ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

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Tentative assignment of new identifier : rnl (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Ranglong
   
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:

   c) Alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Ronglong

   d) Reason for preferred name:

   e) Name of ethnic group or description of people who use this language and approximate population of users, if in use today:
      spoken by 7,000 Ranglong, one of the "Zo" or "Mizo" tribes

   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: rnl

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. Language identifiers are not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION
   a) Is this a
      ☒ Living language
      ☐ Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
      ☐ Recently extinct language
      ☐ Historical language

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Ancient language

Artificially constructed language

(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/types.asp)

b) Countries where used:
   India

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used:
   Tripura [Joitang village and others]; Mizoram [3 villages in the northwest bordering Tripura and Cachar]; Assam

d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user’s death

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

   a) This language is: □ Signed   □ Spoken   □ Attested only in writings

   b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
      Sino-Tibetan, Tibeto-Burman, Kuki-Chin-Naga, Kuki-Chin, Northern

   c) Closest language linguistically. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
      Falam Chin, probably

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

   a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:

   b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
      unknown

   c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
      unknown
5. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):

Please return this form to:
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An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:
If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers: