

# 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 : 2007-121

(completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier : ypa

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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:  
Phala
- b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:  
Phala
- c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:  
Phula, Bola, Khapho, Phulepho, Hei Phula (Black Phula).
- d) Reason for preferred name:  
Autonym preferred by local speakers.
- e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):  
Phala: 12,000
- f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: [ypa]

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 along the north and south banks of the Yuanjiang (Honghe) river in Shiping and Honghe counties. A few isolated villages downriver in Yuanyang and Jianshui counties are also likely to be affiliated with Phala.
- 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:  
Phola

### 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 stable, but several linguistically obsolescent villages exist near the Honghe County seat. Phala is spoken primarily in home and village domains.

## 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 [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):  
HHDZ. 1991. Editorial Committee, eds. Honghe xian diming zhi [The geographic place name gazetteer of Honghe county]. Honghe: Yunnan Renmin Zhengfu.  
  
HHXZ. 1991. Editorial Committee, eds. Honghe xian zhi [Gazetteer of Honghe county]. Kunming: Yunnan Minzu Chubanshe.  
  
PELKEY, JAMIN R. Forthcoming (2008). The Phula languages in synchronic and diachronic perspective, La Trobe University, PhD dissertation.  
  
RKPC. 2002. Editorial Committee, eds. Tabulation on the 2000 population census of the People's Republic of China (Zhongguo 2000 nian renkou pucha ziliao).vol. 1. Beijing: China Statistic Press.  
  
SPXZ. 1990. Editorial Committee, eds. Shiping xian zhi [Gazetteer of Shiping county]. Gejiu: Yunnan Renmin Chubanshe.

### Please return this form to:

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SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems  
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Dallas, Texas 75236 USA  
ISO 639-3/RA web site: <http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/default.asp>  
Email: [iso639-3@sil.org](mailto: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>