

SCUFN-30 Report to GGC-34

- Report by the Chairman of the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN)
- The 30th Meeting of SCUFN took place from **Monday 2nd to Friday 6th October 2017** in Genoa, Italy hosted by the Istituto Idrografico della Marina (IIM),
- Invitation by the Chairman/Secretary in due time
- Doc: **GGC34-2.6 SCUFN-Report**
- All SCUFN-30 documents on
 - https://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/SCUFN/SCUFN30/SCUFN30Docs.html

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SCUFN-30 held at the IIM in Genoa from 2 to 6 Oct. 2017

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Hans Werner SCHENKE, DE	(Chair)	IOC	
Yasuhiko Ohara, Japan	(Vice-Chair)	IHO	→
Felipe Barrios, Chile		IHO	✓
Ana Angelica Alberoni, Brazil		IHO	→
Walter REYNOSO Peralta, Argentina		IHO	→
Roberta Ivaldi, Italy		IHO	✓
Kian FADAIE, Canada		IHO	
Vaughan STAGPOOLE, New Zealand		IOC	
Lin Shaohua, China		IOC	
Hyun-Chul Han, Rep. of Korea		IOC	→
Félix Frias Ibarra, Mexico		IOC	✓
Ksenia DOBROLYOBOVA, Russia		IOC	✓

Yves GUILLAM, IHB

Secretary

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SCUFN Membership:

Vacancy of 8 positions after SCUFN-31 in 2018

4 Representatives from IHO and
4 Representatives from IOC

Call for nomination by CL to IHO and IOC Member States

IHO CL 57/2017 has been posted

Time schedule:	CL to MS	November 2017
	Reply from MS	End of Febr. 2018
	Final Decision:	End of March 2018

Selected future members are requested to attend SCUFN-31 for familiarization

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Participants: 26

GEBCO Chairman Mr Shin Tani

IOC REPRESENTATIVE Mr Tetsushi Komatsu

IHO Representative, Ass. Secretary Mr Atilio Aste

4 Members of the UFNPT:

Rowena OROK, CHS, Canada (Chair)

Zhe XING , NMDIS, China

Hak Yeol YOU, KHOA, Republic of Korea

Jorge ALAVERA Alvarado, INOCAR, Ecuador

11 Observers from **8** countries

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- **UFN Proposals Submitted during
Intersession Period**

*Palau (17), New Zealand (2), USA (4), Brazil (9), Japan (36),
Rep. of Korea (4), China (41)*

In total: 113

UFN Proposals Accepted at SCUFN-30

*Palau (14), New Zealand (2), USA (2), Brazil (9), Japan (35),
Rep. of Korea (4), China (32)*

In total: 98

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UFN Proposals Submitted for Fast-Track Review

New Zealand (23 in 2016),(7 in 2017)

In total: 30

UFN Proposals Accepted by Fast-Track at SCUFN-30

New Zealand (20 in 2016),(7 in 2017)

In total: 27

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.Summary:

- **143** undersea feature name proposals were reviewed by normal and Fast-track procedure
- 18 undersea feature names **not accepted** or are
→ **pending**
- **125 new UFN** proposals were accepted

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- STANDARDIZATION OF UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES:
IHO-IOC Publication B-6
 - → draft new Edition 4.2.0 of B-6 under preparation

Major changes

- the list of national naming authorities
 - fast-track procedure for UFN
 - generic terms and definitions
 - Improvement of the on-line proposal form
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- *Review of changes by SCUFN-Members until SCUFN-31*

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- STANDARDIZATION OF UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES:

IHO-IOC Publication B-6

Service to proposers and SCUFN-Members following tools::

- - *generic terms and images web page is operational*
<http://www.scufnterm.org>
- → *WG on the User's guide for the preparation of undersea feature name proposals* → B-6 Vers. 4.2.0
<http://www.scufnproposal.org> (under Beta-testing)
- → *Proposal review prior to the SCUFN-Meeting*
 - *Used since 2016 for evaluation of proposals prior to Meetings*<http://www.scufnreview.org>

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- Online GEBCO Web-GAZETTEER
IHO-IOC PUBLICATION B-8

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

- 2016 problems with the online Interface for the GEBCO Gazetteer
- SCUFN Secretary „Wish-list“ to NCEI, Doc: **SCUFN30-07.1A Rev. 1**
- Discussions during SCUFN-29 in Boulder with NOAA/NCEI about solutions
- Due to maintenance problems the Gazetteer has been **unavailable** for editing work from **October 2016 to end of June 2017**
- Web-Gazetteer was tested by SCUFN-Members for normal online use
- Sept. 2017, **Report from NOAA/NCEI** functionality met
- If continue hosting/maintenance, committed funding
- Document: **SCUFN30-07.1B**
 - **a minimum of 50K USD/year**

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Amendment to SCUFN RoP, Art. 2.10

Document: SCUFN30-01D, and Doc: GGC34-2.6.2

Current text of Art. 2.10:

“The Sub-Committee will not consider undersea feature name proposals that are politically sensitive.”

Amendment for Art. 2.10

"The Sub-Committee will not consider undersea feature name proposals that **may be considered** politically sensitive **or controversial**. In reaching any decision not to consider certain proposals, the Chair shall take into account the views of the members of the Sub-Committee."

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Undersea Feature Names Project Team (UFNPT) Kick-Off Meeting

Ref: IHO CL 30/2017, 03 October 2017

Tasked:

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

Collaboration between

specialists from **HSSC S-100 WG (9)** and **SCUFN-GTWG (4)**

Chair Person: Rowena Orok, CHS, CA presented a **Roadmap**

Key considerations

- Enhancement of the current data model for undersea features
- Harmonization of generic terms and review of definitions of undersea features used in different IHO publications.

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Liaison

- **ACUF US Board on Geographical Names**
 - Reports
 - Fast-Track
 - Harmonization
- **UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN)**
 - Reports
 - Cooperative attendance at Meetings
- **NZGB Undersea Names Committee**
 - Reports
 - Fast-Track
 - Harmonization

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Miscellaneous

- For keeping the GEBCO Web-Gazetteer up-to-date
 - the contracted work must be continued
- Development of a SCUFN-Cookbook for
 - harmonization and decision making
- Develop strategies and possible guidelines
 - to avoid great inconsistencies and cluttered toponyms on bathymetric Charts

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Meeting 2018:

The 31th GEBCO/SCUFN Meeting
will be held in Wellington
hosted by LINZ and GNS
22 to 26 October 2018
(not finally confirmed)

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