

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 : 2007-014

(completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier : cdy

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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:
Chadong
- b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
(unknown)
- c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
Chadonghua, Chadongyu, Cha Dong
- d) Reason for preferred name:
This is the name of the district in Guangxi's Lingui county where the speakers reside, and in the two publications on this language it is referred to by this name.
- e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
The Chadong language is spoken by approximately 20,000 people, the majority of whom are classified in the Han nationality, and the remainder in the Zhuang nationality.
- f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: cdy

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 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>)

For individual languages, also complete:

- b) Countries where used:
People's Republic of China

- c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
Northeast Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region: Guilin Municipality's Lingui County, in Chadong District (most villages) and Liangjiang Township; also some villages in Yongfu county's Longjiang District.

- 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:
Tai-Kadai, Kam-Tai, Kam-Sui

- c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Possibly Maonan.

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

- a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
No

- 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?:
Not to our knowledge

- c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
Though 50 years ago, most Chadong speakers were monolingual, now most can speak the Guiliu dialect of Chinese (a Southwest Mandarin dialect), and a minority can speak Ping Chinese (a Yue dialect) or Zhuang (Northern Zhuang) or Yao. The Chadong of a few villages in the south of Chadong district and Liangjiang Township has fairly extensive influence from Ping and Mandarin Chinese, as well as some influence from contact with Northern Zhuang. (Li 2006).

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):
- Li, Jinfang. 李锦芳 2006 《西南地区濒危语言调查研究》 (A Survey of Endangered Languages of the Southwest Region). Beijing: Central University of Nationalities Press (北京: 中央民族大学出版社).
- Liang, Jinrong. 梁金荣. 1996. "茶洞话" in 《临桂县志》 (Lingui County Gazetteer). Nanning, China: Local Gazetteer Press (南宁: 方志出版社).

Please return this form to:

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ISO 639-3/RA web site: <http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/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/> .

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

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