Draft technical report: Language codes part 3
General notes:
(1) ISO 639-1 and ISO 639-2 form parts 1 and 2 in relation to this part 3
(2) The structure of this draft technical report currently mirrors the structure of ISO 639-1.
(3) As an HTML file, this document is best viewed at a medium or lower resolution, and the table in section 5 viewed at a small or smaller resolution, to avoid text disappearing at the right hand margin.

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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) and IEC (the International Electrotechnical Commission) together form a system for worldwide standardization. National bodies that are members of ISO or IEC partici-pate in the development of International Standards through technical committees established by the re-spective organization to deal with specific technical fields. Other governmental and non-governmental inter-national organizations with liaison to IEC and ISO also take part in the work.

International standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

This draft technical report was prepared by a members of Working Group 1 "Language codes" of Subcommittee 2 "Layout of vocabularies" of the Technical Committees of ISO TC 37 "Terminology (principles and coordination)".

Draft International Standards and technical rports are circulated to national bodies for approval before their acceptance as
Inter-national Standards. They are approved in accordance with procedures requiring at least $75 \%$ approval by the national bodies voting.

Tables 1, 2 and 3 form an integral part of ISO 639, Part 1. Annex A "Procedures for the ISO 639-1 Registration Authority (ISO 639-1/RA)" is normative. Annex B "Bibliography" is informative.

This draft technical report has been prepared taking into account the aims and needs expressed in the document ISO/TC37/SC2/WG1 N69: Coding systems, prepared on 2001-01-31 by Håvard Hjulstad (convenor of ISO/TC37/SC2/WG1) in Norway.

This introduction further discusses aims and needs in this area.
(a) Relationship between different parts of ISO 639

Language codes part 3 provides additional information to
ISO 639-1 (2-letter codes, intended for use in terminology) and ISO 639-2 (3-letter codes, intended for use in bibliography.

Language codes part 3 has been developed to complement ISO 639-1 and ISO 639-2, by providing information used in other coding systems, for a wider range of languages.

Language codes part 3 does not replace ISO 639-1 and ISO 639-2. Indeed their codes are preserved intact, and documented together for use with implementations such as RFC 3066 "Language Tags" (or Internet use, superseding RFC 1766 "Language Tags").

Language codes part 3 is useful in this regard in that it provides a single list of language codes for use with RFC 3066 , avoiding the need to consult ISO 639-1 and ISO 639-2 separately.
(b) Background to work in ISO/TC37/SC2 and ISO/TC46/SC4

ISO 639-1 was devised primarily for use in terminology, lexicography and linguistics, and contains simple 2 -letter codes for variant languages.

ISO 639-2 was devised primarily for use in library systems. It provides codes for
(i) all languages contained in ISO 639-1;
(ii) other languages not contained in ISO 639-1;
(iii) older languages not covered in ISO 639-1; and in addition
(iv) generic language groups.

However, many users besides terminologists and librarians now use language codes, particularly in ICT systems, and there is a need for a generic language coding system which provides codes for many more languages.

If an extended, generic, coding system is not developed by ISO for more generic use, users will be (and already are are) devising their own, to meet immediate needs, with the result that such extensions prevent information interchange on a larger scale.

ISO 639-1 is limited to 2 -letter codes, and thus codes can only be provided for $26 x 26$ languages. Many linguists, and others, (including some international organizations) have in fact used other codes, particularly those developed by the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) in their Ethnologue publications. It has also been agreed that ISO 639-1 should have no more codes added after an agreed point, to avoid clashes between ISO 639-1 and ISO 639-2 in specifications such

ISO 639-2 could provide codes for $26 \times 26 \times 26$ languages. However, ISO 639-2 also has its own limits specified in the standard: unless a substantial body of literature ( 50 different items in 5 bibliographic agencies) is documented, codes are not allocated, even for languages with official status within countries or regions of countries, which can adversely affect some aspects of computer development for certain languages. This is rigorously applied, as set out in the standard, and adverse effects for generic uses (particularly in ICT systems) are already in evidence.
(c) More generic needs

In ICT applications, there has been a tendency to use codes from ISO 639-1 and ISO 639-2, where possible, though at times there has been some frustration that less codes were available than ICT users required. Some ICT users have also used their own coding systems, notably the OpenType specifications used in font and rendering technologies.
(d) Variant codes

Because of the again relatively small number of codes allocated, variant codes were developed in various countries, including the UK, Sweden and Germany, which in some cases have caused clashes in bibliographic information interchange.
(e) Combining codes

Some users also have the tendency to combine language codes with other codes (such as script codes, country codes, etc) and it may be that ISO/TC37 can provide guidance on best practice in combining such codes in order to avoid clashes arsing from different approaches.
(c) The way forward

As the originator of the original language coding standard, and with a significant involvement in various aspects of ICT development, members of ISO/TC37 are in a good position to develop a further standard for more generic needs.

