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IHO-IOC GEBCO GAZETTEER OF UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES ON THE WEB

Reference: IHO Circular Letter 39/2013 dated 24 June - *GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN), 25th Meeting, Wellington, New Zealand, 23-27 October 2012*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As reported in the reference, a web-based map interface and on-line database for the IHO-IOC GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names – the on-line GEBCO Gazetteer – has been developed thanks to the efforts and support of the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry (DCDB), hosted at the US National Geophysical Data Center (NGDC) in Boulder, Colorado.
2. The Directing Committee is pleased to report that the on-line GEBCO Gazetteer has now been completed and is available for Member States and the general public at: http://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/undersea_feature_names/. It can also be accessed from the SCUFN page of the IHO website (www.iho.int → Committees & WG → IRCC → GEBCO → SCUFN – Miscellaneous). The on-line gazetteer provides search capabilities that enable access to any registered undersea feature name and display its associated details, including showing the feature geometry on a background bathymetric map. Name searches can be made using a specific term, such as *Cook*, or a generic term/type, such as *Seamount*. In addition, IHO Publication B-8 - *Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names* is now derived directly from the underlying database.
3. All new names accepted by the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) and endorsed by the GEBCO Guiding Committee will be included in the on-line GEBCO Gazetteer, through a network of appointed editors (SCUFN members in the future) under the coordination of an administrator. This is currently the Secretary of the SCUFN from the IHB.
4. The on-line GEBCO Gazetteer represents a significant milestone towards an increasingly digital world and the Directing Committee is most appreciative of the efforts and support of the IHO DCDB and its Director, Ms. Lisa Taylor (who is also Vice-Chair of SCUFN).

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M IPTES".

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