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Executive Summary: The Cookbook is intended to supplement the SCUFN B-6 publication "Standardization of Undersea Feature Names" and the Generic Terms website: http://scufnterm.org. The Repository of Typical Cases is a useful proposals collection in terms of examples to consider in the submission proposal process. It contains Typical Cases for assigning the Generic Terms, Specific Terms, considering the difficulties to compile the undersea feature name proposal in order to follow a green line review. Furthermore this document sustains and increases the standardization of undersea feature names to improve the ocean knowledge and an accessible ocean.

Related Documents: SCUFN35.1/07 Decisions and Actions.

Introduction / Background

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During SCUFN29 (SCUFN29/13) SCUFN Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary highlight to consider how SCUFN can record rationales supporting decisions made for addressing difficult cases in sessions suggesting solutions such as a Cook-book?, live appendix to SCUFN ToRs? Repository of best practices? So lessons learned can be re-used in consistent manner in the future. It was defined as a long-term action developing during time with discussion that occurred in the next SCUFN meetings (SCUFN30-SCUFN35).

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The Cook Book – Repository of Typical Cases is an additional section of B-6 Standardization of Undersea Feature Names and contains examples of typical cases of undersea feature names extracted from the past undersea feature proposals in order to show an example of each case of undersea feature names. The Cook Book is a "living document" that will be continually updated and expanded as new typical cases are highlight by SCUFN and as the sense of best practices evolves.

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The Annex provides guidelines on Generic Terms for undersea feature name proposals and is intended to assist proposers with the selecting the most appropriate Generic Terms. It describes basic concepts for assigning Generic Terms with respect to dimensions, morphology and water depth, and provides useful suggestions for distinguishing the characteristics of undersea features that can be quite subtle. It also gives detailed information for each Generic Term in the B-6 nublication.

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Recommendations

SCUFN maintains this "living document" to improve and update the typical cases list to facilitate the compilation the undersea feature name proposal in order to follow a green line review and consequently growing the GEBCO Gazetteer and ocean knowledge.

Justification and Impacts

This Cook Book is a document of "lesson learned" as supplement of SCUFN B-6 Publication "Standardization of Undersea Feature Names" to facilitate and improve the proposal of undersea feature names. The main impacts are a diffuse standardization of undersea feature names in various scenarios and applications (i.e. Hydrography, Geoscience, Marine research, Education, Socio-Economy, Innovation technologies,...), the improvement of the GEBCO Gazetteer and the ocean knowledge in the UN Ocean decade for Sustainable Development vision "The Science we Need for the Ocean we want".

Actions required of SCUFN

SCUFN put a particular attention to the proposals and transfer suggestions and new typical cases to the manager of Cook Book – Repository of Typical cases.

SCUFN Generic Term working group share the output and maintains a link to the manager of Cook Book in order to updating action of the Cook Book – Repository of Typical cases and its Annex (Cook Book - Generic Terms of undersea feature names).



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