

Tomorrow is World Languages Day, and it seems appropriate to announce a happy but increasingly uncommon event: the discovery of a previously unknown language in the foothills of the Himalayas. Koro, as the language is called, is spoken by hill tribes living in the northeastern state of India called Arunachal Pradesh, near the borders with China and Burma. Its discovery bucks a trend, since linguists have estimated that at least half of the roughly 7,000 extant human languages will be dead or moribund – meaning that children will not be able to speak them – by 2100. (...)

The article:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/language-erosion-you-dont-hear-that-often-2134915.html>

Basic information:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Mother_Language_Day

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Declaration_of_Linguistic_Rights

Links:

<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/language/>