# Wikipedia use for rehabilitation of minority languages: *Mirandês* case

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#### Miradense Language (Mirandês)

- About 10 000 speakers
- Speak only in one region of Portugal (Miranda)
- According with one study, Mirandese language is only spoken for 3% of the young people in Miranda
- The language is in danger to disappear.
- Is the second language of Portugal (lei n.º 7/99, a 29 de Janeiro de 1999.)







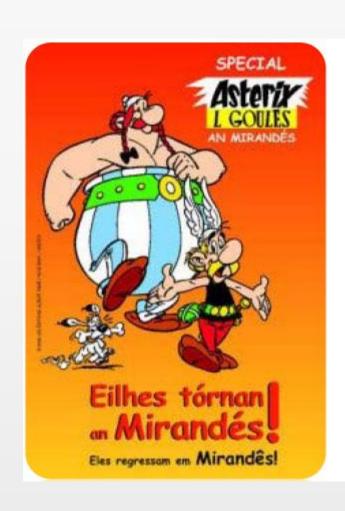


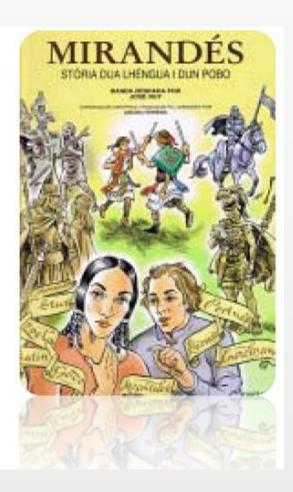
#### Vocabulary

- Mirandese was a spoken-only language all time.
- First book in 1883 (by José Leite de Vasconcelos)
- Orthographic convention in 1999
- In 1987 start to be teach in all schools in Miranda (until 4º grade)
- Lei 7/99 made Mirandese a optional class until the high school
  - About 500 students learn Mirandese today.



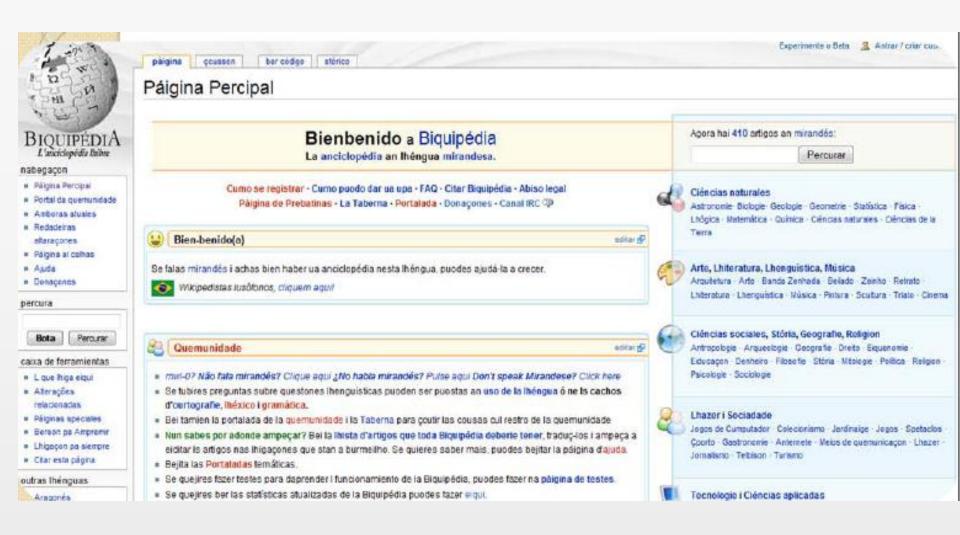








#### Biquipédia





### Why Biquipédia is important?

- Exchange the knowledge with another Wikipedias
- Disclosure of the language (social media and interwikis)
- Show that is possible to have techinical writing in this language
- Renewal the language.

