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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Tentative assignment of new identifier : wct (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Taihu Wu Chinese, Northern Wu Chinese
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Mandarin: 太湖 Tàihú
   d) Reason for preferred name:
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
      Han Chinese. Accounts for two thirds of the Wu-speaking population, including the prestige dialect of Shanghainese
   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available:

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

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Ancient language
Artificially constructed language
Macrolanguage

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   China, Yangtze River delta and surrounding areas

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Shanghai
   Southern Jiangsu province (Suzhou, Changzhou, Wuxi prefectures)
   Northern Zhejiang province (Jiaxing, Huzhou, Hangzhou, Shaoxing, Ningbo, Zhoushan prefectures and counties, with a small exclave in Cangnan county, Wenzhou prefecture)
   Anhui province (Guangde county)

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION
   a) This language is: □ Signed  ☒ Spoken  □ Attested only in writings
   b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
      Sino-Tibetan, Sinitic, Wu
   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:
      other northern Wu (Taizhou, Wuzhou)

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

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):

*(see change request)*

Please return this form to:

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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:

