

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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Associated Change request number : 2022-023 (completed by Registration Authority)

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

PLEASE NOTE: This completed form will become part of the public record of this change request and the history of the ISO 639-3 code set. Use Shift-Enter to insert a new line in a form field (where allowed).

1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:

Buli

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

Buli

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

Bili (Shimizu (1978: 13), Bili (Caron 2005 and Blench 2020: 14), and Bələ (Blench 2020: 85).

d) Reason for preferred name:

It is the appropriate autonym of the language and people as reported by the people.

e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):

2,000

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 identifier 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:

Nigeria

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

The language is spoken in four communities in Bauchi LGA, Bauchi State: Babban Buli (Ngit), Sira, Mulan, and Nduk.

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:

Based on the findings of the survey, the classification of Buli was highlighted as: West Chadic B.3, Polcic.

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:

d) Dialectical Variation within the language:

Two variations have been identified within the language so far: the variety spoken in Baban Buli and Mulan. These variations are very different, 53-67% lexical similarities, but they still consider themselves as speakers of the same language and understand one another.

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

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?:

NO

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use: Buli is used in all homes for interaction between, children, parents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, and friends.

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):

Shimizu, Kiyoshi. 1978. The Southern Bauchi Group of Chadic Languages, a Survey report. Berling. Verlag Dietrich Reimer.

Caron, Bernard. 2005. Polci Languages. 3rd Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages (BICCL 3), Nov 2005, Villejuif, France.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/280847292_Polci_Languages. Accessed on 3 December 2021.

Blench, Roger. 2020. *Atlas of Nigerian Languages*. <http://www.rogerblench.info/Language/Africa/Nigeria/Atlas%20of%20Nigerian%20Languages-%20ed%20III.pdf>. Accessed 17 January 2020.

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:

Gordon, Raymond G., Jr. (ed.), 2005. Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Fifteenth edition. Dallas, Tex.: SIL International. Online version: <http://www.ethnologue.com/> .

LinguistList. Ancient and Extinct Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html>

LinguistList. Constructed Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html>