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 : 2012-060 (completed by Registration Authority)  
Tentative assignment of new identifier : xnu (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:  
      Nukunul  
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:  
      Nukunul  
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:  
   d) Reason for preferred name:  
      Dr. Bowern lists the language name as such.  
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):  
      no speakers  
   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: 1jj  

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
(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:
   Centroid Coordinates per Bowern 2011: (Latitude: -27.458625, Longitude: 153.480034)

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
   unknown

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, Durublic

   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:

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE
   a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:

   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?:

   c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
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:
Dr. Claire Bowern provided the geographical location information for this language to Anthony Aristar.

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: