ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code

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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 and will be posted on the ISO 639-3 website.

Types of change requests

This form is to be used in requesting changes (whether creation, modification, or deletion) to elements of the ISO 639 Codes for the representation of names of languages — Part 3: Alpha-3 code for comprehensive coverage of languages. The types of changes that are possible are to 1) modify the reference information for an existing code element, 2) propose a new macrolanguage or modify a macrolanguage group; 3) retire a code element from use, including merging its scope of denotation into that of another code element, 4) split an existing code element into two or more new language code elements, or 5) create a new code element for a previously unidentified language variety. Fill out section 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 below as appropriate, and the final section documenting the sources of your information. The process by which a change is received, reviewed and adopted is summarized on the final page of this form.

Type of change proposed (check one):

1. [ ] Modify reference information for an existing language code element
2. [ ] Propose a new macrolanguage or modify a macrolanguage group
3. [ ] Retire a language code element from use (duplicate or non-existent)
4. [ ] Expand the denotation of a code element through the merging one or more language code elements into it (retiring the latter group of code elements)
5. [X] Split a language code element into two or more new code elements
6. ☐ Create a code element for a previously unidentified language

For proposing a change to an existing code element, please identify:

Affected ISO 639-3 identifier: kzh
Associated reference name: Kenuzi-Dongola

1. Modify an existing language code element
   (a) What are you proposing to change:
      ☐ Language reference name; generally this is changed only if it is erroneous;
      ☐ if usage is shifting to a new preferred form, the new form may be added (next box)
      ☐ Language additional names
      ☐ Language type (living, extinct, historical, etc.)
      ☐ Language scope (individual language or macrolanguage)
   (b) What new value(s) do you propose:
   (c) Rationale for change:

2. Propose a new macrolanguage or modify a macrolanguage group
   (a) For an existing Macrolanguage, what change to its individual language membership do you propose:
   (b) Rationale for change:

   For a new Macrolanguage proposal, please also complete the form “Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3” (file name “ISO639-3_NewCodeRequest.doc” or “ISO639-3_NewCodeRequestForm.rtf”), which must also be submitted to fully document the intended meaning for the new macrolanguage.

3. Retire a language code element from use
   (a) Reason for change:
      ☐ There is no evidence that the language exists.
      ☐ This is equivalent to another ISO 639-3 language.
   (b) If equivalent with another code element, with which ISO 639-3 code element (identifier and name) is it equivalent:
   (c) Rationale for change:
4. Expand the denotation of a code element through merging of one or more code elements

(a) List the languages (identifier and name) to be merged into this code element and retired from use:

(b) Rationale for change

5. Split a language code element into two or more code elements

(a) List the languages into which this code element should be split:
Dongolawi-Andaandi (self name) spoken in the Sudan And Kenuzi/kenzi-Mattokki(self name) spoken in Egypt.

By the language identification criteria set forth in ISO 639-3, the simple fact of distinct identities is not enough to assign separate identifiers. The criteria are defined in the standard as follows:

For this part of ISO 639, judgments regarding when two varieties are considered to be the same or different languages are based on a number of factors, including linguistic similarity, intelligibility, a common literature (traditional or written), a common writing system, the views of users concerning the relationship between language and identity, and other factors. The following basic criteria are followed:

- Two related varieties are normally considered varieties of the same language if users of each variety have inherent understanding of the other variety (that is, can understand based on knowledge of their own variety without needing to learn the other variety) at a functional level.
- Where intelligibility between varieties is marginal, the existence of a common literature or of a common ethnolinguistic identity with a central variety that both understand can be strong indicators that they should nevertheless be considered varieties of the same language.
- Where there is enough intelligibility between varieties to enable communication, the existence of well-established distinct ethnolinguistic identities can be a strong indicator that they should nevertheless be considered to be different languages.

(b) Referring to the criteria given above, give the rationale for splitting the existing code element into two or more languages:
1- Both language communities claim different identities, however all Nile Nubians, i.e Nobiin speakers, Dongolawi speakers and Kenzi speakers, claim inheriting the former Nubian identity, heritage and civilization.
2- The two languages are claimed, beside other dialects, as dialects of the Old Nubian language, but the difference between the two is to the level that, they can't be claimed or considered as one
3- There is medium intelligibility between the speakers of the two languages,
4- No common literature neither written nor traditional. Written texts in each language are available separately.
5- No any written text claimed or known as Kenuzi-Dongola,
6- Native scholars from each group did and continue doing researches every in their own language, without any claims in the other language, i.e Kenzi scholars do researches in...
Kenzi/Kenuzi - Self name Mattokki, without mentioning Dongolawi. The Dongolawi scholars do researches in Dongolawi - Self name Andaandi, without mentioning Kenzi. This fact, also implies that the two are divergent to the level that, no native scholar claims them as one. Ultimately there is no language known by the name Kenuzi-Dongola among Kenzi natives as well as among Dongolawi natives.