It is intended that ISO/TC37/SC2/WG1 should be in contact with other user communities represented by ISO, particularly with SCs of ISO/IEC JTC1, in developing this work.

There are also user communities who are not always directly involved with ISO who could make use of extended language codes. For instance, in the early stages of investigating this in the UK, it is clear that various national and international government agencies, in Europe and North America, have the need for a large range of codes for statistical purposes.

There is an urgency in this because
(i) language codes are now in very widespread use in information systems, and used in very large numbers in information interchange;
(ii) there are several different international, national, and de facto standards, each of which includes codes which clash with codes in other coding systems.
(iii) the international standards involved (ISO 639 and ISO 639-2) have limits on the number of codes that can be applied, and users
are developing their own extensions, incompatible with each other and with any part of ISO 639.

Unless the provenance of the coding sytem used is always documented with each information interchange, which is not really feasible, the use of wrong coding, and erroneous data, is extremely likely.

Most of the alternative coding systems use a 3-letter code, which makes it difficult to be sure that users are interchanging the same codes with the same meanings, because while some code elements are the same in each system, many are not, and no documentation is available which provides information on all of this.

This draft technical report documents alternative practices, but does not limit the use of alternative practices, and also aims to provide guidance on optimum ways to use language codes to avoid problems.

## 1 Scope

Language codes part 3 lists language codes used in ISO 639-1 and ISO 639-2, and also provides information on additional language codes used in other coding systems. This is provided in a detailed table.

It plans to provide information on which language codes from other coding systems are safe to use in addition to codes from ISO 639-1 and ISO 639-2, and guidelines on avoiding problems.

There is the potential to develop a further full standard (a notional ISO 639-3) which would provide a much-extended list of language codes, in comparison to that currently available, to meet user needs. However, the initial aims is to provide documentation, and that is the principle aim of this draft technical report.

The structure of Language codes part 3 mirrors that of ISO 639-1.

## 2 Normative references

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard apply the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/DIS 1087-1:1997, Terminology work - Vocabulary - Part 1: Theory and application.

ISO 3166-1:1997, Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions - Part 1: Country codes.

ISO 3166-2:1998, Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions - Part 2: Country subdivision code.

ISO 3166-3:1999, Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions - Part 3: Code for formerly used names of countries.

ISO/DIS 5127-1:1996, Information and documentation - Vocabulary -

Basic and framework terms.

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3 \text { Terms and definitions}
For the purpose of this part of ISO 639 the following definitions apply:
3.1 Coding system
data transformed or represented in different forms according to a
pre-established set of rules (ISO/DIS 5127-1:1996) 3.1
3.2 Code
2-letter or 3-letter code representing a language
NOTE To save space in tables, the following conventions are used:
I-2 2-letter codes from ISO }639\mathrm{ and ISO 639-1, and new codes
    applied by the ISO 639 Maintenance Agency;
I-3T 3-letter codes from ISO 639-2, and new codes
        applied by the ISO 639-2 Maintenance Agency;
SIL 3-letter codes from the Ethnologue, published by the
        Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL);
OT 3-letter OpenType language tags, developed by Adobe and
Microsoft, widely used in the IT industry;
I-3B 3-letter bibliograhic codes from ISO 639-2, and national
    variants of these codes used in libraries.
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## 3.3 language name

Word(s) identifying the language

NOTE Various conventions will be used, to simplify the use of cross-references and alternative names, including the use of the $\backslash$ character (BACKSLASH).

### 3.4 Area code

Code representing a larger region (more than one country), as languages may have spread beyond a single country. Its intention is to enable related languages to be listed relatively close together for ease of use. This is NOT a standard code, but is used to enable sorting of the table, so that related languages can appear close together.

### 3.5 Country code

Code from ISO 3166: Codes for representation of names of countries, which may be used in later versions of the table in this technical report. Later versions may also use codes from ISO 3166-2: Codes for subdivisions within countries.

Currently neither codes fron ISO 3166 nor codes from ISO 3166-2 are used in this table.

NOTE For ease of use, the present table uses country names rather than country code. This is also to avoid confusion between the specification of a language in a particular country, and locale IDs used in programming language environments, both of which often consist of a language code combined with a country code.

## 3. 6 Script code

Code from ISO DIS 15924: Codes for representation of names of scripts which may be used in later versions of the table in this technical report. Currently codes from ISO DIS 15924 are not used in this table.

### 3.7 Linguascale

Classification system providing a way of refering to related languages, documented in the Linguasphere register (see Bibliography).

NOTE This is NOT a standard code, but is used to enable sorting of the table, so that related languages can appear close together. This is similar to the Area code described in section 5, but the Linguascale is based on linguistic units, whereas the area code is based on geopolitical groupings, using elements from ISO 3166.

NOTE The Linguascale is NOT normative. As a guideline, this and all structured information in the tables below which includes digits or punctuation, are not codes or code elements, nor are they standards.

4 Comparison of language codes
4.1 Structure of the language code table in Language codes part 3

The language codes in the comparative list below, are listed to the right of the language names, and consist only of the following 26 letters of the Latin alphabet in lower case: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, $i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z$. They do not use digits, punctuation, or diacritical marks or modified characters as part of the codes.

However, note that punctuation marks may be added after some codes, although these are only indicative.

In particular, the ! symbol (EXCLAMATION MARK) is used after some non-standard codes to indicate that code in question should not be used for the language indicated, as that code represents a different language in one or more parts of ISO 639.

Individual language codes attempt to be mnemonic where possible, based on letters in either the indigenous form of the language name or the English or French form. Where possible, any expressed preference from the language communities concerned has also been taken into account.

It is intended that once it is part of an international standard, individual language codes will not be changed.

A single language identifier is normally provided for a language even though the language is written in more than one script. A separate standard may be developed for the purpose of designating information concerning the script or writing system of a language.
4.2 Maintenance of the language code table in Language codes part 3

For Language codes part 3, it is proposed to set up a Maintenance Agency. It is intended to mount the tables from this technical report on the World Wide Web in a form which can allow ordering in various ways by users, and enquiries and comments will be invited where additional or different information needs to be added. Communication with the Maintenance Agency should principally be by email (although postal and fax communications will not be discouraged, where electronic communications are unavailable).

Each application or proposal should be accompanied by a recommendation and support of an authority (standards organization, governmental body, linguistic institution, or cultural organization, at international, national or local level).

The Maintenance Agency should take into account:

- the number of speakers of the language community;
- recognized status of the language in one or more countries;
- the support for the application by one or more official bodies;
- whether the language community concerned considers it is a separate language entity, or part of another language entity.
- variant uses or orthographies compared to related language communities.

The registration procedure will be laid down in annex A.
For the Maintenance Agency for language codes part 3, the UK proposes the UK Linguasphere Observatory, Hebron, SA34 0XT, Wales, United Kingdom, +44 1994.419.300 (fax); +44 1994.419 .660 (tel); Web: www.linguasphere.org. The UK Linguasphere Observatory is part of the international Linguasphere Network.

NOTE - The Registration Authority for ISO 639-1 is the International Information Centre for Terminology (Infoterm), Simmeringer Hauptstraße 24, A-1110 Vienna, Austria.

The Registration Authority for ISO 639-2 is the
Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 20540 USA
(c/o Network Development and MARC Standards Office).

### 4.3 Combining language codes with other codes

There are examples of the use of language codes, in particular there combination with other codes (such as country codes or script codes), in ISO 639-1, section 4.3. Language codes part 3 does not intend to add information of this nature, although that could appear in other parts of ISO 639.

Other standards, particularly those developed by ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22/WG20 (Programming Languages - Internationalization) specify how such code combinations are specified in locales, etc., and other ISO technical committees may also have special conventions that should be taken into account in drawing up any recommendations of this nature.

5 Table of language names and language codes
TABLE "5G" - Name order (to be expanded from "G-languages" to all languages).
Language names and language codes are listed in the following table. Currently only a selection of entries for $G$ are listed as an example. This documents codes used in different parts of ISO 639 and also two de facto codes used internationally (see Key below)

This will also be available sorted by any of the columns shown below.

The table below is intended to be maintained on the World Wide Web, and to be openly available, and also to allow users to download and order the data by language name, country name, and various other criteria.

It is also recommended that if viewed as an HTML file, this table is viewed at the smallest or smaller text size, in a full screen view, in order to accomodate all columns on the screen.

| \#Ref\#; | Users | Area; | Country associated; | Language name | I-2 | I-3T | SIL | OT | I-3B | Linguascale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 617 | 300000 | A65 | Ghana | GA |  | gaa | GAC | GAD |  | 96-LAA-a |
| 1636 | 40000 | A64 | Sudan | GAAM |  |  | TBI |  |  |  |
| 1573 | 43000 | A65 | Nigeria | GAANDA |  |  | GAA! |  |  | 18-HBA-a |
| 2463 | 12000 | A66 | Chad | GABRI |  |  | GAB |  |  |  |
| 2633 | 10000 | A34 | Iran | GABRI |  |  | GBZ |  |  |  |
| 5156 | 300 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GABUTAMON |  |  | GAV |  |  |  |
| 1748 | 32500 | A35 | India | GADABA, BODO |  |  | GBJ |  |  |  |
| 2613 | 10000 | A35 | India | GADABA, OLLAR, SALUR | . |  | GAU |  |  |  |
| 2229 | 17500 | A36 | Philippines | GADANG |  |  | GDG |  |  |  |
| 3763 | 2500 | A66 | Chad | GADANG |  |  | GDK |  |  |  |
| 1845 | 30000 | A36 | Philippines | GADDANG |  |  | GAD |  |  |  |
| 1008 | 114307 | A35 | India | GADDI |  |  | GBK |  |  | 50-AAF-ei |
| 1364 | 60000 | A65 | Nigeria | GADE |  |  | GED |  |  |  |
| 4844 | 500 | A35 | India | GADE LOHAR |  |  | GDA |  |  |  |
| 5955 | 3 | A43 | Australia | GADJERAWANG |  |  | GDH |  |  |  |
| 2686 | 10000 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GADSUP | . |  | GAJ |  |  |  |
| 6142 | 0 | A66 | Cameroon | GADUWA |  |  | GDW |  |  |  |
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| 1134 | 94000 | A22 | United Kingdom | GAELIC, SCOTS | gd | gla | GLS | GAE | gae (LC) | 50-AAA-aa...ac |
| 5902 | 6 | A43 | Australia | GAGADU |  |  | GBU |  |  |  |
| 801 | 198000 | A27 | Moldova | GAGAUZ |  |  | GAG | GAG |  | 44-AAB-ab |
| 586 | 331000 | A25 | Turkey | GAGAUZ (Balkan/Turk) |  |  | BGX |  |  |  |
| 1661 | 36595 | A65 | Cote d'Ivoire | GAGU |  |  | GGU |  |  |  |
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| 1208 | 79000 | A36 | Indonesia | GALELA | $\cdots$ |  | GBI |  |  |  |
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| 174 | 3 m | A64 | Uganda | GANDA (Luganda) | 19 | lug | LAP | LUG |  | 99-AUS-er |
| 3714 | 2900 | A36 | Indonesia | GANE |  |  | GZN |  |  |  |
| 5920 | 5 | A43 | Australia | GANGGALIDA |  |  | GCD |  |  |  |
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| 405 | 650000 | A35 | India | GARO | $\cdots$ |  | GRT | GRO |  | 72-ACA-a |
| 1506 | 50000 | A64 | Somalia | GARRE |  |  | GEX |  |  |  |
| 963 | 128000 | A64 | Kenya | GARREH-AJURAN | . |  | GGH |  |  |  |
| 4233 | 1394 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GARUS | . |  | GYB |  |  |  |
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| 4917 | 472 | A55 | Brazil | GAVIAO DO JIPARANA | . |  | GVO |  |  |  |
| 5369 | 180 | A55 | Brazil | GAVIAO, PARA | . . |  | GAY |  |  |  |
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| 2287 | 16000 | A64 | Sudan | GBAYA |  | gba | KRS |  |  |  |
| 661 | 267000 | A66 | Central African Rep. | GBAYA, NORTHWEST | . |  | GYA |  |  |  |
| 823 | 177000 | A66 | Central African Rep. | GBAYA, SOUTHWEST |  |  | MDO |  |  |  |
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| 1747 | 32500 | A66 | Central African Rep. | GBAYA-BOZOUM |  |  | GBQ |  |  |  |
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| 2710 | 10000 | A46 | Solomon Islands | GELA |  |  | NLG |  |  |  |
| 2873 | 7900 | A36 | Viet Nam | GELAO |  |  | KKF |  |  |  |
| 6188 | 0 | A38 | China | GEMAN DENG |  |  | GEN |  |  |  |
| 4786 | 550 | A66 | Central African Rep. | GEME | $\ldots$ |  | GEQ |  |  |  |
