

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 : 2012-077

(completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier : xwk

(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:

Wangkumara

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

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

Wongkumara,

- d) Reason for preferred name:

This is the primary name most widely used in the sources we consulted. Please refer to the citations below.

- 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: ljp

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifier 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
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|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Living language |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Recently extinct language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Historical language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ancient language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Artificially constructed language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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:
Northwest of Annandale, at Kalidawarry, lower portion of Field and Cooper Creek east of Nappa Merrie and Orientos to the Wilson River at Nockatunga. In postcontact times at Chastleton and NCarcowlah where they mixed with uncir-cumcised Kalali. Mathews (1905) used the tribal term as a general name for several tribes with similar languages along Cooper Creek (Tindale 1974).

Dr. Claire Bowerman places this language in the Australian state of Victoria at the following coordinates:

Latitude: -28.3797609952775

Longitude: 140.936869855622 (Bowerman 2010)

To view on a map where this is located, please visit Dr. Bowerman's website:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=http://pantheon.yale.edu/~clb3/PamaNyungan/CCAL1.2.kmz>

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

According to Nils from the Austlang data, there were 100 people speaking Wangkumara in 2004.

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

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

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:

Pama-Nyungan, Karnic, Ngura

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.?:

No

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:

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:
Location information gained through personal communication with Dr. Claire Bower. See citation below.

- c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):
Grammar:
Robertson, Carol. 1984. Wangkumara grammar and dictionary. Sydney: Department of Technical and Further Education, Aboriginal Education Unit.

Also see McDonald, Maryalyce. 1979. Basic materials in Wankumara (Galali) : grammars, sentences and vocabulary: Pacific Linguistics B65. Canberra: Pacific Linguistics.

Dictionary:
Robertson, Carol. 1984. Wangkumara grammar and dictionary. Sydney: Department of Technical and Further Education, Aboriginal Education Unit.

Please return this form to:

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ISO 639-3/RA web site: <http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/default.asp>
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:

Gordon, Raymond G., Jr. (ed.), 2005. Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Fifteenth edition. Dallas, Tex.: SIL International. Online version: <http://www.ethnologue.com/> .

LinguistList. Ancient and Extinct Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html>

LinguistList. Constructed Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html>