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Country Report of The Republic of Indonesia

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Overview

Prof Hasanuddin Z Abidin, Head of Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia (BIG) was selected as one of the vice chair of UNGEGN during the 30th Session and 11th Conference in New York on August 2017.

Indonesia was also selected as the new Chair of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names for Asia South-East Division (UNGEGN ASED) during the 6th Divisional Meeting held in Manila, Philippines on 26 March 2018. The Chairmanship shall be for a period of four (4) years from April 2018 to April 2022. The UNGEGN ASED, in accordance with the adoption of Resolution X/5, now comprises twelve (12) member countries namely Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. At present, activities of the Division include establishment of UNGEGN ASED website organized by Indonesia.

Toponym-related Activities

Meetings

The 6th Divisional Meeting was held in Manila, Phillipines on 26 March 2018. Delegates from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam participated in the meeting.

The next Divisional Meeting will be held as a side event meeting during the 1st session of UNGEGN meeting, 29 April - 3 May 2019 in New York

Chairmanship

During the 6th Divisional Meeting in Manila, Phillipines member countries elected Indonesia as the new Chairman from April 2018 to April 2022.

The Chairmanship of UNGEGN ASE Division shall be for a period of four (4) years. Previous chairmanships were the Phillipines from 2014 to 2018 and Malaysia from 2010 to 2014.

Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia (BIG)

The Geospatial Information Agency (BIG) has replaced the National Team of Standardization of Topographic Names as the New Geographical Names Authority of Indonesia. This is in reference to the dissolution of the said National Team as reported during the 30th Session and 11th Conference in New York on August 2017.

The roadmap of BIG in connection with geographical names in Indonesia has conducted standardization of island names in 2006 to 2008, administrative region names in 2009 to 2011 for thirty-three (33) provinces, natural geographical names in 2012 – 2014 also for thirty-three (33)

provinces, man-made place names in 2015 to 2017, remaining islands names from 2015 to present and names of cultural heritage objects for 2018 until 2020.

In 2017, BIG conducted several national activities in connection with the standardization of geographical names: (a) verified geographical names of man-made objects for twenty-two (22) provinces, as a continuation of its 2016 program; (b) submitted the updated Gazetteer of Indonesian Islands with a total number of 16,056 islands; (c) improved the app called SAKTI (*Sistem Akuisisi data Toponim Indonesia*) since its development in 2016 which created the WebGIS in order to manage data through the app; (d) coordinated with the Ministry of Marine Affairs for toponym data synchronization; (e) coordinated with twenty (2) ministries and agencies to provide Maps of Republic Indonesia which have updated Indonesian Maritime Borders; (f) conducted island names survey and verification in East Java Province through the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries which resulted in ninety-three (93) verified island names; and (g) published Map of Indonesian Local Languages with the Ministry of Education and Culture.

For 2018, BIG has the following national plans and activities: (a) participation to the 1st Regional Training in Toponymy including Marine Toponymy held in Manila in which there were eighteen (18) participants from Indonesian government and academe; (b) evaluation study of the Faculty of Law in *Universitas Gadjah Mada* (UGM) on the form of regulation regarding geographical names to be a Presidential Regulation; (c) conduct of Toponymy Training for government officials from eighteen (18) provinces which will include newest version of SAKTI; (d) verification of man-made geographical names for three (3) provinces using SAKTI; (e) verification and standardization of tourism related names for another 3 provinces; (f) coordination with the Ministry of Maritime Affairs to conduct island names verification in West Papua (Papua Barat) which will update the toponym database of Indonesia; (g) coordination meeting with the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Hydro-Oceanography of Indonesian Navy about Sea, Strait and Bay Names to be submitted to the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO); and (h) creating of a website for the National Working Team on Standardization of Geographical Names in Indonesia which will provide progress of the National Working Team.

At present, Indonesia maintains the website, newsletter and regional map and gazetteer of the UNGEGN- Asia South East Division. The ASE website has a new look and address:

<http://asedivision-ungegn.org/>

and any contribution such as articles about toponym are welcome and may be submitted to the Division's email address : asedivision@gmail.com. The present glossary of Generic Terms of the Division has been filled by only five (5) countries namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam and the Philippines, which can be downloaded through this link:

http://asedivision-ungegn.org/ungegn_ase/index.php/Generic_Terms

Indonesia requested other countries to complete their Generic Terms as well. The current Regional Map and Gazetteer of ASE Division can be viewed at:

http://asedivision-ungegn.org/ungegn_ase/index.php/National_Gazetteers_Databases

Indonesia strongly recommended that each member country should check their country database and submit corrected copies to asedivision@gmail.com and generic terms as well to those who have not submitted. Indonesia suggested that a contact person should be appointed from each country in order to communicate their country's contributions.

Verification and standardization of island names

Identification, verification and standardization of island names has been conducted during the period of 2017 - 2018 and has been listed in the National Gazetteer. There are total of 16.671 island names that have been verified and standardized (as of 2018). Further toponym surveys of islands will also be conducted this year in several provinces in Indonesia. In 2019, Indonesia plans to conduct toponym survey for about 852 islands. Hence, it is expected by the end of 2019 there will be 17.509 Indonesian island names would have been verified and standardized (Figure 1).

