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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Tentative assignment of new identifier : vsn (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Vedic Sanskrit

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

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

   d) Reason for preferred name:
      This is the name used by most researchers when referring to this group.

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

   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: vsn

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
      [X] Ancient language
      [ ] Artificially constructed language

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Macrolanguage

(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   India and Iran

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Various areas in the present India.

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
   600 BCE

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION
a) This language is: □ Signed  □ Spoken  ☒ Attested only in writings
b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
   Indo-Aryan

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:
   Pali, Apabhransha and Prakrit

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE
a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
   Ernst Wilhelm Oskar Windisch, Berthold Delbrück, Die altindische Wortfolge aus dem Catapathabrahmana

b) A. Macdonell, Vedic Grammar (1910)

c) A. A: Macdonnell, Vedic Grammar for Students

d) Bruno Lindner, Altindische Nominalbildung: Nach den Šāmhitas dargestellt (1878) [2]

f) 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? Materials are available in the Books for literacy instruction, but are mostly left unused.

g) Comment on factors of ethno-linguistic identity and informal domains of use: This language is the part of ISO 639-2 as collective language with inc code.
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:

