

ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code

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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. [] Split a language code element into two or more new code elements (include here a request for a new code element for a divergent dialect of a major language)
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: ggm

Associated reference name: Gugu Mini

3. Retire a language code element from use

- (a) Reason for change:
 - [x] 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: "Gugu Mini" is apparently a generic term meaning "good speech" that is used for several languages in the Thaypan area. The original ISO-addition request noted this when they cited the AIATSIS entry, which is no. Y94 in their data base. There are word lists under the name "Gugu Mini" that AIATSIS labels as "potential data", but no confirmed new language. (See "status" below.) The AIATSIS entry for Y94 "Gugu Mini" is as follows:

AIATSIS Code: Y94

AIATSIS reference name: Gugu Mini

Comment: According to Rigsby (2005:138), Gugu Mini is a language name whose reference is shifting, variable and wide-ranging and that it variably signifies languages situated on the mainland south of Flinders Island all the way south to Normanton. Sommer (2008 p.c.) says that Kuku Mini (Y94) literally means 'speech good' and in general it applies to languages/dialects of the Central Paman type.

It is not clear whether Gugu Mini refers to a group of related languages/dialects, or simply a group of both related and unrelated languages/dialects. If the former is the case, Gugu Mini can be treated as a cover term or a language name.

In this database, Gugu Mini is tentatively listed as a language name, and the location of this language on the map is based on Tindale (1974), who uses Kokomini (Y94) to refer to one

specific tribe.

Status: Potential data

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.

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

The original request used the following to justify the ISO code gave the following reason:

Gugu Mini is the primary name on AUSTLANG [= AIATSIS] and is the preferred name in personal communication from Dr. Claire Bowern (2010)

The AUSTLANG/AIATSIS entry is copied above. I can't speak to the personal communication with Bowern in 2010, but I can cite the "Master List of Australian Languages" (version 1.2) that Bowern published in 2012. It is available at

<http://pamanyungan.sites.yale.edu/master-list-australian-languages-v12>

"Gugu Mini" and its alternative spellings do not appear in that list, which is an attempt to list all confirmed Australian languages. If there is reason to posit an additional language called "Gugu Mini", it would be good to have that 2010 communication to demonstrate it.