HIS Registry of Peoples - Documentation

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Abstract: Documents the Registry of Peoples (ROP) for the Harvest Information Standards (HIS). This registry defines standardized codes used for identifying the peoples of the world.

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1. Overview

The function of the Registry of Peoples is to document standardized codes used for identifying the primary peoples of the world. The ROP provides a reference list of identifiers representing discrete human aggregations. Data is encoded using the Latin-1 (ISO-8859-1) character set.

1.1 Identifiers

The Registry provides a unique *code* and preferred *name* for each people.

1.1.1 ROP Code

ROP3 codes are the primary codes within ROP. ROP3 Codes are 6-digit, numeric fields that provide a unique identifier for each people. Each code is perpetual; it will not be used more than once, even if the people it identifies are removed from the database. Subsequent references to "code" with no further descriptor, refer to ROP3 codes.

1.1.2 ROP Name

ROP Names are identifiers recommended as standard reference names. Each reference name is based on the self-name or a representative construct name of a people as determined by the Registry Editor. ROP Names are stored in tblROP3people as PeopleName.

1.2 Descriptors

The Registry provides two descriptors for each people. A minimum of two descriptors is necessary to accurately define a people.

1.2.1 Location Descriptor

People live in an identifiable location. Each code will reference at least one location descriptor, although it will likely reference more since many people are spread across geopolitical boundaries. Location descriptors (People in Country) are stored in tblROP3geoIndex and a Primary Location (PLOC) descriptor is identified in tblROP3people.

1.2.2 Language Descriptor

People communicate using language. Each code should include at least one language descriptor. As language usage often varies by country, language descriptors are stored in tblROP3geoIndex and a Primary Language (PROL) descriptor is identified in tblROP3people.

1.2.3 Registry hierarchy

With the latest update, each code references a ROP2.5 Kinship Group code (tblROP25kinshipgroup). Each ROP2.5 Kinship Group code references a ROP2 People Cluster code (tblROP2peoplecluster). Each ROP2 People Cluster code references a ROP1 Affinity Bloc code (tblROP1affinitybloc).

1.3 Criteria for People Identification

1.3.1 Self-Identity

People is the term used within the registry to refer to the largest cohesive group of individuals considering themselves related for reasons that may include biological kinship along with shared history, customs, language, or religion.

1.3.2 Distinctions

Distinctions between two peoples, which are given separate entries and assigned separate codes, are derived from a large set of cultural characteristics that vary among human cultures and societies.

1.3.3 Determinations

Determinations result from research at various levels and are intended to represent the self-identity of each listed people. Common naming conventions and kinship groupings are considered in determining people names.

1.3.4. Descriptors

Each people is defined by a combination of descriptors that may include ethnicity, culture, geography, language, or religion. The definition of a discrete *people* requires a minimum of kinship, location, and language. *As we investigate the real-life situations of people, we do not find a one-to-one correspondence of peoples to languages or of people names to language names.*

2. Code Tables

Code Tables within the Registry of Peoples follow a naming convention that begins with "**tblROP**".

tblROP3people

tblROP3people is the primary code table of the registry, containing the ROP3 Code and the recommended reference name for each people. Primary consideration is given to the name by which the people call themselves. Each ROP3 code references a ROP2.5 Kinship Group code (tblROP25kinshipgroup). *For legacy code support, each ROP3 code also references a ROP2 People Cluster code (tblROP2peoplecluster)*.

tblROP3people contains the following fields:

Field	Format	Description
ROP3	Integer (Long)	Unique HIS code for a people
PeopleName	Text (75)	Recommended name of the people
Description	Text (64000)	People description and editor notes
Source	Text (25)	Origin or source of the people record
AddDate	Date/Time	Date code was added to ROP
EditDate	Date/Time	Date code was last edited
ROP25	Integer (Long)	Links to tblROP25kinshipgroup
ROP2	Text (5)	Links to tblROP2peoplecluster (supports legacy usage without adding ROP2.5 Kinship Group codes)
EthnicID	Text (8)	Links to tblEthnicity (see World Christian Database)
PLOC	Text (75)	Primary Location Descriptor references ROG (Registry of Geography) country codes
PROL	Text (75)	Primary Language Descriptor references ROL (Registry of Languages) / ISO 639-3 codes
Status	Integer	0 = Draft, 1 = Active, 2 = Inactive

tblROP25kinshipgroup

tblROP25kinshipgroup codes relate ROP3 peoples that share an ethnic kinship. Each ROP2.5 Kinship Group code references a ROP2 People Cluster code (tblROP2peoplecluster).

tblROP25kinshipgroup contains the following fields:

Field	Format	Description
ROP25	Integer (Long)	Unique numeric code for a Kinship Group
KinshipGroup	Text (50)	Kinship Group name
Description	Text (64000)	Kinship Group description
AddDate	Date/Time	Date code was added to ROP
EditDate	Date/Time	Date code was last edited
ROP2	Text (5)	Links to tblROP2peoplecluster
Status	Integer	0 = Draft, 1 = Active, 2 = Inactive

tblROP2peoplecluster

tblROP2peoplecluster codes relate kinship groups of people that share a common identity. Each ROP2 People Cluster code references a ROP1 Affinity Bloc code (tblROP1affinitybloc).

tblROP2peoplecluster contains the following fields:

Field	Format	Description
ROP2	Text (5)	Unique alphanumeric People Cluster code
PeopleCluster	Text (75)	People Cluster name
Status	Integer	0 = Draft, 1 = Active, 2 = Inactive
ROP1	Text (4)	Links to tblROP1affinitybloc on ROP1 field
Source	Text (20)	Origin or source of the People Cluster designation
EditDate	Date/Time	Date code was last edited
Description	Text (64000)	Describes the peoples encompassed by the People Cluster
Citation	Text (255)	Provides bibliographic style citation when appropriate for Description field contents
EditorComments	Text (255)	Editor notes, typically detailing code changes
AddDate	Date/Time	Date code was added

tblROP1affinitybloc

tblROP1affinitybloc codes relate people clusters that share an affinity based on common language, history, or culture.

tblROP1AffinityBloc contains the following fields:

Field	Format	Description
ROP1	Text (4)	Unique alphanumeric Affinity Bloc code
AffinityBloc	Text (40)	Affinity Bloc name
Status	Integer	0 = Draft, 1 = Active, 2 = Inactive
Source	Text (20)	Origin or source of the Affinity Bloc designation
EditDate	Date/Time	Date code was last edited
Description	Text (64000)	Describes the clusters of people encompassed by the Affinity Bloc
Citation	Text (255)	Provides bibliographic style citation when appropriate for Description field contents
EditorComments	Text (255)	Editor notes, typically detailing code changes
AddDate	Date/Time	Date code was added

tblROP3geoIndex

tblROP3geoIndex is a linking table that cross-references each ROP3 People code to codes for one or more geographical locations in which the people are reported to live.

tblROP3geoIndex contains the following fields:

Field	Format	Description
GeoID	Integer (Long)	Unique ID for each instance of ROP3 in ROG (People in Country)
ROP3	Number(Double)	Links to tblROP3people
ROG	Text(2)	References country (Registry of Geography)
GeoName	Text (75)	The recommended name for People in Country
Memo	Text(255)	Short memo for description and/or editor notes
EditDate	Date/Time	Date code was last edited
Source	Text (25)	Origin or source of the GeoID entry
GeoRank	Text(1)	P indicates primary country (ROG) for a people (ROP3), S indicates secondary entry
Indigenous	Text(1)	Y indicates indigenous / No indicates non-indigenous
Latitude	Number(Double)	Y coordinates for primary spatial location
Longitude	Number(Double)	X coordinates for primary spatial location
PROL	Text (75)	Primary Language Descriptor references ROL (Registry of Languages) / ISO 639-3 code
PROR	Text (75)	Primary Religion Descriptor references ROR (Registry of Religions) code
PeopleID3	Integer(Long)	Unique Joshua Project People ID
PEID	Integer(Long)	Unique International Mission Board (IMB) People ID
WCDPRN	Integer (Long)	Unique World Christian Database People ID
EthnicID	Text (6)	Unique EthnicID from World Christian Database

3. Change Management

This section defines the process that the registry editor will follow to maintain the registry.

3.1 Governing Philosophy
Changes will be made to the Registry of Peoples as often as needed to add, remove, or clarify the codes.

3.2 How to make a change request
Any query, perceived error, or suggested clarification may be proposed by email to ropeditor@pobox.com.

3.3 How change requests are processed.
When a change request is received, review and dialogue will be conducted and changes, if required, will be made to the appropriate code table as soon as possible.

3.4 How Updates are Made
Registry code tables are updated regularly, and web APIs reflect the latest edits

4. Distribution

ROP codes are available through an ArcGIS web API:

People in Country (ROP3geoIndex)	api	download
ROP3 People codes	api	download
ROP2.5 Kinship Group codes	api	download
ROP2 People Cluster codes	api	download
ROP1 Affinity Bloc codes	api	download