774-89	1778-97
Andani Jɛŋgbarga	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*
Abilaai Naybieyɔ	1864-79	1864-76*
Andani Naanigoo	1879-99	1876-99*
Alaasani	1899-1917	1900-17*
Abudu Setan' Kuyli	1917-29	1917-38*
Mahaman Kpɛma	1929-48	1938-48*
Mahamam Bila	1948-54	1948-53*
Abilabila	1954-67	1953-67*
[Mionlana Andani]		1967-69
Mahamadu	1969-*	1969-74
[Yakubu]	1974-	