ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

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Associated Change request number : 2006-029   (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : thn   (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

    a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
       Thachanadan

    b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:

    c) Alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
       Moopan, Thacchanadens, Thachanad Muppans

    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 about 3,000 Thachanadan people in Kerala

    f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available:

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
- ☐ Ancient language
- ☐ Artificially constructed language

(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/types.asp)

b) Countries where used:
India

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used:
Kerala [Wayanad district - Kalpetta, Meppadi, Muttil and Ambalavayal panchayats, Malappuram district - Nilambur area]

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:
Dravidian, Southern

c) Closest language linguistically. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Closest major language is Malayalam - 60-64% LXS; also similar to Kurumba, Mullu (66-72%)

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
none known

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?:
no

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
used in home and village domains by most. Neutral attitude toward mother tongue. Young people tend to prefer Malayalam but complete language shift not expected in the immediate future.

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:
    [See associated change request]

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

Please return this form to:

ISO 639-3 Registrar
SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75236 USA
ISO 639-3/RA web site: http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/default.asp
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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:

Gordon, Raymond G., Jr. (ed.), 2005. Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Fifteenth edition. Dallas, Tex.: SIL International. Online version: http://www.ethnologue.com/ .

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