

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 : 2007-113

(completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier : yzk

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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:
Zokhuo
- b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
Zokhuo
- c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
Zekhe, Zuoke, Tshokha, Nimitso, Ruoke, Phula, Niuweiba Phula (Cowtail Phula)
- d) Reason for preferred name:
Actual autonym used by local speakers
- e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
Zokhuo: 13,000
- f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: [yzk]

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifier 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:
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:
Yunnan Province, primarily in southeastern Wenshan County and southern Yanshan County.
- 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:
Sino-Tibetan, Tibeto-Burman, Burmic, Ngwi (Loloish), Southeastern
- 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:
Under investigation.

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:
Number of speakers is decreasing, especially in Yanshan County, but the largest population concentration--located in southeastern Wenshan County--is still linguistically vital.

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:

Personal onsite research carried out during 2006 as part of a larger linguistic survey of the Phula language varieties spoken in Yunnan Province as described in Pelkey (Forthcoming 2008).

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):

LU JINYU. 1987. Wenshan xian Yizu "Zouke" zhixi gaikuang [An overview of the Zouke Yi group of Wenshan County].vol. 2: Wenshan Zhou Wenshi Ziliao Xuan [Humanities Selections from Wenshan Prefecture]. Wenshan: Zhengxie Wenshi Weiyuanhui.

PELKEY, JAMIN R. Forthcoming (2008). The Phula languages in synchronic and diachronic perspective, La Trobe University, PhD dissertation.

WSDZ. 1988. Editorial Committee, eds. Wenshan xian diming zhi [The geographic place name gazetteer of Wenshan County]. Wenshan: Renmin Zhengfu.

WSJZ. 1990. Editorial Committee, eds. Wenshan xian jiaoyu zhi [Education gazetteer of Wenshan County]. Wenshan: Renmin Zhengfu.

WSXZ. 1999. Editorial Committee, eds. Wenshan xian zhi [Gazetteer of Wenshan County]. Kunming: Yunnan Minzu Chubanshe.

WSZZ. 2000. Editorial Committee, eds. Wenshan zhou zhi [Gazetteer of Wenshan Prefecture].vol. 1. Kunming: Yunnan Minzu Chubanshe.

YSDZ. 1991. Editorial Committee, eds. Yanshan xian diming zhi [The geographic place name gazetteer of Yanshan County]. Yanshan: Renmin Zhengfu.

YSXZ. 2000. Editorial Committee, eds. Yanshan xian zhi [Gazetteer of Yanshan County]. Kunming: Yunnan Minzu Chubanshe.

Please return this form to:

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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: <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>