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 : 2011-006 (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : ysg (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:
      Sonaga
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Sonaga [so²¹ na³³ ka³³]
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Suoneiga 锁内嘎
   d) Reason for preferred name:
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language:
      Sonaga people, population approximately 2000 (2009). Speakers are officially classified within the Yi nationality.
   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: son

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/iso639-3/types.asp)

b) Countries where used:
P. R. China

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
Yunnan province, Heqing county, Liuhe township.

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, Ngwi (Lolo)-Burmese, Ngwi (Loloish)

c) Closest language linguistically. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Kuamasi, Kua-nsi

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

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:
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
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)