

## NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMING

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### Notes

1) Proposal forms<sup>1</sup> for features located inside the external limit of a territorial sea should be submitted to the relevant Hydrographic Office (HO) (see references on the IHO website: [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) → IHO Membership) and/or the national authority of the coastal States. Some national authorities that deal with the naming of undersea features, in addition to, or instead of the national HO are listed below.

2) Proposal forms for features located inside the external limit of the territorial sea of a coastal State who does not appear on the IHO website nor listed below should be submitted to the IHO ([info@iho.int](mailto:info@iho.int)) or to the IOC ([info@unesco.org](mailto:info@unesco.org)).

3) It is also reminded that whatever the location of features, “*There is significant benefit to be gained from mutual consultation by all interested parties in preparing and submitting proposals to SCUFN. National naming authorities are encouraged to consult on undersea features names in their mutual areas of interest prior to submitting proposals to SCUFN.*” (Publication B-6, Art. III.D refers).

**National naming authorities** (as known by the SCUFN Secretariat - **June 2018**)

Useful Reference: United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names > [National Naming Authorities](#).

### Canada

Geographical Names Board of Canada - Secretariat  
615 Booth Street, Room 634, OTTAWA, Ontario, K1A 0E9  
E-mail: [geonames@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:geonames@nrcan.gc.ca)  
Web: [www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/place-names/](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/place-names/)

### China

Sub Committee on Undersea Feature Names of China Committee on Geographical Names  
1 Fuxingmenwai Avenue, BEIJING – 100860  
E-mail: [ccufn@sina.cn](mailto:ccufn@sina.cn)

### Finland

Onomastic Division of the Finnish Research Centre for Domestic Languages  
Liisankatu 16A, SF-00170 HELSINKI  
Fax: + 358 204 48 4555

### Germany

Ständiger Ausschuss für Geographische Namen (STAGN) – Geschäftsstelle im Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie (BKG)  
Richard-Strauss-Allee 11, D-60598 FRANKFURT/MAIN  
E-Mail: [stagn@bkg.bund.de](mailto:stagn@bkg.bund.de)  
Web: [www.stagn.de](http://www.stagn.de)

### Israel

The Marine Geology Section - Geological Survey of Israel  
30 Malchei Israel Street, JERUSALEM 95 501  
E-mail: [ora.shaping@gsi.gov.il](mailto:ora.shaping@gsi.gov.il)  
Web: [www.gsi.gov.il/eng/](http://www.gsi.gov.il/eng/)

### Kenya

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.gebco.net/data\\_and\\_products/undersea\\_feature\\_names/documents/scufn\\_name\\_proposal\\_english.doc](http://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/undersea_feature_names/documents/scufn_name_proposal_english.doc)

Direction of Surveys - Survey of Kenya  
P.O. Box 30046, NAIROBI  
E-mail: [bnowino@yahoo.com](mailto:bnowino@yahoo.com)  
Web: [www.un-spider.org/links-and-resources/institutions/survey-kenya-sok](http://www.un-spider.org/links-and-resources/institutions/survey-kenya-sok)

### **Libya**

Survey Department of Libya (SDL)  
P.O. Box 600, TRIPOLI

### **Mexico**

Dirección General de Geografía - Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática (INEGI)  
Av. Héroe de Nacozari Sur N° 2301, puerta 8, 2° nivel, Col. Jardines del Parque  
C.P. 20276, AGUASCALIENTES  
Fax: 449 442 41 76  
Web: [www.inegi.org.mx/](http://www.inegi.org.mx/)

### **New Zealand**

New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa  
Private Box 5501, WELLINGTON 6145  
E-mail: [customersupport@linz.govt.nz](mailto:customersupport@linz.govt.nz)  
Web: [www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/propose-a-name/undersea-features](http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/propose-a-name/undersea-features)

### **Poland**

Urząd Rady Ministrów - Komisja Ustalania Nazw Miejscowości i Obiektów Fizjograficznych  
(Bureau of the Cabinet, Board for determining of the Names of Places and Physiographical Objects)  
Aleje Ujazdowskie 1/3, 00-583 WARSZAWA  
E-mail: [Sekretariat.DAP@mswia.gov.pl](mailto:Sekretariat.DAP@mswia.gov.pl)  
Web: <http://knmiof.mswia.gov.pl/>

### **Russian Federation**

Geographical Features' Names Division - The Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and  
Cartography  
Vorontsovo pole, 4a, 109028 Moscow  
E-mail: [otdel-geoname@mail.ru](mailto:otdel-geoname@mail.ru)  
Web: [www.rosreestr.ru/wps/portal](http://www.rosreestr.ru/wps/portal)

### **Sweden**

The Swedish IOC Committee  
P.O. Box 6711, S-113 85 STOCKHOLM

### **United States of America**

U.S. Board on Geographic Names - U. S. Geological Survey  
523 National Center, RESTON, VA 20192-0523  
E-mail: [BGNEXEC@usgs.gov](mailto:BGNEXEC@usgs.gov)  
Web: <https://geonames.usgs.gov/>