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 : okg

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Koko Babangk

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

   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Kok-Papangk, Kok-Paponk, Kok-Babónk, Kok Peponk, Koko Kunaniy

   d) Reason for preferred name:
      Following Dr. Bowern and AUSTLANG, we are using Koko Babangk as the primary name.

   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: pnk

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:
   Australia

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   AUSTLANG names the Australian state of Queensland as the location of this language.

Black describes the location of Koko-Bera (Gugubera), Koko-Wap (Kok Wap), and Kok-Peponk (Koko Babangk) in the following way:
"Koko-Bera is actually only one of three named dialects formally spoken throughout much of an area lying within some 30 km of the Gulf of Carpentaria coast between the South Mitchell and Nassau River; (Koko-Bera was a relatively central dialect spoken along Topsy Creek. The other two dialects were Kok-Wap, to the northeast, and Kok-Peponk, to the south" (1978: 19).

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
   No information about the last speaker is known.

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

a) This language is: [ ] Signed  [x] Spoken  [ ] Attested only in writings

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
   Pama-Nyungan family,  Paman group, Southwestern Paman

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:
   Alpher states that Koko Babangk "is quite probably the language most closely related to Koko Pera" (1972: 68).

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
   No written literature or recordings exist, and AIATSIS does not hold any documentation.

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: Unknown
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
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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:

