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: 2017-036 (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier: sph (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Sambahsa
   
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Sambahsa
   
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
   
   d) Reason for preferred name:
      It is the name of the language
   
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
      Constructed language, 91 users
   
   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: sph

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](http://www.sil.org/iso639-2D3/types.asp))

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
France...

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
The internet

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

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

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

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

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:

Synthetic grammar. "The first source of inspiration for the vocabulary has been reconstructed Indo-European, but words from dialectal areas covering languages from different linguistic families (ex: sprachbünde) play a prominent role too. The technical and scientific vocabulary comes from the Greco-Latin roots common to most European languages. Generally, Sambahsa-mundialect tries to include words common to at least two different languages. The chosen languages are in general European ones (and above all English and French), but the spectrum stretches from Iceland to Japan, therefore including words from Turkish, Arabic, Persian, Swahili, Sanskrit, Indonesian, and Chinese."

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sambahsa A good many texts exist in Sambahsa, including Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's "The Little Prince", Albert Camus' "L'Étranger", and Herman Hesse's "Damien"

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:
   It's a conlang
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:
   As with most conlangs the audience is small, but interested and active. A Facebook page for Sambahsa exists https://www.facebook.com/groups/444101528995350/?fref=ts, as does a Yahoo discussion list with an archive going back to 2010
   http://fr.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/sambahsa-mundialect/info

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:
   I'm in communication with the creator, Olivier Simon

Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):
   http://sambahsa.pbworks.com/w/page/10183084/FrontPage gives links to grammars and dictionaries. In addition:

   "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" was published in Sambahsa in 2013 ("Ia Aventures as Alice in Daumsenland"), bringing it into the fold of other conlang translations of this book (Esperanto, Neo, Volapük, Lojban, Lingua Franca Nova, Lingwa de Planeta). See http://evertype.com/books/alice-sambahsa.html

   "Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There" was published in Sambahsa in 2016 ("Ocolo id Specule ed Quo Alice Trohv Ter"). See http://evertype.com/books/looking-glass-sambahsa.html

   An edition of "Strange Tale of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde" ("Tregno Fall om Doctor Jekyll ed Poti Hyde") is in preparation for publication.

Please return this form to:
ISO 639-3 Registrar
SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems
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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:**


LinguistList. Constructed Languages. [http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html](http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html)