Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639

Change Request Number: 2023-006 Create [ynb] Yamben in 639-3

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation: Yamben
b) Autonym (self-name) for this language: Yamben
c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
d) Reason for preferred name: As reported in research by Andrew Pick (see below)
e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION
a) This is a living language

For individual languages, also complete:
b) Countries where used: Papua New Guinea
c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Madang Province, Adelbert Range. Spoken in the village of Yambarik, about a three-hour hike inland from the village of Takain, located off the coast road between Madang and Bogua. The map in Daniels (in press) locates the village in the angle between the Mokati (Wanamble) and Manep (Malas) languages, adjoining the south-westernmost point of Manep.
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: Spoken
b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
   Trans New Guinea, Madang, Croisilles
c) Closest language linguistically: Unknown. Not to be confused with Yaben [ymb], which is located on the opposite side of the Adelbert Range and is lexically quite different (Pick 2019).

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 ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use: EGIDS level estimated as 6b. “While most children can speak and understand Yamben, their primary language is Tok Pisin” (Pick 2019).

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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):