| 2820 | 8000 | A66 | Cameroon | GEMZEK |  |  | GND |  |  |  |
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| 786 | 200000 | A65 | Nigeria | GERA | . |  | GEW |  |  |  |
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| 1798 | 30000 | A52 | Canada | GERMAN, HUTTERITE |  |  | GEH |  |  |  |
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| 1663 | 36500 | A36 | Indonesia | GESER-GOROM | $\cdots$ |  | GES |  |  |  |
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| 3786 | 2500 | A35 | Nepal | GHALE, NORTHERN | $\cdots$ |  | GHH |  |  |  |
| 2495 | 12000 | A35 | Nepal | GHALE, SOUTHERN | $\cdots$ |  | GHE |  |  |  |
| 3520 | 3600 | A46 | Solomon Islands | GHANONGGA | . |  | GHN |  |  |  |
| 2575 | 10045 | A46 | Solomon Islands | GHARI |  |  | GRI |  |  |  |
| 3971 | 2000 | A35 | Nepal | GHARTI | . |  | GOR |  |  |  |
| 4083 | 1757 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GHAYAVI |  |  | BMK |  |  |  |
| 2679 | 10000 | A35 | Pakistan | GHERA | $\cdots$ |  | GHR |  |  |  |
| 3702 | 3000 | A28 | Russia | GHODOBERI |  |  | GDO |  |  |  |
| 666 | 260000 | A66 | Cameroon | GHOMALA | $\cdots$ |  | BBJ |  |  |  |
| 2775 | 9000 | A65 | Nigeria | GHOTUO |  |  | AAA |  |  |  |
| 2288 | 16000 | A64 | Sudan | GHULFAN | . |  | GHL |  |  |  |
| 1397 | 55040 | A36 | Philippines | GIANGAN |  |  | BGI |  |  |  |
| 6599 | 0 | A65 | Nigeria | GIBANAWA | . |  | GIB |  |  |  |
| 1297 | 65600 | A66 | Cameroon | GIDAR |  |  | GID |  |  |  |
| 4068 | 1800 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GIDRA | - |  | GDR |  |  |  |
| 4123 | 1600 | A65 | Nigeria | GIIWO |  |  | KKS |  |  |  |
| 128 | 5 m | A64 | Kenya | GIKUYU | ki | kik | KIU | KIK |  |  |
| 2831 | 8000 | A65 | Ghana | GIKYODE | . . |  | ACD |  |  |  |
| 167 | 3 m | A34 | Iran | GILAKI | . | ... | GLK | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| 1289 | 67200 | A47 | Kiribati | Gilbertese \ KIRIBATI | . | gil | GLB |  |  |  |
| 2465 | 12000 | A66 | Congo Dem. Republic | GILIMA | . . |  | GIX |  |  |  |
| 5004 | 400 | A28 | Russia | GILYAK | . |  | NIV | GIL |  |  |
| 1998 | 22465 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GIMI | . |  | GIM |  |  |  |
| 3510 | 3700 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GIMI | . |  | GIP |  |  |  |
| 3602 | 3000 | A66 | Cameroon | GIMME | . |  | KMP |  |  |  |
| 3603 | 3000 | A66 | Cameroon | GIMNIME | . |  | KMB |  |  |  |
| 4615 | 775 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GINUMAN | . |  | GNM |  |  |  |
| 4889 | 500 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GIRA | - |  | GRG |  |  |  |
| 1076 | 100000 | A35 | India | GIRASIA, ADIWASI | . |  | GAS |  |  |  |
| 1348 | 60000 | A35 | India | GIRASIA, RAJPUT | . |  | GRA |  |  |  |
| 3470 | 4000 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GIRAWA | . |  | BBR |  |  |  |
| 412 | 623000 | A64 | Kenya | GIRYAMA | . |  | NYF |  |  |  |
| 733 | 225000 | A67 | Mozambique | GITONGA | $\cdots$ |  | TOH |  |  |  |
| 4910 | 485 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GITUA | . |  | GIL |  |  |  |
| 4975 | 400 | A52 | Canada | GITXSAN | - |  | GIT |  |  |  |
| 5980 | 2 | A43 | Australia | GIYUG | . |  | GIY |  |  |  |
| 2065 | 20000 | A66 | Cameroon | GIZIGA, NORTH | . |  | GIS |  |  |  |
| 1337 | 60000 | A66 | Cameroon | GIZIGA, SOUTH | - |  | GIZ |  |  |  |
| 4342 | 1100 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GIZRA |  |  | TOF |  |  |  |


