

# ISO 639-3 Change Requests 2023

## Summary of Outcomes

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### Special Notice for 2023

Due to the anticipated publication of ISO 639:2023, after processing the 2022 series of Change Requests (CRs), the ISO 639-3 RA began to process CRs submitted in 2023 according to the terms of the FDIS revised standard and the Terms of Reference for the ISO 639 Maintenance Agency (ISO 639/MA). Under the MA established by ISO 639:2023 (published November 2023), CRs are published for comment by the Language Coding Agency (LCA) and decisions announced in a quarterly newsletter of the MA Secretariat. Once this MA cycle commences in 2024, all CRs that are still Pending will be taken up by the MA. CRs that were submitted after the final annual deadline for the 2022 change cycle will be registered with the MA, published for comment, and ultimately decided on by the MA.

Change Request forms, the Change Request Index containing all pending and past CRs, and the updated tables of ISO 639-3 will continue to be provided at [www.iso639-3.sil.org](http://www.iso639-3.sil.org) by SIL International, the LCA designated for Set 3 of ISO 639 under the ISO639/MA Terms of Reference Clause 4.3 (see <https://standards.iso.org/iso/639/ed-2/en/>).

## Summary of results

As explained above, the CRs submitted after the close of the 2022 cycle have been held for processing under the new Terms of Reference. The CRs that have been acted on in 2023 (as enumerated below) are ones that have been Pending for a number of years.

### Changes that have been adopted

The following change requests have been adopted by the Registration Authority. They affect the language code elements that are enumerated. Click on a link to see the full documentation for the request or the code element.

Informative change implemented by the RA

- [\[yma\]](#) Martuyhunira, Non-normative type change: Old value = Living, New value = Extinct

[2011-041](#), Create [vsn] Vedic Sanskrit

- [\[cls\]](#) *Previously unassigned*, Create new language: Reference name = Classical Sanskrit, Type = Historical
- [\[vsn\]](#) *Previously unassigned*, Create new language: Reference name = Vedic Sanskrit, Type = Historical
- [\[san\]](#) Sanskrit, Change the scope: Old value = Individual language, New value = Macrolanguage with member languages [vsn] Vedic Sanskrit and [cls] Classical Sanskrit

[2019-007](#), Create [rrm] Moriori

- [\[rrm\]](#) *Previously unassigned*, Create new language: Reference name = Moriori, Type = Extinct

## Changes that have been rejected

The following change requests have been rejected by the Registration Authority. Click on a link to see the full documentation for the request, which includes a link to the formal statement of why the request was not adopted.

[2006-084](#), Create [gkm] Medieval Greek

- **Rejected.** [gkm] *Previously unassigned*, Create new language: Reference name = Medieval Greek, Type = Historical

[2009-060](#), Create [ecg] Ecclesiastical Greek

- **Rejected.** [ecg] *Previously unassigned*, Create new language: Reference name = Ecclesiastical Greek, Type = Living

[2009-081](#), Create [elr] Katharevousa Greek

- **Rejected.** [elr] *Previously unassigned*, Create new language: Reference name = Katharevousa Greek, Type = Living

[2020-019](#), Update [pnb] Western Panjabi

- **Rejected.** [pnb] Western Panjabi, Change the reference name: Old value = Western Panjabi, New value = Punjabi

[2022-003](#), Create [sdy] Sabariya

- **Rejected.** [sdy] *Previously unassigned*, Create new language: Reference name = Sabariya, Type = Living