

(3) Peleka ma-jembe **kwa** shamba
 Take 6-hoe PREP 5.field
 'Take the hoes to the field'

(4) Ku-na maji m-engi **kwa** mto.
 SM15-have 6.water 6-many PREP 3.river
 'There is a lot of water in the river.'

(Gibson et al 2021)

This talk provides insights into processes of contact and change, and variation across Bantu languages more broadly.

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