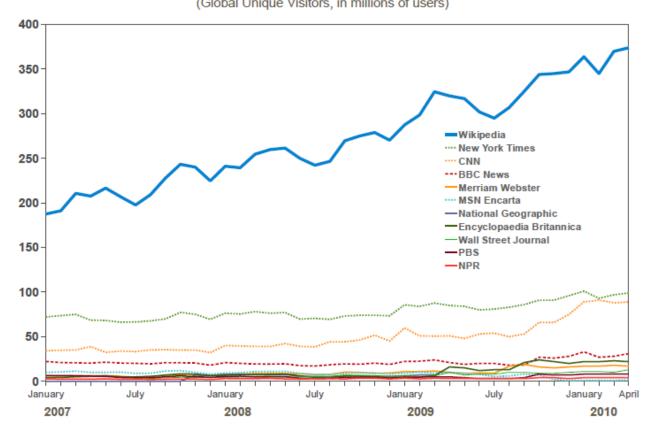


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Wikipedia Audience Compared With Other Information Sites

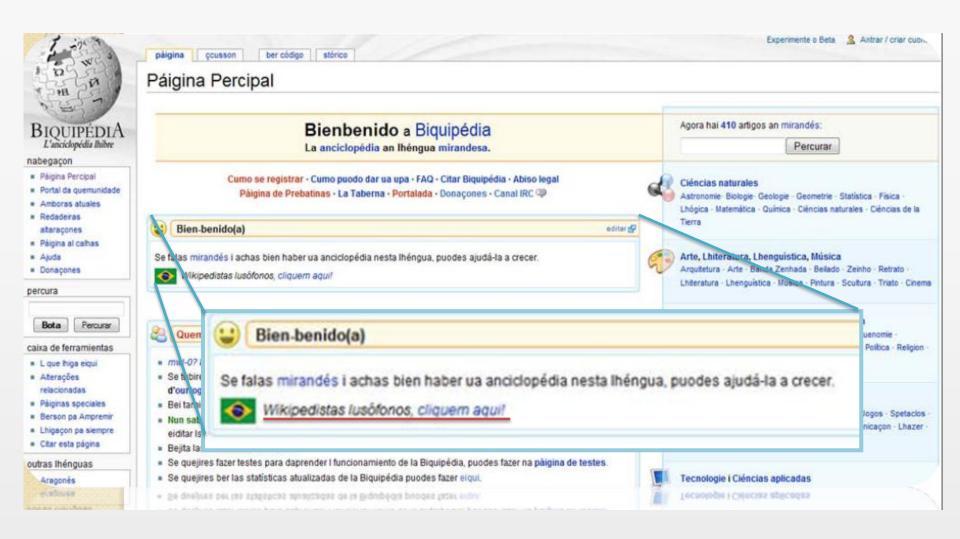
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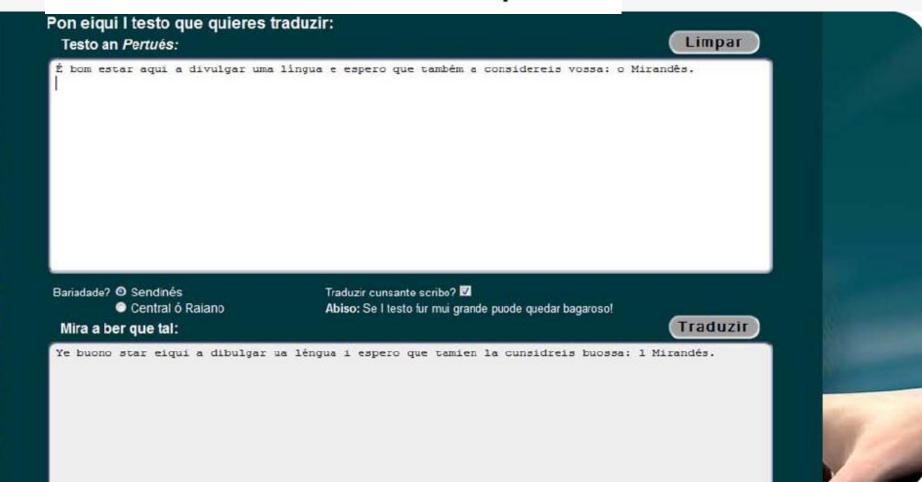
#### How people can help?





### Portuguese – Mirandese Translator

www.tradutormirandes.pt.vc



## And what all that have to do with India?



- India have hundreds of languages.
- Last census (2001) recorded 29 individual languages as having more than 1 million native speakers
- In those 29, 14 don't have Wikipedias yet
  - In test (Incubator): Maithili, Bhili, Santali, Konkani,
     Dogri, Tulu, Meitei, Bodo and Khasi.
  - Gondi, Khandeshi, Kurukh, Mundari and Ho are not in test yet.



#### What you can do?

- Help develop the Wikipedias already exists
   (Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Punjabi, Assamese, Kashmiri, Nepali and Sindhi)
- Help create the Wikipedias don't exist yet.
- Ask Wikimedia India for help with the promotion.

#### Questions?

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