

Comments received for
ISO 639-3 Change Request
2020-036

Outcome: Rejected
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Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2020-036: to create the code element [wtb] for Matambwe.

The request to create the code element [wtb] for Matambwe is rejected. The change request did not include sufficient data to show the non-intelligibility of Matambwe with Makonde, which is considered the nearest language. They submitted a short list of sentences that showed marked differences, but this was not enough data to establish the degree of linguistic differences (such as with a percentage of shared cognates). It is possible that this change could be made in the future with additional confirming evidence. Because of the lack of clear evidence the requested creation of a code element [wtb] for Matambwe is rejected.