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 : 2007-249 (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : lzn (completed by Registration Authority)

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:
Naga, Leinong

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

c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
Lainong Naga; Lenaung Naga; Yao Dyang Naga (a Naga people group, potentially a sub-group of Leinong, that speaks Leinong Naga as their mother tongue)

d) Reason for preferred name:
Autonym for separate Naga language. Spelling based on local pronunciation.

e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
Leinong Naga, estimated 8,000 or more

f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: LZN

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

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(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:
   Myanmar (Burma)

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 Naga hills, Lahe township (esp. near Lahe town) & Khamti township, Khamti district, Sagaing division, northwest Myanmar.

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, Kuki-Chin-Naga, Naga, Unclassified

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:
   Closest languages linguistically may be Ponyo Naga or Gongwang Naga (however, it is yet to be established if these are actually separate languages or related dialects w/ separate autonyms & ethnic divisions).

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
   small dictionary (however, no known established orthography)

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:
   Language is vital, reporting desire to maintain language and identity. Leinong is reported to be language of wider communication in area for other Naga groups. Domains of use: at home, with spouse, siblings, parents, grandparents, own children, with friends, at work, at market, for funerals, at village meetings, and by children at play.
**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):

**Please return this form to:**

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SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems  
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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)