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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Associated Change request number : 2006-113                              (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : dwl                                (completed by Registration Authority)

PLEASE NOTE: This completed form will become part of the public record of this change request and the history of the ISO 639-3 code set. 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:
      Walo Kumbe Dogon
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      No common autonym.
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Oualo
   d) Reason for preferred name:
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language:
      Goes by name of each village, population 2,000 (Blench 2005 survey)
   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: dwl

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifiers is 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
      - [x] Living language
      - [ ] Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
      - [ ] Recently extinct language
      - [ ] Historical language
      - [ ] Ancient language
      - [ ] Artificially constructed language
      - [ ] Macrolanguage

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

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
Mopti Region, Douentza Circle, Douentza District

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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:
Niger-Congo, Atlantic-Congo, Volta-Congo, Dogon

c) Closest language linguistically. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Its nearest relative is Naŋa-Dama with which it shares both lexicon and the feature that many nouns have a final –m (Blench 2005 survey).

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE
a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
Wordlist (Blench 2005)

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:
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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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: