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Report on work on the standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Korea between 2007 and 2012

Summary**

Between 1961 and April 2012, a total of 151,928 geographical names were approved or changed in the Republic of Korea. In 2008, the National Geographic Information Institute published a national atlas of the Republic of Korea, which contained synthesized national physical and human geography information and an English-language gazetteer. The Institute publishes Korean-language and English-language versions of maps of the Republic of Korea and the vicinity (on the scale 1:3,000,000), and maps of the Republic of Korea (on the scale 1:1,000,000). In 2012, the Institute produced toponymic guidelines for map and other editors so that geographical names of the Republic of Korea could be used worldwide conveniently and correctly. Between 2002 and 2011, a total of 671 marine geographical names (469 maritime feature names and 202 undersea feature names) were approved for official use in the Republic of Korea. Since 2007, 35 undersea feature names have been approved by the Subcommittee on Undersea Feature Names of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans. The Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration has organized international symposiums on the application of marine geophysical data and undersea feature names, and has been supporting the participation of developing countries in the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names since 2011.

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