



The first person to have mentioned the existence of a Proto-Philippine language was Mathew Charles, in his paper *Problems in the reconstruction of Proto-Philippine phonology and the subgrouping of the Philippine languages* (1974) [\(NOTE TO APRIL: summary of the paper here, one sentence\)](#)

Lawrence Reid<sup>1</sup> further wrote about Proto-Philippines in his 1982 work, *The Demise of Proto-Philippines*. [\(NOTE TO APRIL: summary of the paper here, one sentence\)](#)

R. David Zorc, in his 1986 work, *The genetic relationships of Philippine languages*, [\(NOTE TO APRIL: summary of the paper here, one sentence\)](#)

In 2019, Robert Blust wrote *The Resurrection of Proto-Philippines*. [\(NOTE TO APRIL: summary of the paper here, one sentence\)](#). Zorc wrote a positive review of this publication entitled *Reactions to Blust's "The Resurrection of Proto-Philippines"*, which appeared in the 59<sup>th</sup> issue of *Oceanic Linguistics*.

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<sup>1</sup> In a personal communication with Dr. Lawrence Reid (2021.11.23), he had mentioned that he does not believe in a Proto-Philippines any more.