

# 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 : 2009-044

(completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier : ytw

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### 1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

- a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:  
Yout Wam
- b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:  
Yout Wam
- c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
- d) Reason for preferred name:  
People in Yout, the village where the language is spoken, called their language Yout Wam.
- e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):  
Yout Wam, Population: 272 (2006)
- f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: ytw

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
- |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Living language   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Recently extinct language   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Historical language   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ancient language  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Artificially constructed language                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 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:  
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:  
Only in Yout village, which is located on the northern slopes of the rugged Finisterre Mountains of the Rai Coast of Madang Province.  
Yout village: E146.57205 S5.84608
  
- 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:  
Trans-New Guinea, Main Section, Central and Western, Huon-Finisterre, Finisterre, Yupna
  
- 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:

### 4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

- a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:  
Yout Wam does not have an orthography or any written material. There are no recordings or radio or television broadcasts in Yout Wam.
  
- 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?:  
At the time of the survey, it was reported that a vernacular preschool would be starting the following year. If that school started as planned, Yout Wam would be the medium of instruction.
  
- c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:  
The Yout Wam people consider themselves a separate language from Domung and other surrounding languages. Yout Wam is the dominant language used at home and in traditional activities. It is also used primarily in the domains of sports and joking.

## 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:  
Gray, Rachel. 2007. A sociolinguistic survey of the Domung [dev] and Yout Wam [code pending] languages. Manuscript.
  
- c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):

### Please return this form to:

ISO 639-3 Registrar  
SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems  
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road  
Dallas, Texas 75236 USA  
ISO 639-3/RA web site: <http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/default.asp>  
Email: [iso639-3@sil.org](mailto: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:

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>