**LIST OF DECISIONS and ACTIONS FROM SCUFN-37**

(*Status at the date of 14 August 2024*)

Notes: 1. Proposals below are highlighted/shaded either as “reviewed”, “deferred”[[1]](#footnote-1), or “not considered”, if appropriate.  
2. Following on Decision SCUFN36/04.6/01, the naming proposals in light grey-blue, were not considered due to their location in the South China Sea (SCS) or mutual consultation already in progress (JCUFN and CCUFN). This convention was not applied at SCUFN-37 since no proposal was located in the SCS.   
3. Description of ACCEPTED, ADOPTED, PENDING, NOT ACCEPTED: See SCUFN Repository > [Decisions Criteria to be used in Naming Proposals Reviews](https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/GEBCO/SCUFN/MISC/Decisions%20Criteria%20to%20be%20used%20in%20Naming%20Proposals%20Reviews.pdf) (v1.0 November 2021).  
4. Numbering of Decisions and Actions: SCUFN37/agenda-item/#chronological number in the SCUFN OWS database, proposals set.

| **Decision/**  **Action** | **Agenda Item** | **Details** | **Status & Comments**  **(June 2024)** |
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|  | **1** | **Welcome Address (KIGAM Vice-President) - Opening and Introduction (SCUFN Chair)** |  |
| SCUFN37/01/01 |  | **SCUFN** welcomed the opening address by **Mr Se-Joon KIM, Vice-President of KIGAM,** Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources, who summarized the geology of Jeju Island and introduced the historical names of Jeju Island: clear evidence of the relationship between mankind, human culture, and nature, another evidence if any of the specific role of SCUFN in bridging human society and the marine environment. He also kindly announced the commissioning of their new state-of-the-art seismic research vessel *Tamhae 3*, her name meaning “Exploring the Ocean”. |  |
| SCUFN37/01/02 |  | **SCUFN** welcomed the opening by the **Chair** (objectives of the meeting, brief introduction on the naming proposals review procedure in force (“green”, “yellow”, “red” criteria).  Since SCUFN TORs were amended early 2024, the **SCUFN Secretary** highlighted the main changes and some remaining important Rules of Procedure (participation of Observers, etc.). |  |
| SCUFN37/01/03 |  | Regarding SCUFN Membership, the **SCUFN Secretary** reported that the Secretariat had received no advanced notice so far, from any SCUFN Member, announcing a possible vacancy in the near future.  The **SCUFN Secretary** also reminded that the renewal of mandates is subject to GGC[[2]](#footnote-2) endorsement. |  |
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|  | **2** | **Logistic and Admin Arrangements - Approval of Agenda & Timetable** |  |
|  | **2.2** | **Approval of the Agenda and Timetable** |  |
| SCUFN37/02.2/01 |  | **SCUFN** approved the agenda and timetable “as is” and agreed to consider, time permitting, late submission papers from **SCUFN Member Palmer**, under AOB agenda items 9.1 and 9.2. | Decision |
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|  | **3** | **Matters remaining from Previous Meetings** |  |
|  | **3.1** | **Review of Actions from SCUFN-36 and transfer to the relevant agenda items (if appropriate)** |  |
|  |  | Skipped – All former and pending actions covered in other agenda items. Most if not all decisions from SCUFN-36 were implemented. |  |
| SCUFN36/03.4/01 |  | **SCUFN** agreed that the minimum size of a feature to be considered by SCUFN should be greater than the GEBCO resolution grid for specific depth intervals. | Decision  Complete. **Reminder** |
| SCUFN36/03.4/04 |  | **SCUFN Secretary** to upload the consolidated conclusion on the Minor Feature and Horizontal Strategy, together with the depth-dependent GEBCO grid, on the SCUFN Repository website, as a temporary solution, before amendments are considered for a future Edition of B-6. | **January 2024**  (grid resolution provided by **SCUFN Member Mackay**)  Complete. **Reminder** |
|  | **3.2** | **3.2 Decision making process in SCUFN – Cookbook for Generic Terms – Repository of Typical Cases** |  |
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| SCUFN37/03.2/01 |  | **SCUFN** noted the update provided by **SCUFN Member Ivaldi** at SCUFN-36 suggesting new cases (from #38 to #48) to be included in the “Repository of Typical Cases” for the next version **2.0**, expected in **July 2024**.  **SCUFN Member Ivaldi** emphasized that the“Repository of Typical Cases” is a living case-law document, supposed to be reviewed at every SCUFN meeting and updated after each session as appropriate (maintenance: **All** **SCUFN Members**, version in force managed by **SCUFN Members Ivaldi/Mackay**).  **SCUFN Members** to provide proposed amendments on version 1.0 and on new proposed updates suggested at SCUFN-37 (from #38 to #48 and revision of #11, #13 to #15) to **SCUFN Members** **Ivaldi/Mackay** for their consideration.  Based on inputs received, **SCUFN Members Ivaldi/Mackay** to submit draft proposed version **2.0** for approval at SCUFN-38. | Reminder  Reminder  **End of October 2024**  **End of March 2025** |
| SCUFN37/03.2/02 |  | **SCUFN Members** to provide proposed amendments on version **1.2** of the Cookbook for Generic Terms to **SCUFN Member** **Mackay** for his consideration.  **SCUFN** **Member** **Mackay** to make a proposal at the next meeting on the way forward for this Cookbook, on the existing relationship and possible coordination with multi-initiatives by the scientific community and the national geological surveys for developing a “standard” on generic terms that align with B-6 definitions (incremental development, eventually through a new Edition) and the SCUFN Cookbook for generic terms. Consider also including:   * The B-6-TwoPart-Cookbook comparison provided by **Dr Nanson**, as an Annex. * The recommendations on “*Differentiating between a single feature with many peaks versus a collection of features*”, discussed on agenda 3.3 | **End of January 2025**  **End of March 2025** |
| SCUFN37/03.2/04  (former SCUFN36/03.2/04) |  | **SCUFN Member Mackay** to prepare a proposal on the definitions (in the Cookbook) for multiple features such as SEAMOUNTS, HILLS, and KNOLLS (number, size, etc.). | **End of March 2025** |
|  | **3.3** | **Report and Recommendations of the SCUFN Sub-group on Generic Terms** |  |
| SCUFN37/03.3/01 |  | **SCUFN** approved the recommendations from **SCUFN Member Mackay** on *Differentiating between a single feature with many peaks versus a collection of features* to be included to be included in the Cookbook (see SCUFN37/03.2/02. |  |
|  | **3.4** | **Progress report on the way forward for naming undersea features located in the South China Sea** |  |
| SCUFN37/03.4/01 |  | **SCUFN** took note of the update kindly provided by **Malaysia** on the progress made to design a way forward for the undersea features located in the South China Sea (SCS).  **SCUFN** noted that these efforts included two side meetings, namely a tripartite meeting involving **Malaysia, the Philippines**, and **Viet Nam** and a bilateral consultation between **Malaysia** and **China**. |  |
| SCUFN37/03.4/02 |  | **SCUFN** noted the statement made by **China** on this matter. |  |
| SCUFN37/03.4/03 |  | **SCUFN** noted the statement made by **Malaysia** on this matter. |  |
| SCUFN37/03.4/04 |  | **SCUFN** noted the statement made by the **Philippines** on this matter. |  |
| SCUFN37/03.4/05 |  | **SCUFN** noted the statement made by **Viet Nam** on this matter. |  |
| SCUFN37/03.4/06 |  | Noting the statements made by those interested parties, **SCUFN** decided to keep on with Decision SCUFN36/04.6/01 (the SCS remains “frozen” and naming proposals located in this area are not considered). | Decision |
|  | **3.5** | **Future of SCUFN** |  |
| SCUFN37/03.5/01 |  | **SCUFN** approved the proposed TORs for the **SCUFN Naming 2030 Sub-Group**.  **SCUFN Secretary** to publish the approved TORs (v1.0) on the relevant SCUFN webpage.  **All SCUFN Members and Observers** willing to contribute and become Members of the SCUFN Naming 2030 Sub-Group to keep the Secretary informed. | **SCUFN Member Lee** was added, **SCUFN Member Dwiyana** to be confirmed at a later stage, **Expert Contributor Slater** (NOAA) added in the list. |
| SCUFN37/03.5/02 |  | **SCUFN** tasked the SCUFN Naming 2030 Sub-Group to start the development of a new UFN S-100 compliant data model and present it at the next meeting (lead: **Hendi/Lonneville** supported by Slater). | SCUFN-38 |
| SCUFN37/03.5/03 |  | **SCUFN** welcomed the election of **SCUFN Members Coffin** and **Lee** as Co-Chairs of the SCUFN Naming 2030 Sub-Group. | Deadline: **end of September 2024 for nominations.** Nominations received just after the end of the meeting. Complete |
|  | **3.6** | **Features named in scientific publications that do not align with current definitions of generic feature terms, do not conform to current principles for specific names** |  |
| SCUFN37/03.6/01 |  | **SCUFN** approved the proposal from **SCUFN Member Coffin** to update the name of the existing undersea feature “Ontong-Java RISE” and agreed to adopt “Ontong Java PLATEAU”.  **Secretary** to implement the decision in the GEBCO Gazetteer. | Decision |
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|  | **3.7** | **SCUFN Sub-group B-6 I.D** |  |
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| SCUFN36/03.7/01 | 3.7A | **SCUFN** noted the presentation by SCUFN Sub-group[[3]](#footnote-3) B-6 I.D **Co-Chair** **Said** on the progress of the work of SCUFN Sub-group B-6 I.D in drafting the TORs related to the assessment of evidence provided by national naming authorities and other parties. | Reminder |
| SCUFN37/03.7/02 |  | Noting that no additional comment was received since SCUFN-36, **SCUFN** approved the draft version **4.1** of the TORs dated **28 October 2023,** as proposed at SCUFN-36. |  |
| SCUFN37/03.7/03 |  | **SCUFN** agreed to *experiment* the applicability of version **4.1** of the TORs during SCUFN-37, if appropriate, and tasked the **Secretary** to publish it, as version in force after SCUFN-37. | Decision There was no applicable case during SCUFN-37. |
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|  | **3.8** | **SCUFN Education** |  |
| SCUFN36/09.1/01 |  | **SCUFN** welcomed the suggestion from **SCUFN Member Mackay** that SCUFN considers the development of some tutorial (video) on SCUFN activities (Objectives: introduction to B-6 and procedural education, improvement of the quality of naming proposals, attractivity enhancement, etc.). | Reminder |
