

# **SCUFN** Report

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#### **SCUFN35** Meeting

SCUFN35 was divided into two meetings to reduce the accumulated pending proposals

- > SCUFN35.1
  - Host: Hybrid Meeting
  - Venue: VTC and IOC, Paris, France
  - Date: 14 18 March, 2022
- > SCUFN35.2 will be held in Monaco from 28 Nov. to 2 Dec.



## **Participants**

Members: 10 out of 11

- Observers: 42 persons from Japan, Republic of Korea, China, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Philippines, India, Brazil, US NOAA, Marine Regions
- Secretary from from IHO Secretariat; Logistic support from IOC and IHO Secretariat





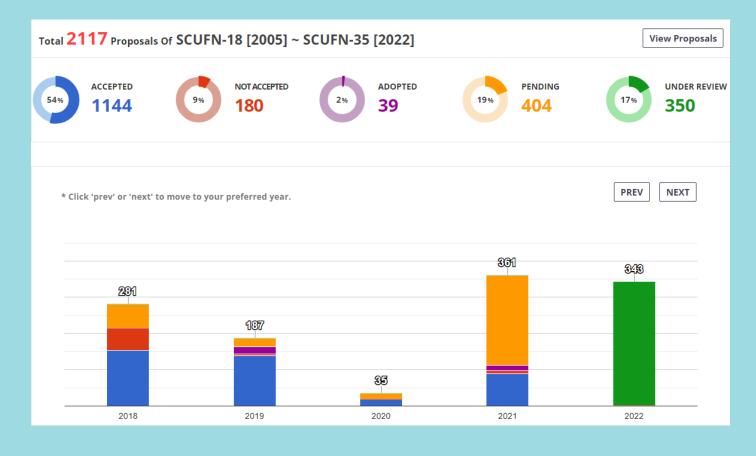
#### Vacancy

- > Two IOC member vacancy
  - According to SCUFN RoP 2.5, Capt. ALEKSEEV (IOC) was assumed to be stepping down
  - Dr. Hyun-Chul Han (IOC), SCUFN Chair, will preside his final meeting on the SCUFN 35.2 meeting
- IOC Secretariat has issued a call for SCUFN membership
- In accordance with RoPs, Vice-chair will take over chairpersonship until SCFUN36 meeting (in 2023), new Vice-chair to elected at the SCUFN35.2 meeting



#### **Review Proposals**

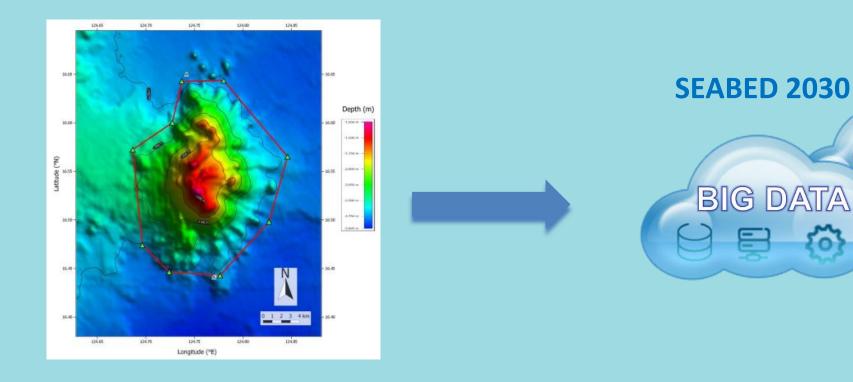
 New and Deferred Proposals: 343 Proposals (Normal: 341, Fast Track: 2)
Results: Accept (140), Not accept (36), Pending (32), Defer (117) Withdraw (17), and Adopt (1)





#### **Data Submission**

SCUFN Secretary to invite all proposers having 'accepted' naming proposals to provide associated bathymetric data to the IHO DCDB





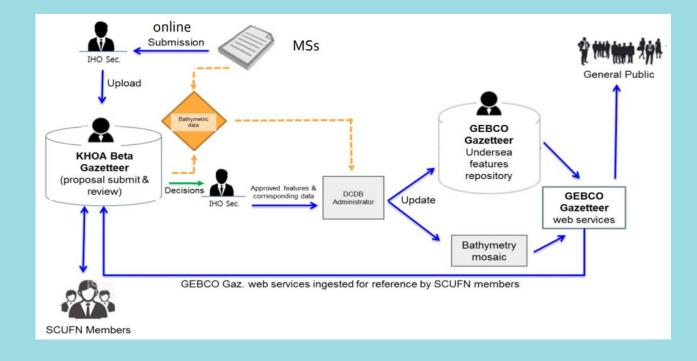
# Naming proposals located in "mutual areas of interest" where "mutual consultation" is encouraged by B-6

- The "Decision-Tree", proposed by Yves GUILLAM, SCUFN Secretary, <u>did not</u> reach a consensus among SCUFN members
- SCUFN will not seek endorsement of the "Decision-Tree" by GGC
- SCUFN is facing increasing pressure of some political statements by observers, and arguable interventions through diplomatic channels on SCUFN Members themselves
- Following a vote on the application of RoP 2.10, SCUFN decided to review the proposals from Viet Nam, Malaysia and Philippines
- > China claimed that the proposed names of undersea features are already named by the Chinese authority
- SCUFN agreed to create a sub-working group (Sub-group B-6 1.D) and SCUFN Members LI and SAID will lead this sub-group
- This sub-group has to submit by correspondences their ToR, objectives, assessment rules, deliverables until June 15



#### **GEBCO and Beta Gazetteers**

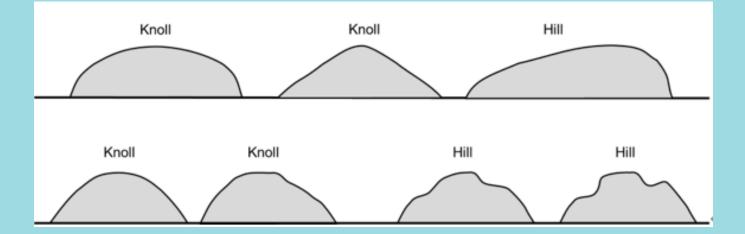
- NOAA's and KHOA's program developers for being present in Paris, for their participation in the technical working session along the meeting
- US and the Republic of Korea for their sustainable funding support for SCUFN activities, for their corrective maintenance and upgrades of the GEBCO Gazetteer and the development of the interoperability phase with SCUFN Operational Webservices (KHOA's Beta-Gazetteer Integration in particular)





# **Cookbook for generic terms**

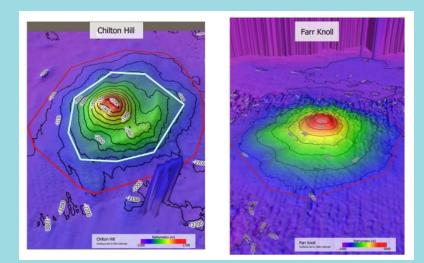
- SCUFN decided to make a separate document for 'Cookbook for generic terms and repository of typical cases'
- SCUFN members are to identify current definitions in B-6 against 'Cookbook for Generic Terms of Undersea Feature Names' and provide their comments, provide references on the current version
- SCUFN members MACKAY and OHARA is to compile the comments and propose adjudication options and then prepare draft version 2.0
- SCUFN just has become aware of a joint project between British Geological Survey, Geoscience Australia, Geological Survey of Norway, and Geological Survey of Ireland on Seabed Morphology. One output of this project will be Geohab 2022 meeting in this May. SCUFN would ask GGC members Geoffroy Lamarche and Kim Picard to closely liaise with SCUFN on this project.





## **Repository of typical cases**

- SCUFN welcomed the presentation by SCUFN members IVALDI on the prototype of the 'Repository of Typical Cases'
- SCUFN members is to provide their comments, complement to IVALDI copy to MACKAY
- SCUFN members IVALDI and MACKAY is to compile the comments and proposed adjudication options and prepare draft version 1.0 to be proposed for the formal adoption by SCUFN prior to SCUFN35.2





#### **Minor Undersea Feature**

- SCUFN member OHARA proposed that SCUFN does not have any minimum size for features to be named
- However, undersea features generally less than a few hundred meters across are usually not named except in special case that are usually based on historical and/or scientific significance



# Specific name with a living person

- SCUFN agreed on SCUFN member OHARA's recommendation that no change is needed in B-6 for selecting names of living persons for specific term
- SCUFN will review his/her achievement on case-by-case basis if his/her achievements are comparable to the Nobel Prize



# Features named in scientific publications that do not align with current definitions of generic feature terms

- SCUFN member OHARA suggests that if the undersea feature names were wrongly used in scientific journals, SCUFN can acknowledge these names, taking into account longevity and prevalence of usage of generic feature terms and specific names in the scientific literature, publication history, and publication metrics (e.g., total citations, journal impact factor, etc)
- SCUFN noted OHARA's recommendation, and SCUFN members are to provide comments to OHARA on this draft proposal for approval at SCUFN35.2 by Oct 15



# Activities of other institutes and the next meeting, and actions to be considered by GGC

- SCUFN welcomed the report from ACUF and Marine Regions
- The next meeting in Monaco from Nov 28 to Dec 2, in-person as a priority but hybrid possible
- > To note this report

