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 : wcw (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
   Wuzhou Wu Chinese, Jinqu Wu Chinese

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

   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Mandarin: 婺州 Wùzhōu and 金衢 Jīnqú. These are not strict synonyms, as the Atlas and Cao (2002) assign border dialects differently, but such details are a matter for secondary references.

d) Reason for preferred name:
   ‘Wuzhou’, the name in the Atlas, is more common in the lit.

e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
   Han Chinese, approx. 4–6 million

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
Ancient language
Artificially constructed language
Macrolanguage

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   China, Zhejiang province

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Jinhua city-prefecture and surrounding areas (incl. parts of Hangzhou prefecture). Also Lishui and Quzhou prefectures in Cao’s conception.

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 (Taihu, Taizhou)

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:

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 ethnonymic identity and informal domains of use:
   The varieties of Cao’s Jinqu may not be mutually intelligible, so it’s possible that a future ISO request would be to split Chuqu Wu without merging its northeastern varieties into Wuzhou.
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:

