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 : pzh (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Pazeh-Kaxabu

   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Pazeh, Kaxabu (by different dialects)

   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Pazih, Kakabu, Kahabu

   d) Reason for preferred name:
      There are two autonyms for speakers of different dialects -- Pazeh and Kaxabu; as a reason, a conjoint name is preferred.

   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
      Ethnic group: Pazeh people, Kaxabu people
      Population: approximately 6000

   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: pzh

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

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(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639-2D3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
Taiwan (Formosa)

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
Miaoli County, Taichung City, and Nantou County

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
N/A

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

a) This language is: □ Signed ☒ Spoken □ Attested only in writings

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
Austronesian

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:
SaySiyat (xsy) and Kulon (uon, applying).

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 are some textbooks and articles written in Pazeh-Kaxabu.

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?:
Since Indigenous languages in Taiwan are recognized as national language by the government in 2019, Pazeh-Kaxabu is also a national language in Taiwan.

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
The Pazeh-Kaxabu language is used by the Pazeh-Kaxabu people.
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:
Under wrongly classified name "Kulen-Pazeh", the Pazeh-Kaxabu language is reconginzed a living language in 2009. As I have met some Pazeh-Kaxabu informants, we can know that the people still use the language.

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:
N/A

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


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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: