

SCUFN Report

Submitted by SCUFN Chair

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides details of the work and activities of the SCUFN 35 meeting

Action to be taken: See paragraph 3

Related documents: None

1. Overview/Introduction

SCUFN has two meetings in 2022. The first meeting was held on March 14 at the IOC Headquarters for 5 working days. However, SCUFN still has lots of backlogs to review and SCUFN decided to have another meeting this November. This second meeting will be held at IHO Headquarters in Monaco. The main purpose of the second meeting is to reduce the backlog of previously submitted proposals.

Three SCUFN members will step down this year. Captain Alekseev from Russia stepped down on the 19th of March, which was the first meeting this year, and Dr. Lalancett and SCUFN Chair (Dr. Han) will be stepping down at the end of the second meeting. Therefore, SCUFN asked all IOC and IHO member states to recommend candidates, and filled in three vacancies this July. The elected new members are Ms. Sampaio from Brazil, Dr. Pribadi from Indonesia, and Dr. Lee from Korea.

Another important issue is to synchronize the GEBCO Gazetteer and the beta-Gazetteer and also request to submit the bathymetric data to DCDB. SCUFN and NOAA experts met in the first SCUFN meeting this year and they agreed to harmonize both systems. Also, SCUFN secretary asks the proposers to submit the data to DCDB if their proposals are accepted.

SCUFN also had a long discussion to handle the proposals submitted in the area of the South China Sea. If SCUFN does not review the proposals in this area, undersea features in this area will have not been named forever and it could be also a precedent for other areas in a similar situation. Therefore, SCUFN proposed to establish a sub-working group to identify objective seniority in naming undersea features. The ToR and RoP of the subgroup are in progress. No consensus reached so far within the drafting group.

SCUFN members are currently under review the draft version of the cookbook of generic term definitions submitted by Kevin Mackay and Vaughan from New Zealand

in 2020. It is expected to completed within 3 to 4 years. After testing, the new or modified generic terms will be listed on B-6.

SCUFN members also welcomed the presentation by Ivaldi and Mackay on the prototype of the typical cases to maintain consistency in the decision-making process and agree on the principles. The draft version will be proposed for formal adoption by SCUFN in this second meeting.

2. Discussion/Background information (delete as required)

SCUFN already asked GGC to get guidelines about the limit of areal extent of the undersea features in 2019 and they suggested following the GEBCO grid resolution. However, sometimes, there are proposals to describe the very minor features, which are less than a few hundred meters across. So, SCUFN decided to review the proposal if the feature have an important meaning in the field of science or hydrography. SCUFN will further work with specialists in the science community and GGC members

3. Action

SCUFN welcomes any of the GGC members who want to work with SCUFN members regarding paragraph 2.

The GGC is requested to:

- a. **Note** the contents of this report;
- b. **Take** any other action deemed appropriate.