ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

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Associated Change request number : 2021-045 (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : lnx (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Liongna

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

   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Lengna, Longyan; 龍巖話, 龍岩話

   d) Reason for preferred name:
      English “Lengna” was derived from Hokkien, “Longyan” from Mandarin. In the local speech, the pronunciation is roughly Liongna. For additional information, please refer to the paper accompanying this submission (Appendix A-9).

      Attachment: https://github.com/KIRINPUTRA/reclassifying-ISO-639-3-nan

   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
Xinluo District has a population of 840,000. The population of Lengna speakers would be much lower at this point. Lengna speakers would identify as being from Lengna (Liongna). For additional information on this and all following items, please refer to the paper accompanying this submission (§2.9).

f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: lnx

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

(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:
   China.

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Lengna (Longyan City), Xinluo District, Fujian Province.

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

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

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

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
   Ethnologue: Sino-Tibetan

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:
Hokkien or the Datian Frontlect.

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
No known writing. There are local TV newscasts and talk shows.

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?:
Not official. Local schools would have switched to teaching in Mandarin by 2000, and probably much earlier.

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
Politically subordinate to Mandarin. Young adults generally prefer Mandarin; people born after 2000 do not acquire Lengna. Use of Lengna has been further inhibited by the modern influx of Hakka speakers (who do not learn Lengna) from neighboring districts. Please refer to the paper accompanying this submission (§2.9).

* Speakers of this language share in the Chinese macro-ethnolinguistic identity.
**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):

**Please return this form to:**

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SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems  
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road  
Dallas, Texas 75236 USA  
Email: iso639-3@sil.org  
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:**


LinguistList. Constructed Languages. [http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html](http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html)