ISO 639-3 Registration Authority
Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

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Associated Change request number : 2006-065   (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : xzp   (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

    a)   Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
        Ancient Zapotec

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

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

    d)   Reason for preferred name:
        Most common amongst scholars

    e)   Name of ethnic group or description of people who use this language and approximate population of users, if in use today:

    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/iso639-3/types.asp)

b) Countries where used:

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used:

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:
OMGB

c) Closest language linguistically. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Zapotec Languages

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?:

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:

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):
    Urcid, Javier. 2001 Zapotec Hieroglyphic Writing. Studies in Pre-Columbian Art and Archaeology, no. 34 Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington D.C.

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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/ .

LinguistList. Ancient and Extinct Languages. http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html

LinguistList. Constructed Languages. http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html