7- Developing writing system for each language is progressing on its own, by native scholars of each

(c) Does the language code element to be split represent a major language in which there already exists a significant body of literature and research? Are there contexts in which all the proposed separate languages may still be considered the same language—as in having a common linguistic identity, a shared (or undistinguished) body of literature, a written form in common, etc.? If so, please comment.
No

In order to complete the change request, the form “Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3” (file name “ISO639-3_NewCodeRequest.doc” or “ISO639-3_NewCodeRequestForm.rtf”) must also be submitted for each new identifier that is to be created. That step can be deferred until this form has been processed by the ISO 639-3 registrar.

6. Create a new language code element

(a) Name of missing language:

(b) State the case that this language is not the same as or has not been included within any language that already has an identifier in ISO 639-3:

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Sources of information

Please use whichever of the points below are relevant in order to document the sources on which you have based the above proposal.

(a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:

Personal experience. I have visited Aswan (Egypt) where Kenzi is spoken in 2010, and have met/ discussed with kenzi-Mattokki native speakers. The mutual intelligibility is medium. Lexical differences as well as grammatical divergences are considerable

(b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

I'm in contact with a Kenzi researcher and I meet from time to time Kenzi native speakers, the same statement above is valid

(c) Knowledge from published sources (please give complete bibliographical references):

The following listed references show that, every scholar treated Dongolawi-Andaandi and Kenzi-Mattokki as a separate languages or a separate dialects of Old Nubian
In his Grammar (pp.13) he wrote: Three dialects of Nubian are spoken on the banks of the Nile between the first and fourth cataracts, approximately thus:
1-Kenzi, from Aswan to Korosko (note: his data is before the Aswan Dam)
2-Mahasi (including Fadicca) from Korosko to Abu Fatma at the head of the third Cataract
3-Dongolese or Dongola Nubian, from Abu Fatma to Korti, fifty miles below the fourth cataract.
In both his Grammar and Dictionary he dealt only with Dongolawi, without any claim that Dongolawi and Kenzi are the same.

-Massenbach, Gertud von. (1962). TEXTE IM DIALEKT DER KUNUZI UND DER DONGOLAWI.
She provided a separate texts in each dialect. i.e there is no texte representing both

www.sfu.ca/~gerdts/teaching/Abdel-HafizNubian.pdf
Treats Mahas and Dongolawi in Sudan and Kenzi and Fadicca in Egypt as:
different languagues or dialects of Nile Nubian
He nowhere mentioned that Kenzi and Dongolawi are two varieties of the same language.

-Almkvists, Herman (1877-78). NUBISCHE STUDIEN IM SUDAN.
The book contains stories, he wrote the same story separately in each language, Mahas, Kenzi and Dongolawi.

-Books aiming to develop writing system for each language by its own native scholars are available in Arabic language

**The change proposal process**

A request to change the code set goes through a six-step process:

1. A user of ISO 639-3 proposes a change and submits it to the ISO 639-3 Registration Authority (ISO 639-3/RA) using this form.

2. The ISO 639-3 registrar processes the change request to verify that the request is compatible with the criteria set forth in the standard and to ensure that the submitter has supplied all necessary information. This may involve rounds of interaction with the submitter.

3. When the change request proposal is complete in its documentation (including all associated New Code Requests), the change request is promoted to “Proposed Change” status and the ISO 639-3 registrar posts the request on the official web site of the ISO 639-3/RA. Also at this time, an announcement is sent to anyone requesting notification of new proposals matching their specified criteria (region and/or language family of interest). Periodically, a message may be sent to the general LINGUIST discussion list on Linguist List (http://linguistlist.org/issues/index.html), and other appropriate discussion lists, inviting individuals to review and comment on pending proposals. Anyone may request from the ISO 639-3 registrar to receive notification regarding proposals involving languages in a specific region of the world or specific language family.

4. Individuals may send comments to the ISO 639-3 registrar for compilation. The consensus of early reviews may result in promotion to “Candidate Status” (with or without amendment), or withdrawal of the change request, if the conclusion is that the request is not in keeping with the stated criteria of the ISO 639-3 standard.
5. Three months prior to the end of the annual cycle of review and update, a new notice is posted on the official web site of the ISO 639-3/RA, and an announcement listing the Candidate Status Change Requests is posted to the LINGUIST discussion list and other discussion lists, as requested by their owners. All change requests are then open to further review and comment by any interested party for a period of three months. A Change Request received after the start of Candidacy phase must wait until the next annual cycle for consideration. The purpose of this phase is to ensure that a minimum of three months is allotted for the review of every proposal.

6. At the end of the formal review period, a given Change Request may be: 1) adopted as a whole; 2) adopted in part (specific changes implicit in the whole Change Request may be adopted separately); 3) rejected as a whole; or 4) amended and resubmitted for the next review cycle. All change requests remain permanently archived at the official web site of the ISO 639-3/RA.

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An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers: