

**NATIONAL AUTHORITIES
AND UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMING**
(as of *10 January 2023*)

Notes

1) Proposal forms¹ 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 → 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) or to the IOC (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 – **10 January 2023**)

Useful Reference: United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names > [National Naming Authorities](#) and direct [link](#) to the contact information.

Brazil*

Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation
Rua Barao de Jaceguay, s/n, Ponta da Armacao, NITEROI - RJ - 24.048-900
E-mail: dhm.intrel@marinha.mil.br
Web: <https://www.marinha.mil.br/dhm/?q=en>

Canada

Geographical Names Board of Canada - Secretariat
615 Booth Street, Room 634, OTTAWA, Ontario, K1A 0E9
E-mail: geonames@nrcan.gc.ca
Web: 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

Finland

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

Germany

Staendiger 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
Web: www.stagn.de

¹ See www.gebco.net/data_and_products/undersea_feature_names/documents/scufn_name_proposal_english.doc

***Nation who has requested to be kept informed when a proposal for an undersea feature name is within its official or claimed area of jurisdiction (EEZ, ECS).**

Greece

Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service
Sratopedo Papagou, TGN 1040, Mesogeion 229-231, ATHENS 15561
E-mail: geopol_hnhs@navy.mil.gr
Web: <https://www.hnhs.gr/en/>

Israel

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

Japan*

Japanese Committee for Undersea Feature Names (JCUFN)
c/o Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD), Japan Coast Guard
3-1-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8932, JAPAN
E-mail: ico@jodc.go.jp
Web: https://www1.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/KOKAI/ZUSHI3/topographic/JCUFN/jcufn_e.html

Kenya

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

Libya

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

Malaysia*

Director General
National Hydrographic Centre
Bandar Armada Putra
Pulau Indah
42009 PORT KLAN
Selangor Darul Ehsan
Malaysia
nhc@navy.mil.my

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/

New Zealand*

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

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Philippines*

Permanent Delegation of the Philippines to UNESCO
Maison de l'Unesco, Bureau B6.21-22
1 rue Miollis, 75732 PARIS Cedex 15, France
E-mail : dl.philippines@unesco-delegations.org

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
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
Web: www.rosreestr.ru/wps/portal

Sweden

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

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
Web: <https://usgs.gov/geonames/>

Viet Nam*

Viet Nam Hydrographic Office
No 38 Dien Bien Phu Street, HAI PHONG CITY
E-mail: qh_chart@vho-navy.vn

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