| 3492 | 3900 | A65 | Liberia | GLARO-TWABO |  |  | GLR |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995 | 22800 | A65 | Nigeria | GLAVDA | . |  | GLV |  |  |  |
| 3056 | 6000 | A65 | Liberia | GLIO-OUBI |  |  | OUB |  |  |  |
| 220 | 2 m | A35 | India | Goanese \ KONKANI |  |  | GOM |  |  |  |
| 2136 | 20000 | A35 | Pakistan | GOARIA |  |  | GIG |  |  |  |
| 4343 | 1100 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GOBASI |  |  | GOI |  |  |  |
| 5606 | 78 | A64 | Ethiopia | GOBATO |  |  | GTO |  |  |  |
| 1896 | 26448 | A65 | Cote d'Ivoire | GODIE |  |  | GOD |  |  |  |
| 787 | 200000 | A65 | Nigeria | GOEMAI |  |  | ANK |  |  |  |
| 273 | 1m | A64 | Tanzania | GOGO |  |  | GOG |  |  |  |
| 2687 | 10000 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GOGODALA |  |  | GOH ! |  |  |  |
| 1096 | 100000 | A65 | Nigeria | GOKANA |  |  | GKN |  |  |  |
| 1024 | 107300 | A65 | Liberia | GOLA |  |  | GOL |  |  |  |
| 1422 | 51100 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GOLIN |  |  | GVF |  |  |  |
| 382 | 736000 | A35 | India | GONDI, NORTHERN |  | gon | GON | GON |  |  |
| 419 | 600000 | A35 | India | GONDI, SOUTHERN |  |  | GGO |  |  |  |
| 4842 | 500 | A46 | Fiji | GONE DAU |  |  | GOO |  |  |  |
| 3898 | 2000 | A35 | Bhutan | GONGDUK |  |  | GOE |  |  |  |
| 687 | 250000 | A65 | Ghana | GONJA |  |  | DUM |  |  |  |
| 5504 | 100 | A43 | Australia | GOONIYANDI |  |  | GNI |  |  |  |
| 3732 | 2741 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GORAKOR |  |  | GOC |  |  |  |
| 4418 | 1000 | A36 | Indonesia | GORAP |  |  | GOQ |  |  |  |
| 6520 | 0 | A67 | Mozambique | GORONGOSA |  |  | GOV |  |  |  |
| 337 | 900000 | A36 | Indonesia | GORONTALO |  | gor | GRL |  |  | 31-NJA-a |
| 5687 | 50 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GOROVU | $\ldots$ |  | GRQ |  |  |  |
| 1854 | 30000 | A64 | Tanzania | GOROWA |  |  | GOW |  |  |  |
| 6176 | 0 | A66 | Chad | GOUNDO |  |  | GOY |  |  |  |
| 445 | 559500 | A65 | Burkina Faso | GOURMANCHEMA |  |  | GUX |  |  |  |
| 6340 | 0 | A35 | India | GOWLAN | . |  | GOJ |  |  |  |
| 6341 | 0 | A35 | India | GOWLI |  |  | GOK |  |  |  |
| 5323 | 200 | A35 | Pakistan | GOWRO | - |  | GWF |  |  |  |
| 6420 | 0 | A34 | Iran | GOZARKHANI |  |  | GOZ |  |  |  |
| 3164 | 5000 | A34 | Afghanistan | GRANGALI | . |  | NLI |  |  |  |
| 1971 | 23700 | A65 | Liberia | GREBO, BARCLAYVILLE | . |  | GRY |  |  |  |
| 1522 | 47800 | A65 | Liberia | GREBO, E JE | $\cdots$ | grb | GRB |  |  |  |
| 2251 | 16800 | A65 | Liberia | GREBO, FOPO-BUA | . |  | GEF |  |  |  |
| 1392 | 56300 | A65 | Liberia | GREBO, GBOLOO | $\cdots$ |  | GEC |  |  |  |
| 1867 | 28700 | A65 | Liberia | GREBO, GLEBO |  |  | GEU |  |  |  |
| 6490 | 0 | A65 | Liberia | GREBO, GLOBO | $\cdots$ |  | GRV |  |  |  |
| 6491 | 0 | A65 | Liberia | GREBO, JABO |  |  | GRJ |  |  |  |
| 2163 | 19900 | A65 | Liberia | GREBO, NORTHEASTERN | $\cdots$ |  | GRP |  |  |  |
| 1788 | 30100 | A65 | Cote d'Ivoire | GREBO, SEASIDE |  |  | GRF |  |  |  |
| 74 | 12 m | A25 | Greece | GREEK, Modern | el | ell | GRK | ELL | gre |  |
| 593 | 320000 | A25 | Greece | Greek, PONTIC | . . |  | PNT | . . . |  | 56-AAA-aj |
| 3772 | 2500 | A36 | Indonesia | GRESI | . |  | GRS |  |  |  |
| 2436 | 12840 | A35 | India | GROMA |  |  | GRO |  |  |  |
| 6567 | 0 | A23 | Netherlands | GRONINGS | . |  | GOS |  |  |  |
| 5863 | 10 | A52 | USA | GROS VENTRE |  |  | AtS |  |  |  |
| 1662 | 36500 | A65 | Ghana | GUA | $\cdots$ |  | GWX |  |  |  |
| 2074 | 20000 | A55 | Colombia | GUAHIBO |  |  | GUH |  |  |  |
| 5030 | 370 | A55 | Brazil | GUAJA | . |  | GUJ |  |  |  |
| 2582 | 10000 | A55 | Brazil | GUAJAJARA |  |  | GUB |  |  |  |
| 2761 | 9000 | A55 | Colombia | GUAMBIANO | . |  | GUM |  |  |  |
| 4894 | 500 | A55 | Paraguay | GUANA |  |  | GVA |  |  |  |
| 4386 | 1000 | A55 | Brazil | GUANANO | . |  | GVC |  |  |  |
| 2508 | 12000 | A55 | Paraguay | GUARANI, MBYA | $\cdots$ |  | GUN |  |  |  |
| 136 | 4 m | A55 | Paraguay | GUARANI, PARAGUAYAN | gn | grn | GUG | GUA | gua (LC) | 88-AAI-fa |
| 2918 | 7000 | A55 | Bolivia | GUARAYU |  |  | GYR |  |  |  |
| 4647 | 705 | A55 | Venezuela | GUAREQUENA | . |  | GAE |  |  |  |
| 5711 | 40 | A55 | Brazil | GUATO |  |  | GTA |  |  |  |
| 4292 | 1200 | A55 | Colombia | GUAYABERO | . |  | GUO |  |  |  |
| 2466 | 12000 | A66 | Congo Dem. Republic | GUBU | . |  | GOX |  |  |  |
| 1124 | 96000 | A65 | Nigeria | GUDE | . |  | GDE |  |  |  |
| 3280 | 5000 | A65 | Nigeria | GUDU |  |  | GDU |  |  |  |
| 2020 | 21300 | A65 | Nigeria | GUDUF | . |  | GDF |  |  |  |
| 597 | 317500 | A65 | Cote d'Ivoire | GUERE, CENTRAL | . |  | GXX |  |  |  |
| 6016 | 1 | A43 | Australia | GUGADJ | . |  | GGD |  |  |  |
| 5981 | 2 | A43 | Australia | GUGU BADHUN |  |  | GDC |  |  |  |
| 5808 | 15 | A43 | Australia | GUGUBERA | . |  | KKP |  |  |  |
| 5777 | 20 | A43 | Australia | GUGUYIMIDJIR |  |  | KKY |  |  |  |
| 3009 | 6290 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GUHU-SAMANE | $\cdots$ |  | GHS |  |  |  |
| 5456 | 131 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GUIARAK | . |  | GKA |  |  |  |
| 2924 | 7000 | A38 | China | GUIQIONG | . |  | GQI |  |  |  |
| 23 | 44 m | A35 | India | GUJARATI | gu | guj | GJR | GUJ |  | 59-AAF-h |
| 347 | 840000 | A35 | India | GUJARI | . |  | GJU |  |  |  |
| 6177 | 0 | A66 | Chad | GULA |  |  | GLU |  |  |  |
| 2418 | 13000 | A66 | Central African Rep. | GULA | $\cdots$ |  | KCM |  |  |  |
| 3529 | 3500 | A66 | Chad | GULA IRO | . |  | GLJ |  |  |  |
| 4132 | 1600 | A46 | Solomon Islands | GULAALAA | . |  | GMB |  |  |  |
| 855 | 163271 | A66 | Chad | GULAY | . |  | GVL |  |  |  |
| 977 | 125000 | A52 | USA | Gullah | . | . . | GUL | . . |  | 52-ABB-aa |
| 5189 | 271 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GUMALU |  |  | GMU |  |  |  |