| SCUFN37/03.8/02 |  | **SCUFN Member Mackay** (supported by **SCUFN Member Ivaldi**) to lead this project and investigate the available resources in academia to undertake this project. | **SCUFN-38** |
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|  | **4** | **Proposals Submitted during Intersessional Period** |  |
|  | **4.0** | **Situation Report on All Naming Proposals submitted to SCUFN-37 and pre-loaded in the GEBCO Gazetteer** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.0/01 |  | **SCUFN Secretary** to invite all proposers having ACCEPTED naming proposals to provide associated bathymetric data to the IHO DCDB[[4]](#footnote-4) (See https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/iho/). |  |
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|  | **4.1** | **From Brazil, DHN** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.1/01 |  | Proposal for Calliari CANYONS is ACCEPTED (proposal of this type to be improved in the future. Suggestions in comment section of the review). |  |
| SCUFN37/04.1/02 |  | Proposal for Satander GUYOT is ACCEPTED |  |
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|  | **4.2** | **From Portugal, EMEPC** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.2/01 |  | Proposal for [~~Gloria~~] SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED with specific term modified as [GLORIA] in capital letters.  As a consequence of the decision to use capital letters for GLORIA, **Secretary** to modify the writing of Gloria Fracture Zone to GLORIA FRACTURE ZONE in the GEBCO Gazetteer. | Decision  July 2024 |
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|  | **4.3** | **From India, NCPOR** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.3/01 |  | Proposal for Kalpataru RIDGE is ACCEPTED. More information to be provided in the future. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.3/02 |  | Proposal for Airawat SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. Re-submission to be considered together with the extended ridge. | SCUFN-38 |
| SCUFN37/04.3/03 |  | Proposal for Ashok SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.3/04 |  | Proposal for Chandragupt [~~SEAMOUNT~~] is ACCEPTED, with the generic term modified as [RIDGE]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.3/05 |  | Proposal for Raja Raja Chola SEAMOUNT is kept PENDING. Proposer to submit a revised proposal, with polygon to be overlaid on the bathymetry. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.3/06 |  | Proposal for Harshvardhan SEAMOUNT is kept PENDING. Proposer to submit a revised proposal, with polygon to be overlayed on the bathymetry. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.3/07 |  | Proposal for Shivaji SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. Re-submission to be considered by the proposer in the future, with complementary data in the surrounding areas. | SCUFN-38 |
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|  | **4.4** | **From USA, University of Hawaii** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.4/01 |  | Proposal for Konter SEAMOUNT is kept PENDING. Proposer to provide the complementary information as requested in B-6, Appendix A. SCUFN requests a revised proposal (form, in force), cross-profiles, polygon modified to encompass the whole feature, with generic term to be modified as a RIDGE. | Decision by SCFUN to be made by correspondence then. |
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|  | **4.5** | **From Chile, SHOA** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.5/01 |  | Proposal for Atacama DEEP is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.5/02 |  | Proposal for Morales SEAMOUNT is kept PENDING. Revised proposal to include an extended polygon to delineate the entire feature. | Intersession review planned |
| SCUFN37/04.5/03 |  | Proposal for Vidal Gormaz SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED with polygon to be adjusted and added on the bathymetric map, to ensure the SEAMOUNT 1000 m criteria. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.5/04 |  | Proposal for Higueras HILL is NOT ACCEPTED (mutual consultation with charting authorities required, minor feature). |  |
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|  | **4.6** | **From Colombia, DIMAR** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.6/01 |  | Proposal for Aguja CANYON is ACCEPTED. |  |
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|  | **4.7** | **From Philippines, NAMRIA** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/01 |  | Proposal for Agoho HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/02 |  | Proposal for Alunsina HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/03 |  | Proposal for Alupag HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/04 |  | Proposal for Apitong KNOLL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/05 |  | Proposal for Bagtikan RIDGE is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/06 |  | Proposal for Balorinay HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/07 |  | Proposal for Bathala HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/08 |  | Proposal for Bukaw HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/09 |  | Proposal for Dainsuli KNOLL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/10 |  | Proposal for Dalikamata HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/11 |  | Proposal for Ilang-Ilang KNOLL is ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/12 |  | Proposal for Kalaw [~~HILL~~] is ACCEPTED, with the generic term modified as [HILLS]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/13 |  | Proposal for Kamagong HILLS is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/14 |  | Proposal for Kamantigi RIDGE is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/15 |  | Proposal for Katala HILLS is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/16 |  | Proposal for Lagundi HILLS is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/17 |  | Proposal for Lalanug SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/18 |  | Proposal for Libulan RIDGE is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/19 |  | Proposal for Magbabaya HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/20 |  | Proposal for Malabayabas KNOLLS is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/21 |  | Proposal for Mapulon HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/22 |  | Proposal for Mindanao Serin HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/23 |  | Proposal for Puñalada KNOLL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/24 |  | Proposal for Sampaguita KNOLL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.7/25 |  | Proposal for Suklang Malayon SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
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|  | **4.8** | **From Russian Federation, State Scientific Centre «Yuzhmorgeologiya»** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.8/01 |  | Proposal for Yubko [~~HILL]~~ is ACCEPTED, with generic term modified as [HILLS]. |  |
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|  | **4.9** | **From Japan, JCUFN** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/01 |  | Proposal for Naka SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/02 |  | Proposal for Horeki SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/03 |  | Proposal for Hokuto-Kan-en [~~HILL~~] is ACCEPTED, with generic term modified as [HILLS]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/04 |  | Proposal for Hokuto-Kan-en SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/05 |  | Proposal for Higashi-Kan-en SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/06 |  | Proposal for Kanpo SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/07 |  | Proposal for Kita-Meiwa [~~KNOLL~~] is ACCEPTED, with the generic term modified as [HILL]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/08 |  | Proposal for Naka-Meiwa SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/09 |  | Proposal for Minami-An-ei SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.9/10 |  | Proposal for Minami-Kansei SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
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|  | **4.10** | **From the Republic of Palau, Territory and Boundary Task Force** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.10/01 |  | Proposal for Ngerchelechuus SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
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|  | **4.11** | **From Indonesia, PUSHIDROSAL** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/01 |  | Proposal for Ai Temto PLATEAU is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/02 |  | Proposal for Aruwi HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/03 |  | Proposal for Belo [~~RIDGE~~] is ACCEPTED, with the generic term modified as [SEAMOUNT]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/04 |  | Proposal for Darrimang Skare[[5]](#footnote-5) HILL is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/05 |  | Proposal for Kapal BANK is ACCEPTED with additional information to Dreadnought BANK (and subsequent action by **Secretary**: additional information to be added to the existing Dreadnought BANK with reference to Kapal BANK). |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/06 |  | Proposal for Mereru Skaree [[6]](#footnote-6)ESCARPMENT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/07 |  | Proposal for Mordaisekeir [~~CANYON~~] is ACCEPTED, with generic term modified as [VALLEY], with the polygon to be reduced to match the valley definition. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/08 |  | Proposal for Pia Skaree HILL is ACCEPTED, with the Origin of Name to be modified directly by **Secretary** in the Gazetteer, explaining that “Pia” means “flying/sail fish”. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/09 |  | Proposal for Pidie HILL is ACCEPTED. | for **Secretary**: typo? in the Origin of Name to be corrected, Pide Point versus Pidie |
| SCUFN37/04.11/10 |  | Proposal for Rara Moko SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/11 |  | Proposal for Seiram Dera [~~CANYON~~] is ACCEPTED with generic term to be modified as [VALLEY], and polygon extended NNW. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/12 |  | Proposal for Seuke KNOLL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/13 |  | Proposal for Siratmaya SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/14 |  | Proposal for Tangkwa Moko RIDGE is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/15 |  | Proposal for Taung SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/16 |  | Proposal for Weh [~~BANK~~] is ACCEPTED with the generic term modified as [KNOLL]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/17 |  | Proposal for Weh PLATEAU is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/18 |  | Proposal for Yaso Skaree BASIN is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/FT01 |  | Proposal for Anak Batutara SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/FT02 |  | Proposal for Foy Doa SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/FT03 |  | Proposal for Kalawai SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/FT04 |  | Proposal for Kambalu SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT05 |  | Proposal for Kanna SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT06 |  | Proposal for Kopong Dei SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT07 |  | Proposal for Madu SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT08 |  | Proposal for Malige SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT09 |  | Proposal for [~~Nautilus~~] SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED, with specific term modified as [Lirang]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT10 |  | Proposal for Redong SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT11 |  | Proposal for Romang SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/FT12 |  | Proposal for Sasapar SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/FT13 |  | Proposal for Sepatang CANYONS is ADOPTED. (to be included in the Repository of Typical Cases). |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/FT14 |  | Proposal for Tihu SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT15 |  | Proposal for Uli SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.11/ FT16 |  | Proposal for Wetar SEAMOUNT is ADOPTED. |  |
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|  | **4.12** | **From Brazil, DHN** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.12/01 |  | Proposal for Carioca SEA CHANNEL is ACCEPTED with specific term confirmed as [SEA CHANNEL] (since there is a mix of spelling in the proposal, Seachannel versus Sea Channel, the former generic term Seachannel should not be used. see B-6). |  |
| SCUFN37/04.12/02 |  | Proposal for Maguari [~~GUYOT~~] is ACCEPTED, with generic term modified as [SEAMOUNT]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.12/03 |  | Proposal for [~~Mário~~] Quintana SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED with specific term as [Quintana]. |  |
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|  | **4.13** | **From Canada, DFO** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/00 |  | After a preliminary review made by SCUFN Members individually raising consistent concerns in general, **SCUFN** decided to consider the North-East Pacific Deep-sea Exploration Project (NEPDEP) naming proposals all together and agreed on the following:   * Acknowledging the unique nature and specific dimension of the NEPDEP project and its significant and high value contribution to marine knowledge during the Ocean Decade, **SCUFN** agreed that the use of an acronym + a numeral was *acceptable* in this case, by exemption to several recommendations made in previous SCUFN meetings (See references in para. 5 of Doc. [SCUFN37-04.0A](https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/GEBCO/SCUFN/SCUFN37/SCUFN37_2024_04.0A_EN_Preloading_all_names_submitted_to_SCUFN-37.pdf)). * Noting the intention of the proposer to possibly rename these features in the future (including the use of indigenous names for instance), **SCUFN** draws the attention of the proposer on the fact that its current guidelines and practice does not favour the approval of placeholder names. The proposer is therefore invited to note this rule and eventually re-consider the proposals when they are finalized. However, it is expected that in the future, SCUFN may accept variants, multiple languages, etc. This may give an opportunity to the proposer to propose additional names/attributes. * Lack of real bathymetric data, insufficient coverage in most cases, absence of polygons on the bathymetric maps when provided, cross-profile sections derived from gridded bathymetry, etc. **SCUFN** agreed that the proposals do not meet the minimum requirements[[7]](#footnote-7) for decision making. However, **SCUFN** is quite convinced of the availability of these bathymetric data within NEPDEP structure.   Consequently, **SCUFN** agreed that all proposals are NOT ACCEPTED at this stage. Proposer is to consider the outcome of the review as explained above and then prepare a re-submission with all missing information, when finalized, preferably at the next meeting to capitalize on the well-recognized efforts already made. | Decision  SCUFN-38 |
