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**Ref :**

- a) CIOH letter No. 30200900465 MD-DIMAR-DCIOH-Hidrografia-s/n dated 12 May 2009
- b) IHO circular letter 16/2010 dated 8 February 2010 – Minutes of SCUFN-22
- c) IHO circular letter 26/2011 dated 21 March 2011 – Minutes of SCUFN-23

### Alice / Alicia Shoal – Alice / Alicia Gap and Calarca Reef

Dear Captain, Dear Director,

With reference a) CIOH requested that the following changes be made to the GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names:


- That Alice Shoal and Alice Gap be changed to Alicia Shoal and Alicia Gap, respectively. The request for change of the specific term to the Spanish language was based on national regulations since 1996.
- That Calarca Reef be removed from the Gazetteer as recent multibeam bathymetric surveys had revealed that such feature did not exist at that location (*Lat 13°08.5'N, Long 81°17.5'W*) where the minimum depth was found around 1,000m.

The CIOH requests were examined by the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) at its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting (Brest, France, 22-26 September 2009). I am pleased to report that the sub-

committee agreed that Calarca Reef be removed from the GEBCO Gazetteer, based on the convincing 3-D bathymetric views provided by CIOH.

Regarding the other request, as there was no indication in the GEBCO Gazetteer on the origin of 'Alice', e.g. whether this was the name of a person or of a ship, the sub-committee was not in a position to consider the Colombian request. An action was placed to find origin information for the specific term 'Alice', as in Alice Shoal and Alice Gap. Regretfully, no information on the origin of 'Alice' could be identified. As a result, the 23<sup>rd</sup> SCUFN meeting (Lima, Peru, 11-14 September 2010) agreed that the term 'Alice' should therefore be kept as it is in the GEBCO Gazetteer until more information is provided on the origin of that specific term. Any such information, if known to CIOH, would be most welcome and could trigger the reconsideration of this issue by SCUFN.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

Ing. en Chef Michel HUET  
Secretary of SCUFN