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 : 2008-070
Tentative assignment of new identifier : ntu

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:
      Natügu stc
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Natügu
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Natqgu, Nambakaengö, Northern Santa Cruz
   d) Reason for preferred name:
      used by the people. Best not to use Santa Cruz for one of the three lgs of the island when it is also used as the lg family name encompassing all three.
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language:
      Natügu speakers. 4,276 SI 1999 census
   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: stc

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/iso639-3/types.asp)
Countries where used:
Solomon Islands

Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
Spoken in villages of Graciosa Bay, some on N. coast, and on western side of the island of Santa Cruz Island, Temotu Province, 165.8E by 10.7S

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
NA

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

This language is: □ Signed ☑ Spoken ☐ Attested only in writings

Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Central-Eastern, Eastern Malayo-Polynesian, Oceanic, Temotu, Reefs-Santa Cruz (RSC), Natügu

Closest language linguistically. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Nalōgo

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:


Language Project.


____, translator. 2001. Jiszs Kraes rngisc zmatq ngr nzarlapxngr nigu/Jesus Christ has the power to save us. New Zealand/Australia: Scripture Gift Mission International.

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 is recognized by the government as being spoken on Santa Cruz Island and is one of the language options on SI census. It is taught in class 6 at the option of the Headmaster at each school, not part of required curriculum.

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:


5. 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:
ISO 639-3 Registrar
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: