

“Yolngu Sign Language [ygs] (A language of [Australia](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Hands in action
- **Population:** 5,000 (2012 D. Adone).
- **Location:** Northern Territory (Arnhem Land Region): Milingimbi island, Elcho island, as well as the towns of Yirrkala, Ramingining, and Waraga.
- **Language Status:** 6a (Vigorous).
- **Language Use:** It is taught from birth to Aboriginal children in the communities where it is used, as this signed language coexists with spoken languages. Speakers of other Yolngu languages use it. Nearly all domains.
- **Language Development:** Videos.”

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