

ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code

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Types of change requests

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
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:

Associated reference name:

6. Create a new language code element

(a) Name of missing language: Shaojiang Min Chinese

(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:

Shaojiang Min is one of eight primary branches of Min Chinese listed in the 1987 *Atlas* that has become a standard in the classification of Chinese lects. Five of these branches have ISO codes (Min Bei, Min Dong, Min Nan, Min Zhong and Pu-Xian), whereas two (Qiongwen and Leizhou) are included in [nan] Min Nan (see separate change request). If Shaojiang is included in any of the ISO codes, it would be [mnp] Min Bei, which in the past it has been classified with. However, *Ethnologue* comments of [mnp] Min Bei that no dialects are known, and Shaojiang is quite obviously distinct. It therefore may be appropriate to create a new ISO code for Shaojiang without changing the scope of [mnp].

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 to more fully document the new language.

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:

(b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

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

Stephen Wurm, Rong Li, Theo Baumann, & Mei W. Lee (1987, 2012), *The Language Atlas of China* (中国语言地图集 *Zhōngguó Yǔyán Dìtú Jī*), volume I. 1987 edition by the Australian Academy of the Humanities and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, 2012 edition by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the City University of Hong Kong.

Please return this form to:

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An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

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/>.

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