| 5113 | 300 | A43 | Australia | GUMAT J |  |  | GNN |  |  |
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| 5036 | 367 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GUMAWANA | - - |  | GVS |  |  |
| 983 | 123000 | A64 | Ethiopia | GUMUZ | - - |  | GUK | GMZ |  |
| 468 | 500000 | A65 | Benin | GUN-GBE |  |  | GUW |  |  |
| 2759 | 9000 | A66 | Central African Rep. | GUNDI | -• |  | GDI |  |  |
| 5982 | 2 | A43 | Australia | GUNGABULA |  |  | GYF |  |  |
| 1953 | 25000 | A64 | Uganda | GUNGU | - |  | RUB |  |  |
| 5383 | 168 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GUNTAI | - - |  | GNT |  |  |
| 4969 | 400 | A43 | Australia | GUNWINGGU | - |  | GUP |  |  |
| 5956 | 3 | A43 | Australia | GUNYA | -• |  | GYY |  |  |
| 4508 | 950 | A43 | Australia | GUPAPUYNGU | - - |  | GUF |  |  |
| 348 | 827764 | A64 | Ethiopia | GURAGE, EAST (Silte) | - |  | GRE | SIG |  |
| 364 | 798202 | A64 | Ethiopia | GURAGE, WEST (Chaha) | - |  | GUY | CHG |  |
| 5778 | 20 | A43 | Australia | GURAGONE |  |  | GGE |  |  |
| 5976 | 3 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GURAMALUM | - . |  | GRZ |  |  |
| 5747 | 30 | A43 | Australia | GURDJAR | - . |  | GDJ |  |  |
| 1841 | 30000 | A35 | Pakistan | GURGULA | -• |  | GGG |  |  |
| 5066 | 350 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GURIASO | -• |  | GRX |  |  |
| 5209 | 250 | A43 | Australia | GURINJI | -• |  | GUE |  |  |
| 3666 | 3000 | A65 | Nigeria | GURMANA | -• |  | GRC |  |  |
| 585 | 332100 | A65 | Cote d'Ivoire | GURO | - |  | GOA |  |  |
| 1150 | 90000 | A35 | Nepal | GURUNG | -• |  | GVR |  |  |
| 1361 | 60000 | A35 | Nepal | GURUNG, EASTERN | -• |  | GGN |  |  |
| 2348 | 15000 | A65 | Nigeria | GURUNTUM-MBAARU | - |  | GRD |  |  |
| 4603 | 800 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GUSAN | -• |  | GSN |  |  |
| 246 | 1 m | A64 | Kenya | GUSII | - |  | GUZ | -•• |  |
| 2451 | 12400 | A65 | Senegal | GUSILAY | -• |  | GSL |  |  |
| 6017 | 1 | A43 | Australia | GUWAMU | -• |  | GWU |  |  |
| 1455 | 50000 | A55 | French Guiana | GUYANAIS CREOLE (FR) | - | -•• | FRE | -•• | 51-AAC-cd |
| 392 | 700000 | A55 | Guyana | GUYANESE CREOLE (EN) | - |  | GYN | -•• | 52-ABV-av |
| 2128 | 20000 | A65 | Nigeria | GVOKO | -• |  | NGS |  |  |
| 4460 | 1000 | A65 | Nigeria | GWA | -• |  | GWB |  |  |
| 4310 | 1200 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GWAHATIKE | - |  | DAH |  |  |
| 2853 | 8000 | A65 | Nigeria | GWAMHI-WURI | -• |  | BGA |  |  |
| 1834 | 30000 | A65 | Nigeria | GWANDARA | - |  | GWN |  |  |
| 5858 | 10 | A45 | Papua New Guinea | GWEDA | -• |  | GRW |  |  |
| 6729 | 0 | A64 | Tanzania | GWENO | -• |  | GWE |  |  |
| 656 | 275608 | A64 | Uganda | GWERE | -• |  | GWR |  |  |
| 4830 | 500 | A67 | Botswana | GWI | -• |  | GWJ |  |  |
| 4652 | 700 | A52 | Canada | GWICH 'IN | -• | gwi | KUC | -•• | 61-BAE-bb |
| 5761 | 29 | A66 | Cameroon | GYELE | - |  | GYI |  |  |
| 4461 | 1000 | A65 | Nigeria | GYEM | - |  | GYE |  |  |

Key and Notes:

| \#Ref\# | Internal database ID (not intended for publication) |
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| Users; | Approximate numbers of speakers |
| Area [1]; | Draft code for areas (several countries) |
| Country associated; | A country associated with use of that language |
| Language name | Language name |

## ISO codes:

| I-2 | ISO $639-1$ | $(2-l e t t e r ~ c o d e s) ~$ |
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| I-3T | ISO $639-2$ | $(3-1$ letter codes - Terminology use) |
| I-3B | ISO $639-2$ (3-letter codes - Bibliographic use |  |

## Non-ISO sytems documented:

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SIL } \\ & \text { OT } \\ & \text { Linguascale } \end{aligned}$ | Ethnologue (SIL - Summer Institute of Linguistics) OpenType specification (Microsoft, Adobe, et al). Classification device for refering to related languages and grouping them together (NOT a language code). It is planned to add linguascale references to all entries in Section 5: Table of language names and language codes, in Language codes part 3, in due course. |
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| Other conventions: |  |
| $\backslash$ | Language name can appear in two forms. Shown that way in order to show which language names have that feature. |
| ! | Should not be used for this language if users add non-ISO codes for internal use. |

[1] Area codes used:

| A20 EUROPE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A22 Northern Europe | A23 Western Europe | A24 Southwest Europe |
| A25 Southeast Europe | A26 Central Europe | A27 Eastern Europe |
| A28 North Eurasia | A28 Caucasus/Anatolia |  |
| A30 ASIA |  |  |
| A33 Central Eurasia | A34 West Asia | A35 South Asia |
| A36 Southeast Asia | A37 East Asia |  |
| A40 PACIFIC |  |  |
| A43 Australia | A44 New Zealand | A45 Papua New Guinea |
| A46 Melanesia | A47 Micronesia | A48 Polynesia |
| A50 AMERICAS |  |  |
| A52 North America | A53 Caribbean | A54 Central America |
| A56 West Mid-Americas | A57 East-Mid Americas | A58 Luso-America |
| A59 Southern Americas |  |  |
| A60 AFRICA |  |  |
| A62 North Africa | A64 East Africa | A65 West Africa |
| A66 Central Africa | A67 Southern Africa |  |
| A80 MARITIME TERRITORIES |  |  |
| A81 Indian Ocean/South | ern Ocean Territories |  |
| A82 South Atlantic/Ant | arctic territories |  |

Annex A (normative) Procedures for the Registration Authority for Language codes part 3 [to be added]

Annex B (informative) Bibliography [to be added]

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