Comments received for
ISO 639-3 Change Request
2009-054

Outcome: Rejected
Effective date: 2010-02-24
Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2009-054: to update the name for code element [ifa] “Amganad Ifugao” to “Central Ifugao”

The request to change the name of the code element from “Amganad Ifugao” to “Central Ifugao” is rejected. The requesters comment that “Amganad” is not representative of the whole language community. While this statement may be accurate, the evidence for the acceptability of the proposed name is insufficient. Cursory research on various websites in the Philippines demonstrate an acceptance of the name “Amganad Ifugao” at least in that it is not ambiguous, and no alternative names are suggested or used (except by one of the submitters). In contrast, the uses of “Central Ifugao” relating to language are mostly within older works in which the subgroup being designated is unclear. It seems more likely that they usually refer to the group whose language is identified in the standard as Tuwali Ifugao, and not to Amganad Ifugao. (Barton, pg 4; Rosenfelder). Still other sources associate “Central Ifugao” with a variety considered to be a part of Keley-I Kallahan, a different language that is surrounded by the Ifugao communities.

Most applications of the phrase are geographic designations regarding the Ifugao province, and not language designations, and it is unclear whether the region referenced coincides with the region where this variety of Ifugao is spoken or with something broader.

In the absence of a clearer statement from the community that this is really a better name, the Registration Authority has determined that a change from Amganad Ifugao to Central Ifugao is more likely to cause more confusion than it is to bring about clarification.

References:


See the explanation of sources at http://www.zompist.com/sources.htm wherein “Central Ifugao” is identified with Tuwali.