| SCUFN37/04.13/01 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 2 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/02 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 3 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/03 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 4 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/04 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 5 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/05 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 7 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/06 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 8 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/07 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 13 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/08 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 14 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/09 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 15 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/10 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 16 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/11 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 21 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/12 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 22 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/13 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 23 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/14 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 24 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/15 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 25 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/16 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 29 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/17 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 30 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/18 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 32 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/19 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 34 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/20 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 38 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/21 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 40 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/22 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 42 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/23 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 45 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/24 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 48 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/25 |  | Proposal for NEPDEP 52 SEAMOUNT is NOT ACCEPTED |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/FT01 |  | Proposal for Canso BANK is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/FT02 |  | Proposal for Roseway BANK is ADOPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.13/FT03 |  | Proposal for Sambro BANK is ADOPTED. |  |
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|  | **4.14** | **From China, CCUFN** |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/01 |  | Proposal for Zhizi HILLS is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/02 |  | Proposal for Tiantu SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/03 |  | Proposal for Beimian SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/04 |  | Proposal for Nanchuan SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/05 |  | Proposal for Wuxian SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/06 |  | Proposal for Feima SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/07 |  | Proposal for Bojiang SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/08 |  | Proposal for Jiangu SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/09 |  | Proposal for Jigu GUYOT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/10 |  | Proposal for Songgu GUYOT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/11 |  | Proposal for Feibaifeng SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/12 |  | Proposal for Yucong HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/13 |  | Proposal for Yulu [~~KNOLL~~] is ACCEPTED with generic term modified as [HILL]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/14 |  | Proposal for Pu’er SEAMOUNTS is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/15 |  | Proposal for Queshe HILLS is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/16 |  | Proposal for Yaohuang HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/17 |  | Proposal for Canghuang HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/18 |  | Proposal for Zhehuang HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/19 |  | Proposal for Ehuang HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/20 |  | Proposal for Xiangye SEAMOUNT is ACCEPTED. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/21 |  | Proposal for Guangde [~~SEAMOUNT~~] is ACCEPTED, with the generic term modified as [RIDGE]. |  |
| SCUFN37/04.14/22 |  | Proposal for Maodai HILL is ACCEPTED. |  |
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|  | **5** | **Liaison with Other Geographical Naming Bodies** |  |
|  | **5.1** | **Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF) of the US Board on Geographic Names** |  |
