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**UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES IN ANTARCTICA**

The IHO-IOC GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names (Publication B-8) includes some 250 undersea feature names in the HCA area. These names were approved by the IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee, following recommendation by its Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN).

The GEBCO Gazetteer is now on-line. See [http://www.gebco.net/data\\_and\\_products/undersea\\_feature\\_names/](http://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/undersea_feature_names/). 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.

Names in the GEBCO Gazetteer are intended for use in GEBCO products and on INT charts.

Forms for proposing undersea feature names are available from the GEBCO website in English, French and Spanish. See [http://www.gebco.net/data\\_and\\_products/undersea\\_feature\\_names/#features\\_link3](http://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/undersea_feature_names/#features_link3). Proposals should be submitted to the IHB, as SCUFN Secretariat ([info@iho.int](mailto:info@iho.int)).

Attention of UFN proposers is drawn to Article II.A.5 of IHO-IOC Publication B-6 *Standardization of Undersea Feature Names*, as reproduced below:

“Names of living persons will normally not be accepted, in accordance with the recommendation in UNCSDN Resolution VIII/2. In the rare cases where names of living persons are used (surnames are preferable), they will be limited to those who have made an outstanding or fundamental contribution to ocean sciences.”