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### ON *-ON//ONA* SUFFIXES IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF MEGRELIA

Suffixes *-on//ona* represent phonetic varieties of Zan suffix *-an*, whose primary function is to express collectiveness. It is interesting that apart from the collectiveness, the *-on//ona* suffixes can have the meaning of *a possessor, owner*. In Megrelia, although quite rarely, there are place names derived from the names of their possessors in the past, the roots of which were derived from family names, which in their part had been formed from common names.