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OF TAOAN DIALECT

The idiom of the Taoan Georgians is interesting both in terms of grammar and vocabulary. Due to the solid influence from the Turkish language, the vocabulary of the Taoan dialect faces certain modifications. Nevertheless, so far, Georgian words and expressions (the recording and study of which is worthwhile) have been preserved quite well in the Georgian-speaking villages of Tao. We recorded the research materials during our dialectology expeditions in the villages of Parkhlistskali gorge during 2006-2018.

A part of the analyzed word forms is used in other dialects as well, while another part seems unique to the Taoan idiom. For example, **tavdǵami** „downwards, upside down”; **tavšhami** „direct up, upwards”; **mismidam** „on one’s own, independently”; **mrehi** „grey”; **naħoħi** „grass plucked with a hand in the forest”; **taḳvala** „left”; **ĉeḳali/ĉaḳali** „blue/dark blue eyes”, etc.