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

This form is to be used in conjunction with a “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code” form

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Use Shift-Enter to insert a new line in a form field (where allowed).

1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Tecpatlán Totonac

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

   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:

   d) Reason for preferred name:
      Corresponds to the name of the principal community in which this variety of Totonac is spoken

   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language:
      The group refer to themselves as Totonacos; according to INEGI (Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática), there are approximately 600 people living in Tecpatlán, 540 of whom identify themselves as speakers of an indigenous language. All live in households headed by speakers of an indigenous language; however, this community is bilingual in Nahuatl, so many of the individuals identified as speakers of an indigenous language may be primary Nahuatl speakers.

   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:
      Mexico

   c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used:
      In the village of Tecpatlán and possibly in two smaller communities to the north and west
      living in the valley of a (to my knowledge) unnamed tributary of the Necaxa River in the
      Sierra Norte of Puebla State, Mexico

   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:
      Totonac-Tepehua

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

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

   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?:
      is not currently included in the proposed Instituto Nacional de Lenguas Indígenas (INALI)
      catalogue, though inclusion has been requested

   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:
as specified in Request for Change form

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:
as specified in Request for Change form

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
Email: iso639-3@sil.org
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: