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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(Completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier: zbc

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Central Berawan; please list as Berawan, Central

   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Melawan

   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Batu Belah Berawan, Long Teru Berawan (are two dialects of this language)

   d) Reason for preferred name:

   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
      714

   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available:

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](http://www.sil.org/iso639-2D3/types.asp))

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   Malaysia

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

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:
      Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Northwest, North Sarawakian, Berawan-Lower Baram,
      Berawan, Central-East Berawan

   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:
      East Berawan (Berawan, West)

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE
   a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers,
      radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
      None, except for some private diary notes of a Batu Belah individual.

   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:
      Used in the home and in the village.
**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:**
Juergen Burkhardt: currently researching the Berawan-Lower Baram languages

b) **Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:**
Interviews with the village heads of Batu Belah and Long Teru

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

Inventori Ketua Kaum / Tuai Rumah Di Daerah Baram (June 2004)

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**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  
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:**


LinguistList. Constructed Languages. [http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html](http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html)