

Revitalization, Maintenance, and Cultivation (RMC) of *Surigaonon* Language: A Grounded Theory

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Abstract: *The study aimed to explore the views and perspectives among speech communities in the province of Surigao del Norte on Surigaonon as the LI. Moreover, this paper looked into how the native speakers use of Surigaonon across social varied contexts, their benefits in the maintaining the language use in any transaction including their awareness of language loss or death, cultural and political affairs that promote the maintenance and cultivation of language, and the language curricula of the basic education. The study employed a purposive sampling as it chose participants to be interviewed employing a set of open-ended questions within a given time duration by which an informed consent was asked before the interview was initiated. A recorded audio was also made to support necessary concepts and themes established. As supported through the studies and literatures reviewed a theory “language revitalization, maintenance, and cultivation is successfully achieved when native speakers value the language as a personal identity; the academe and NGOs sustainably collaborate coupled with a strong political will of local governments in imposing language use through ordinances, pro-active programs and activities*

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