

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 : 2007-246

Tentative assignment of new identifier : ulu

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:

Uma' Lung (Upper Pujungan Kenyah)

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

c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:

Oma Longh

d) Reason for preferred name:

Uma Lung is the name that refer to both the ethnonym and the language itself. It is a name that the people group use to identify themselves. The distinctive features of this language that set it apart from the other Kenyah languages is its fricative and nasalized sound (Soriente 2006:xvii)

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

3,000 speakers in two districts in East Kalimantan (Soriente 2006:xvii)

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

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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:
   Indonesia (Kalimantan)

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS
   coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   The village of Pimping, Long Setulang, Batu Kajang, Long Uli, Long Sa'an. Along the river
   of Kayan, Malinau, Bahau and Pujungan of the East Kalimantan province (Soriente
   2003:52)

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 Sarawakan, Kenyah
      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:
         marginally intelligible with Uma Lasan, Uma Baka and Uma Alim (Soriente 2007, personal
         communication)

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE
   a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers,
      radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
      Folk Stories (published, Soriente 2006) and some standardization effort by some priests
      and cultural observers in songs and hymnals, though it was claimed to be difficult to
      understand by the locals (Soriente 2003)

   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?:
      The language was not used in a formal context as of being the language of instruction in
      school (Soriente 2003)
c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
Within the macro context, the people of Uma Lung in particular or Kenyah in general will identify themselves with the "Dayak" identity. On the contrary, within the very local context, they will identify themselves starting from the river of origin, the place where the first village was thought to have been built, basis of their community, dialect, and the ethnic subgrouping of Dayak (Soriente 2005).

**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:
A personal communication was established with Antonia Soriente in Jakarta WIST office on August 31, 2007. Soriente has had first-hand experience doing research in Kalimantan (especially in the Kenyah and Kayan area) and has written her dissertation and published several academic papers and a collection of Kenyah stories in the Oma Longh and Lebu Kulit languages.

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

Soriente, Antonia (2005). "Linguistic Classifications and Local Epistemology in Borneo: The Case of Kenyah Languages". Presented in The Languages and Literatures of Western Borneo: 144 years of research. Malaysia


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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:


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