


Title: Proposal to encode an additional Nko character

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1. Introduction. The Nko alphabet has been a part of the Unicode standard since version 5.0 (July 2006). The script is encoded in the range U+07C0–U+07FF. At present, the Nko block includes most of the characters appearing in Nko texts. A thorough analysis of Nko publications showed, however, some lacunas.

A special abbreviation symbol  called *yilidolo* (ᙱᙱᙱᙱ in vernacular), appearing as a combining subscript, is sporadically used, see Figs. 1–3. Note especially Figs. 2–3, where this symbol is a subscript to <ᙱ > *k*, evidently standing for <ᙱᙱᙱᙱ > *kúde* ‘kilometer’ in the map legends.

2. Character name. It is proposed that this symbol is encoded with the name

NKO COMBINING SYMBOL YILIDOLO

at the codepoint U+07FB, which is reserved in the Nko block, immediately following the last encoded character U+07FA NKO LAJANYALAN.

3. Unicode Character Properties.

07FB;NKO COMBINING SYMBOL YILIDOLO;Mn;220;NSM;;;;;N;;;;;

4. Bibliography

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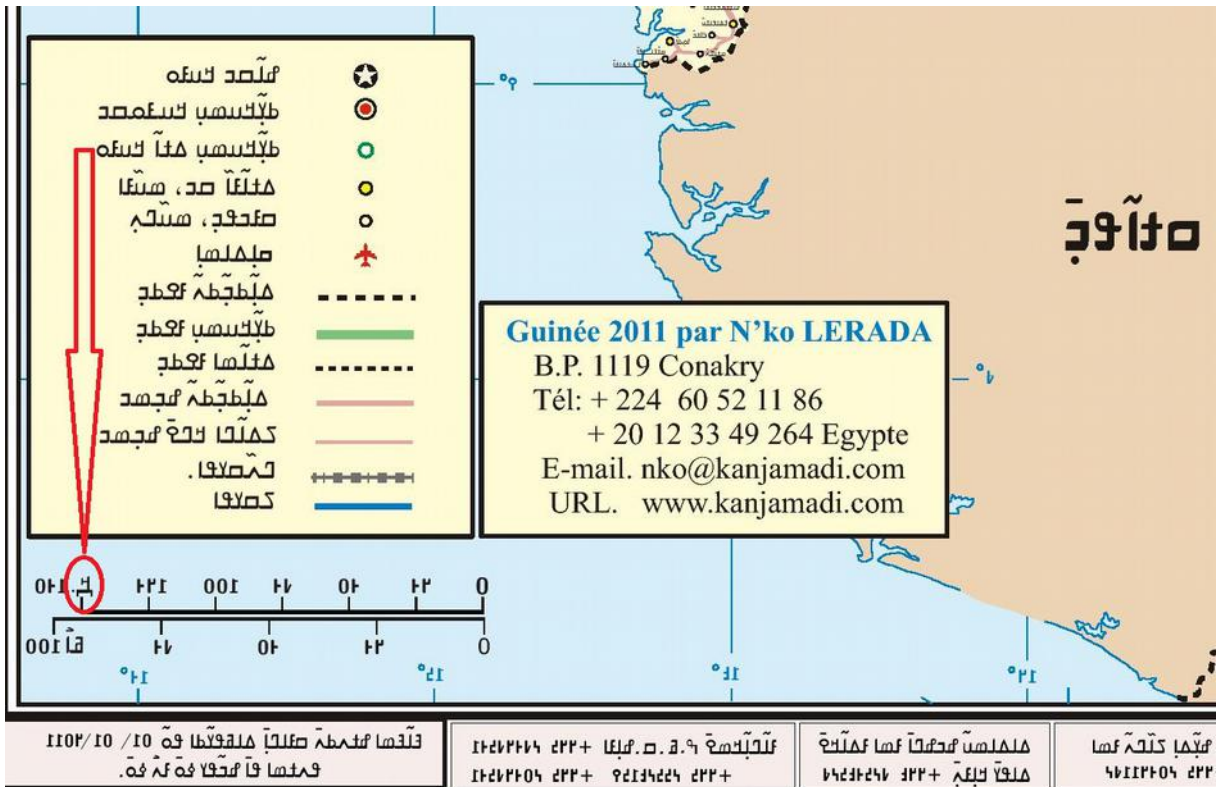


Figure 2: The map of Guinea (excerpt) showing the *yilidlo* character in the legend.

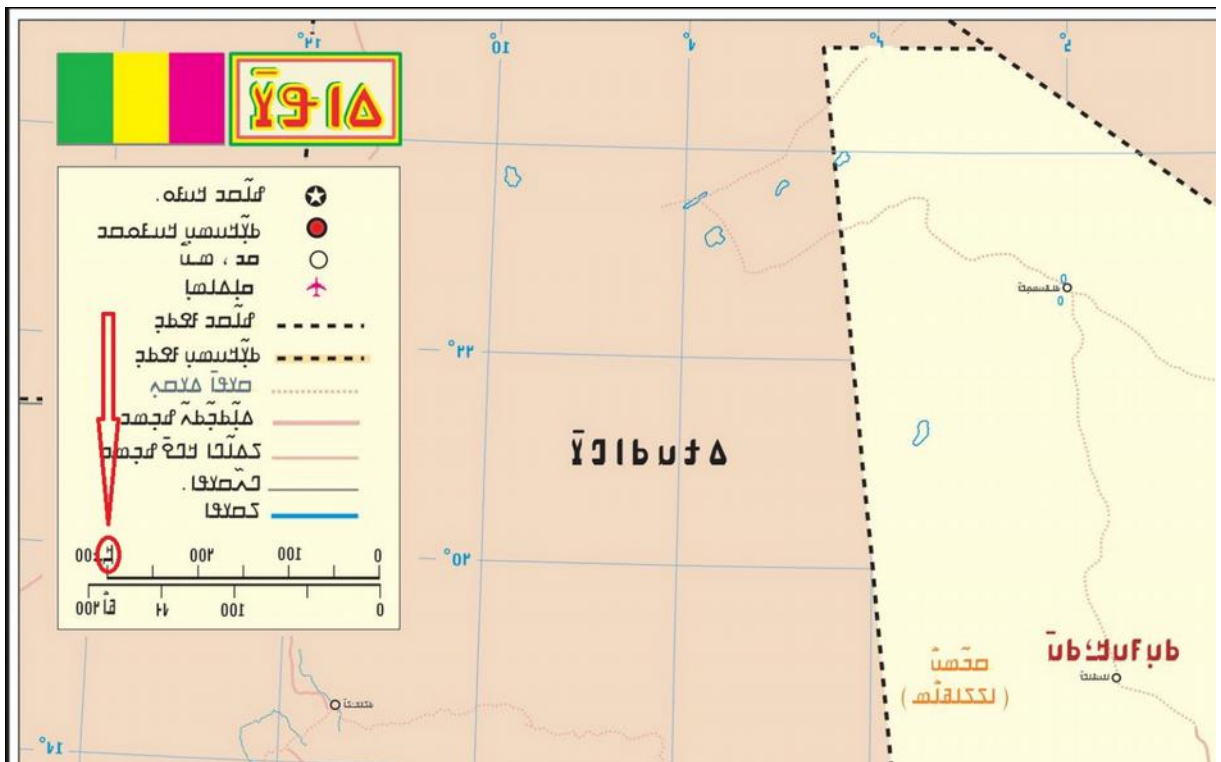


Figure 3: The map of Mali (excerpt) showing the *yilidlo* character in the legend.