# 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 : 2006-115 (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : tsy (completed by Registration Authority)

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## 1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

- a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation: Tebul Sign Language
- b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
- c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
- d) Reason for preferred name:
  The corresponding spoken language is Tebul Ure.
- e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language: Tebul U, less than 500
- f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: tsl

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	$\boxtimes$	Living language
			Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
			Recently extinct language
			Historical language
			Ancient language
			Artificially constructed language
			Macrolanguage
(Se	elect one. See	e explanation	ns of these types at <a href="http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/types.asp">http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/types.asp</a> )

	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, Koro Circle, Diankabou District, Uluban village and related hamlets.			
	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			
B. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION					
	a)	This language is:  ☐ Spoken ☐ Attested only in writings			
	b)	Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:  Deaf sign languages			
	c)	Closest language linguistically. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages: The spoken language is Tebul Ure Dogon.			
1.	LA	NGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE			
	a)	What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:  Video of a number of narratives with translation into Tebul Ure and French. (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:
  Blench, Roger. 2005. "Dogon survey I: Tebul Ure, a language of the Dogon group in
  Northern Mali." In Ogmios newsletter 3.02 (#26) 30 April 2005. ISSN 1471-0382.
  Accessed March 2007 at <a href="http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Niger-Congo/Dogon/Ogmios%20papers%202005.pdf">http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Niger-Congo/Dogon/Ogmios%20papers%202005.pdf</a>.
- 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/iso639-3/default.asp

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:**

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

LinguistList. Ancient and Extinct Languages. <a href="http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html">http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html</a>
LinguistList. Constructed Languages. <a href="http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html">http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html</a>