| SCUFN37/05.1/01 |  | **SCUFN Members** noted the update report provided by **Mr Moore,** ACUF’s Secretary and noted the useful comments on the effects of the application of some romanizations rules.  **SCUFN** also noted the comments provided on the way, ACUF defines the centroid of a feature. |  |
| SCUFN37/05.1/02 |  | **SCUFN** to consider the possibility of clarifying/reviewing the current B-6 Guidelines, and Proposal Form *versus* Primary and Secondary Geometries in the GEBCO Gazetteer database (feature type dependency, single point, polygon *versus* summit, deepest point) (**SCUFN Member Mackay/Expert Contributor Slater**). | SCUFN-38 |
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|  | **5.2** | **Undersea Names Committee of the New Zealand Geographic Board (NZGB)** |  |
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|  | **5.3** | **Activities of Marine Regions of interest to SCUFN** |  |
| SCUFN37/05.3/01 |  | **SCUFN** welcomed the report from Marine Regions. |  |
| SCUFN37/05.3/02 |  | **SCUFN Secretariat** and **Marine Regions[[8]](#footnote-8)** to pursue the development of a Letter of Intent in support of SCUFN activities, covering data exchange and licensing, as appropriate. | **SCUFN-38** |
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|  | **5.4** | **United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) – List of Naming Authorities** |  |
| SCUFN37/05.4/01 |  | **SCUFN** took note of the verbal report made by **SCUFN Member Palmer**, who acts as liaison officer with UNGEGN on behalf of the IHO.  The **Secretariat** informed the participants that the next IHO Secretariat’ report to the UNGEGN session planned in April 2025 in New York, might cover not only SCUFN activities but also updates on the limits of global maritime areas (i.e. S-130 Project Team activities, plus adoption at A-3 of *Southern Ocean*) (Action **Secretary/SCUFN Member Palmer**) | **February 2025** |
| SCUFN37/05.4/02 |  | **SCUFN** commended the representatives of **Oman** for their excellent article in the [UNGEGN Bulletin#67](https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/GEBCO/SCUFN/SCUFN37/UNGEGN_bulletin_no._67.pdf). |  |
| SCUFN37/05.4/03 |  | **SCUFN Secretary** provided an update on the List of Naming Authorities and reported on the possible consequences of making naming proposals publicly available prior to SCUFN meetings, while the List of Coastal States (Naming Authorities) willing to be informed increases every year.  **SCUFN** agreed to keep the status quo for the time being, noting that an evolution of the current procedures needs to be considered for a more straightforward management procedure of this issue in the future. | **SCUFN-38 and continue** |
| SCUFN37/05.4/04 |  | **SCUFN Secretariat** to add new Country entries\*, as required. |  |
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|  | **7** | **Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names** |  |
|  | **7.1** | **Maintenance of the on-line interface to GEBCO Gazetteer database – SCUFN Operational Web Services** |  |
| SCUFN37/07.1/01 |  | **SCUFN** commended **NOAA**, **Ms Jennifer Jencks, Director of DCDB**, and **Mr Chris Slater, Lead Software Engineer (NOAA/NCEI/CIRES)** for their outstanding and continuous commitment, professionalism, reactivity, and efficiency in the maintenance and evolution of the GEBCO Gazetteer since the last meeting. |  |
| SCUFN37/07.1/02 |  | **SCUFN** invited:  1. **SCUFN Members** test Gazetteer v5 and notify the IHO DCDB of any issues.  2. **SCUFN Members** provide support and feedback when needed during development of the GEBCO Gazetteer and SCUFN Operational Web Services (OWS) integration.  3. **KHOA’s SCUFN OWS developers** continue to test with the Gazetteer v5 test environment and let GEBCO Gazetteer developers know of any issues, changes, or questions.  4. **SCUFN Members** let GEBCO Gazetteer developers know when upgrades to Gazetteer v5 are appropriate. | **Permanent** |
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|  | **7.2** | **Maintenance of the GEBCO Gazetteer database (including PENDING names)** |  |
| SCUFN37/07.2/01 |  | **SCUFN** noted the report on updating Gazetteer from undersea feature naming decisions and actions from SCUFN-36 by **SCUFN Secretary**. |  |
| SCUFN37/07.2/02 |  | **SCUFN** noted report on monitoring the list of PENDING names by **SCUFN Secretary**. |  |
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|  | **7.3** | **Development of the IHO SCUFN Archive/Repository/Submission as a component of SCUFN Operational Web Services** |  |
| SCUFN37/07.3/01 |  | **SCUFN** commended **KHOA**’s representatives and **KOSBI** for the update on SCUFN OWS maintenance and development plan, in particular the progress made on the new submission interface.  Tutorial Link (video) |  |
| SCUFN37/07.3/02  (former SCUFN36/229) |  | **SCUFN** invited **CCUFN (China), JCUFN (Japan), NHC (Malaysia)** to consider the possibility of testing the SCUFN OWS / Submission interface operated by KHOA (**Republic of Korea**) for a few naming proposals in 2024 and report back on the testing and recommendations.  **KHOA in liaison with SCUFN Secretariat** to finalize the commissioning procedure for the new submission interface (information simply encouraging proposers to be made available in SCUFN Letters and on the Proposal Form webpages).  Experimentation of this procedure to continue by all invited proposers for SCUFN-38, status report at SCUFN-38 and provided it is fully operational, then subsequent amendments to be prepared in B-6 for SCUFN-39 for making its use compulsory from (date to be determined). | **October 2024**  **January 2025**  **SCUFN-38**  **SCUFN-39** |
