

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusions

This study focused on the maintenance of Mandailingnese language in Tanjungbalai. It was aimed to gain the types, ways, and reasons to support Mandailingnese language maintenance in Tanjungbalai. Based on the analysis, the conclusions are:

- (1) There are four types of language maintenance of Mandailingnese language in Tanjungbalai, they are low maintenance, medium maintenance, strong maintenance and extreme maintenance.
- (2) The process of language maintenance that conducted by Mandailingnese people in Tanjungbalai were not all of processes from the theory occurred in the field, there are eight ways in maintaining the language in the theory, but in this study, there are two ways found to maintain the language. They are join the community, teach the language to younger sister/brother.
- (3) The reasons of Mandailingnese people maintain their language were not all of reasons from the theory in line with theory. This study found four reasons why they maintain their language in the way they do. There are two new findings from this study. They are to tell certain issue, to creat closer relationship. Mandailingnese language is the national culture of Indonesia that should be perserved.

5.2 Suggestions

In relation the conclusions, there are several suggestions that are needed to be shared some elements:

- (1) It is suggested to Mandailingnese people to use Mandailingnese language in their daily communication. They have to use Mandailingnese language in all domains in order to their language will be perserved.
- (2) The Mandailingnese parents especially should practice more their vernacular language with their children because the children will learn the language from their parents and the children can practice it in their daily communication.
- (3) The local community, non-government organization, or local government in Tanjungbalai is more respecting elders' knowledge can be especially addressed to mothers and female elders in Tanjungbalai. When the old generations who understand the indigenous language die, a lot of knowledge of the language is also gone and support the linguists and Mandailingnese people that interest toward Mandailingnese language in producing the dictionary of Mandailingnese language. By doing this way, Mandailingnese language will have the documentation of their language and it is not just oral language.