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Alternative name for the feature proposed as Nippon Foundation Seamounts.

During SCUFN XXI meeting carried out in Jeju Island, South Korea, “NIPPON FOUNDATION” was proposed to name a group of 3 seamounts at the Central Pacific Ocean. See SCUFN21-6.6A.

The proposed name was not approved by SCUFN, and following up the recommendation, the search for an appropriate name, as it is established in B-6, was done.

The Secretary of ACUF gave his valuable collaboration and he informed that there is a future at 13° 27’N; 119° 39’W which name “DOWD GUYOT” was approved by ACUF in 1972. It was named after a student who lost his life at sea during an expedition in the area. This undersea feature name is not in the last version of the GEBCO gazetteer (Version JAN 2009, downloadable from www.gebco.net).

The “DOWD GUYOT” coordinates corresponds to a very near point to the seamount # 52, which is part of these seamount group (see SCUFN21-10.1A, Review of Seamounts in the Central Pacific Ocean). The location of “DOWD GUYOT” might be in correspondence with the seamount #52, since any other guyot was founded at its surrounded area.

As it is proposed to name the group of these 3 seamounts, there should be no conflict with the name approved by ACUF for a single seamount.

The alternative name “ACAPULCO” for the unnamed group of seamounts is proposed. There is not undersea future with such name in the GEBCO gazetteer (Version JAN2009).

The besought name “ACAPULCO” is after the popular city “Acapulco de Juarez” located at the Mexican coast of the Pacific Ocean.

The name “ACAPULCO” comes from: ácatl(cane), pul (augmentative) and co (place) and it means: the place of the large canes.

“ACAPULCO” is the most important city of the State of Guerrero and the history says it was settled since 3000 b.C. and formally habited by different “*Olmecas*” tribes in the XIII century. During the Spanish occupation and for long time, Acapulco was the commercial and connection point between the Spanish colonies in Asia and the Iberian Peninsula throughout the Pacific Ocean. Nowadays, Acapulco is famous for the touristic development based on its natural beauty.

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