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SCUFN-31, 23 to 27 Oct 2018, Wellington , NZ

Canberra, Australia 23 November, 2018

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- Report by the Chairman of the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN)
- The 31st Meeting of SCUFN took place from **Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27th October 2018** in Wellington, New Zealand, and hosted by New Zealand Geographic Board, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), GNS Science and Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
- Invitation by the Chairman/Secretary in due time
- Doc: [GGC35-2.6 SCUFN-Report](#)
- All SCUFN-31 documents on
 - https://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/SCUFN/SCUFN31/SCUFN31Docs.html

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Yasuhiko Ohara, Japan (Vice-Chair)

Felipe Barrios, Chile

Ana Angelica Alberoni, Brazil

Walter REYNOSO Peralta, Argentina

Roberta Ivaldi, Italy

Kian FADAIE, Canada

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Félix Frias Ibarra, Mexico

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Yves GUILLAM, IHB

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New SCUFN-members:

- from IHO-side: Dr. Yas Ohara, Japan

Cpt Walter Reynoso, Argentina

Mr. Trent Palmer, USA

Cpt. Najhan MD Said, Malaysia

- from IOC-side: Dr. Hyun-Chul Han, Rep. of Korea

Dr. Li Sihai, China

Mr. Kevin Mackay, New Zealand

Mr. Amon Kimeli, Kenya

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The Future:

Hyun-Chul Han, Rep. of Korea	(Chair)	IOC
Yasuhiko Ohara, Japan	(Vice-Chair)	IHO

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Roberta Ivaldi, Italy	IHO
Mr. Trent Palmer, USA	IHO
Felipe Barrios, Chile	IHO
Najhan MD Said, Malaysia	IHO

Félix Frias Ibarra, Mexico	IOC
Li Sihai, China	IOC
Kevin Mackay, New Zealand	IOC
Amon Kimeli, Kenya	IOC
vacant	IOC

Yves GUILLAM, IHB

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Participants: 26

GEBCO Guiding Committee, Robin Falconer

IOC REP., Tetsushi Komatsu

Wendy Shaw, host, NZ

Geoffrey Lamarche, Head of SEABED 2030, S and SW Pacific Ctr.

Anna Hendi, CHS, Rep of the UFN PT

Paula O. Garcia, Marine Regions

Observers: 10

China (3)

Philippines (2)

Republic of Korea (1)

Japan (1)

Rep of Palau (2)

New Zealand (1)

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- **UFN Proposals Submitted during
Intersession Period (normal track)**

Ascension Island (1), USA/UNH (1) Costa Rica (1), New Zealand (2), USA/NOAA (44), Japan (76), Rep. of Korea (3), Palau (40), China (79), Brazil (5), Philippines (16)

In total: 268

UFN Proposals Accepted at SCUFN-31

Ascension Island (0), USA/UNH (1) Costa Rica (0), New Zealand (2), USA/NOAA (0), Japan (74), Rep. of Korea (3), Palau (34), China (9), Brazil (5), Philippines (9)

In total: 137

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UFN Proposals Submitted for Fast-Track Review

New Zealand (13 in 2018)

In total: 13

UFN Proposals Adopted by Fast-Track Procedure

New Zealand (13 adopted)

In total: 13

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• Summary:

- **281** undersea feature name proposals were reviewed by normal and Fast-track procedure
- 131 undersea feature names **not accepted** or are
→ **pending**
- **150** new **UFN** were accepted or approved

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Doc: GGC35-5.1.1

- STANDARDIZATION OF UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES:
IHO-IOC Publication B-6
 - → Draft **new Edition 4.2.0** of B-6
 - → SCUFN requests endorsement by GGC-35
 - → IHO CL approval by IHO MS

Major changes

- fast-track procedure for UFN
- generic terms and definitions
- Improvement of the on-line proposal form
- Encourage proposers to release data to DCDB

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- Online GEBCO Web-GAZETTEER IHO-IOC PUBL. B-8

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/gazetteer/>

- Revised version of the GEBCO Web-Gazetteer available since **May 2018**
- Remaining issues and solution plans : **SCUFN31-07.1B**
 - Three technical problems will be solved in 2019
 - Annual funding (50K USD) is secured for maintenance, enhancement
- Web-Gazetteer was tested by SCUFN-Members for standard online use
- Tests of the Web-Gazetteer in Edit-Mode are conducted

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- Online GEBCO Beta Web-GAZETTEER IHO-IOC PUBL. B-8
- under development at KHOA.
- SCUFN integrated Beta Web-Gazetteer,
 - <http://112.220.100.76:8080/wordpress/>
- Which includes the B-8 Archive, web-map server, UFN recherche,
- and retrieval System, similar to the GEBCO Web-Gazetteer
- As services for proposers and SCUFN-Members following tools to be integrated in the Beta Version:
 - → - *generic term definition and images web page*
<http://www.scufnterm.org>
 - → Proposal review *prior to the SCUFN-Meeting*
— <http://www.scufnreview.org>
 - → WG on the *User's guide for the preparation of UFN*
<http://www.scufnsubmission.org> (under Beta-testing)

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Amendment to SCUFN RoP, Art. 2.10

Doc.: SCUFN31-01D

Current text of Clause. 2.8:

Proposals which are to be considered at SCUFN meetings must be submitted 30 days before meetings if in electronic form, or 60 days if in analogue form.

Amendment for Clause 2.8

Proposals which are to be considered at SCUFN meetings must be submitted **two months** before meetings, preferably in a digital form.

→ SCUFN requests endorsement of this amendment by the GGC

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Undersea Feature Names Project Team (UFNPT)

Collaboration between specialists from **HSSC S-100 WG** and **SCUFN-GTWG**

A status report by Anna Hendi from the CHS on behalf of the UFNPT-Chair

UFNPT 2018-2019			
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SCUFN experts	Generic Term Sub Group		IHO and OIC

Task:

Development of an S-100 Product Specification for UFN and Registering SCUFN terms in the IHO Geospatial Information Registry.

Workplan 2018/19 was introduced by Anna Hendi and endorsed by SCUFN which includes:

- Expansion of textual descriptors (i.e. discovery facts, meta data, ..) to existing product specifications
- Prepare and information paper for HSSC 12, with the status of work of the UFNPT and the work plan for the year 2019.

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Liaison

- **ACUF - US Board on Geographical Names**
 - Reports
 - Fast-Track
- **UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN)**
 - Reports
 - Cooperative attendance at Meetings
- **NZGB Undersea Names Committee**
 - Fast-Track
- **Marine Regions**
 - Collaboration (solve discrepancies in UFN, positions, geometries)

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Corporate Matters:

- Resources are needed to keep the GEBCO Web-Gazetteer up-to-date
Outsourced work is needed to incorporate new names into B-8
- Bilateral consultations requested when features may be located in areas of mutual interest (B-6 Art. III.D)
- Develop strategies and possible guidelines to avoid great inconsistencies and cluttered toponyms on bathymetric Charts

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Action

The GGC is requested to:

- a. Note the new composition of SCUFN and endorse the election of Chair and Vice-Chair after SCUFN-31
- b. Endorse the amendment to SCUFN ToR/RoP Clause 2.8
- c. Endorse new Draft of B-6 edition 4.2.0

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Meeting 2019:

The 3rd GEBCO/SCUFN Meeting
will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
5 to 9 August 2019
(not finally confirmed)

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