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FEATURES BEYOND A SINGLE SOVEREIGNTY:

ANTARCTIC PLACE-NAMES

The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research  
(SCAR) approach to Antarctic place-names

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**The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research**  
**approach to Antarctic place-names**

- The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) is the scientific and advisory body of the Antarctic Treaty.
- The SCAR Working Group on Geodesy and Geographic Information consists of some 20 SCAR Member nations actively conducting mapping programmes in the Antarctic.
- A work programme was set up at the XXII SCAR Meeting held at Bariloche, Argentina, in June 1992, attended by 16 of the Working Group Members.
- The work programme approved by XXII SCAR covers 9 main subjects relevant to geodesy, photogrammetry, remote sensing, geographic information systems and place-names.
- The work programme Antarctic place-names is co-convened by Italy and Germany.

**Terms of Reference of the Work Programme Antarctic Place-Names**

- (1) Facilitate the correct and unambiguous identification of geographic features in the Antarctic.
- (2) Develop a proposal for guidelines to be internationally used for
  - the future naming of Antarctic features,
  - the use of already existing place-names.

- (3) Begin with
  - the writing of place-names in the Roman script, including diacritical marks,
  - place-names used on topographic and thematic maps and other scientific publications of the Antarctic.
  
- (4) Collect all available Antarctic gazetteers, preferably in digital form, issued by different nations.
  
- (5) Adhere to the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the United Nations Conferences on the Standardisation of Geographical Names.

Other relevant activities.

The Working Group has produced a digital data base of all of the Antarctic continent from maps of scales 1:250.000 to 1:2.000000. This project was lead by the British Antarctic Survey. It will engender considerable activity on place-names in the Antarctic in the future.