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|  | **8** | **Undersea Feature Names Project Team (UFNPT)** |  |
|  | **8.1** | **UFN PT and Detection of Undersea Features** |  |
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| SCUFN37/08.1/01 |  | **SCUFN** approved the new UFN PT Objectives and Tasks in 2023.  **SCUFN** to consider the new **UFN PT** TORs (Annex I of SCUFN37-08.1A) and their Programme of Work for approval by correspondence.  Call for Membership  Call for nomination for Chair | Decision  **December 2024** |
| SCUFN37/08.1/02 |  | **SCUFN** to consider the partnership with the Ocean Decade project of Detection of Undersea Features, then **SCUFN Chair** to sign the Project Plan once it is finalized.  **Secretary** to upload the partnership UN Ocean Decade on the SCUFN webpage. | **Mid-December 2023**  Complete  **August 2024** |
| SCUFN37/08.1/03 |  | **SCUFN** agreed (at SCUFN-36) to assign the **UFNPT** to work on behalf of SCUFN in the Ocean Decade project of Detection of Undersea Features and tasked the **UFNPT** to report on this matter at every SCUFN meeting. | **Permanent, SCUFN-38** |
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|  | **9** | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | **9.1** | **Suggestions for proposal preparation and review** |  |
| SCUFN37/09.1/01 |  | **SCUFN Members** to provide their comments to **SCUFN Member Palmer**.  **SCUFN Member Palmer** to report on comments and propose a formal proposal for amendments to current procedures if appropriate. | **October 2024**  **SCUFN-38** |
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|  | **9.2** | **National names authority activities related to undersea feature name standardization** |  |
| SCUFN37/09.2/01 |  | **Secretary** to consider the paper and share comments with SCUFN Members and propose a way forward if appropriate. | **October 2024 Intersessional work if applicable.** |
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|  | **10** | **Review of the draft List of Decisions and Actions** |  |
|  | **10.1** | **SCUFN Programme of Work and Draft List of Decisions and Actions from SCUFN-37** |  |
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| SCUFN37/10.1/01 |  | During the review of decisions and actions, **SCUFN** noted the publication of the English/Chinese version of B-6, Ed. 4.2.0, October 2019, which has been made available on the IHO website > IHO Publications > Bathymetric Publications, and commended **CCUFN** for this work. |  |
|  | **11** | **SCUFN Membership** |  |
|  |  | See SCUFN37/01/03. |  |
|  | **12** | **Dates and Venues for the Next Meetings – Business continuity** |  |
| SCUFN37/12/01 |  | **SCUFN** welcomed the offer from **Indonesia (Pushidrosal)** to hold the next meeting in Bali, Indonesia (10 - 14 November 2025).  …and agreed that the format used at SCUFN-37 (closed opening session - and optional closing session - working group sessions, open plenary sessions, in-person) was efficient. |  |
| SCUFN37/12/02 |  | **SCUFN** also noted the possible options for future SCUFN meetings in 2026 (**Japan**, venue and dates *to be confirmed at SCUFN-38*), (**dd-mm** in 2027). | **SCUFN-38** |
| SCUFN37/12/03 |  | Noting that the next GGC-41 meeting is planned in Fiji (November 2024), noting the unavailability of the **SCUFN Chair** for this week due to other commitments, **SCUFN Vice-Chair** (resp. **SCUFN Member Mackay** if **Vice-Chair** unavailable) to consider the possibility of representing SCUFN at this meeting. | **Mid-August 2024** |
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|  | **13** | **Conclusion** |  |
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| SCUFN37/13/01 |  | **SCUFN Chair** thanked the participants for their active participation and support. The **Secretary** thanked the host country and KIGAM, KHOA, KOSBI, and MoFA’s staff for their very efficient support in the preparation of the meeting, kindness, and efficient and operational support during the event. |  |

1. SCUFN completed reviewing all proposals by the end of the meeting, so no proposal was deferred. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. GGC : GEBCO Guiding Committee. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. SCUFN Members Li, Said (co-Chairs), Coffin, and Palmer. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/iho/SubmittingMarineGeophysicalData.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. “Skare », spelling here in Yokari language. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. « Skaree », spelling here in Yewena Yosu Language. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. See B-6, Appendix A, 2.2 and 3, specifically highlighting Feature Description, Supporting Survey Data, including Track Controls, and Remarks under 2.2, and 3.3 and 3.5 under 3 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Lead. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)