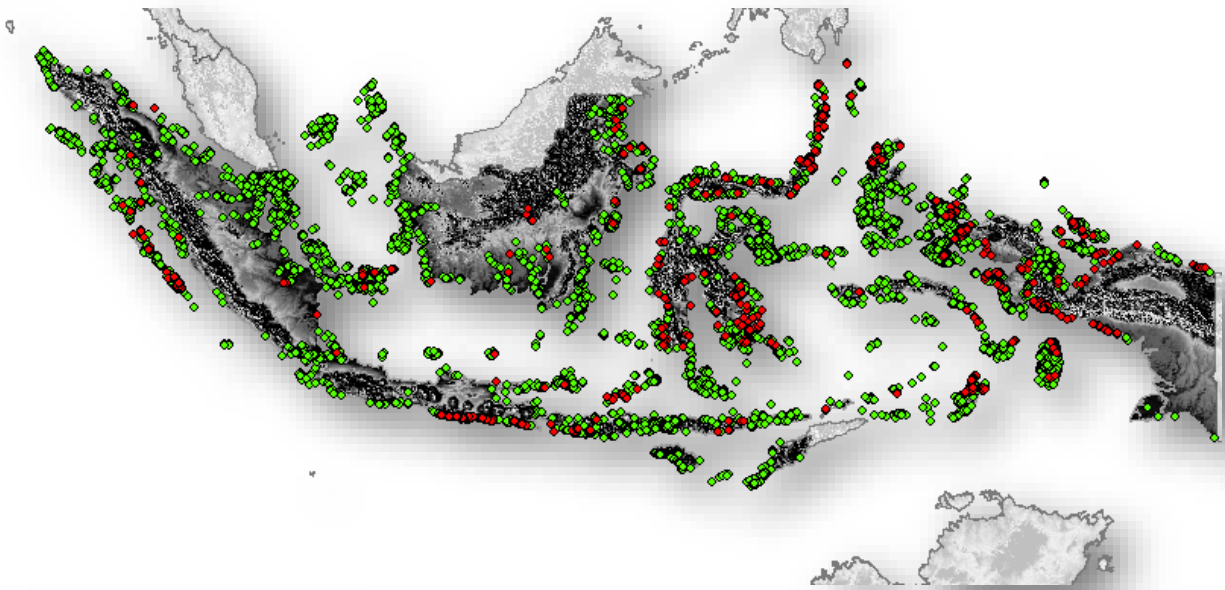


Figure 1 *The archipelago of Indonesia. The green dots denote the distribution of verified and standardized island names (as of 2018) whilst red dots denote the islands that will be verified and standardized in 2019*

Ministry of Home Affairs

Based on Presidential Regulation No. 11 of 2015 concerning the Ministry of Home Affairs, it is mentioned that the Ministry of Home Affairs has responsibility in the field of domestic government to assist the President in carrying out state governance.

The Ministry of Home Affairs carries out one of the functions, namely fostering regional administration that conducted by the Directorate General of Regional Administration. Development of regional administration includes policy formulation, implementation of policies, provision of technical guidance and supervision, monitoring and evaluation in toponym activities.

In 2018, the Directorate General of Regional Administration of the Ministry of Home Affairs has carried out activities in the toponymic field, mainly verification and standardization of geographical names of various feature types including islands, man-made features, cultural heritage and administrative boundary.

Toponym technical guidance had also been carried out for local government officials from several provinces during the period of September – October 2018.



Figure 2 *Toponym activities of the Ministry of Home Affairs shows verification and standardization of geographical names and Toponym Technical Guidance meeting*



Table 1 Toponyms activities of the Ministry of Home Affairs

Feature/geographical types	Provinces	Date of activity	No of geographical names verified and standardized
Island	Nusatenggara Timur (NTT), Maluku Utara and Papua Barat	5-7 April 2018	286
	Sumatera Selatan, Jambi, and Kalimantan Tengah	25-27 April 2018	21
	DKI Jakarta	6 July	3
	Riau, Kalimantan Utara, Kalimantan Barat, Kalimantan Selatan, and Sulawesi Tengah	23 – 25 July 2018	30
Cultural Heritage	Sumatera Utara, Riau, and Kalimantan Timur	19-21 September 2018	102
	Sumatera Barat, Sumatera Selatan and Kalimantan Barat	3-5 October 2018	52
Administrative Boundary	Renaming of Maluku Tenggara Barat Regency becomes Kepulauan Tanimbar Regency in Maluku Province (Stipulated by Government Regulation Number 2 of 2019) Transfer of the apital city of Madiun Regency from the City of Madiun region to the Mejayan District, Madiun Regency, East Java Province (Stipulated by Government Regulation Number 3 of 2019 concerning Amendment to Government Regulation Number 52 of 2010)		

Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs

On 25-26 October 2018 at Sari Pacific Hotel, Jakarta, the Deputy of Maritime Sovereignty Coordination, the Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs has held a national coordination meeting and toponymical technical guidance.

The participants consisted of representatives from the city/district government and provincial government from 16 cities/districts located in 7 provinces.

On the first day of event, a field visit was held to the Indonesian Navy's Hydrographic and Oceanography Center, which explained the technicalities of sea mapping.

Furthermore, the representatives from each region were given the opportunity to conduct direct discussions with the technical team of the Indonesian National Geospatial Body.

Principally the event went well and were well welcomed by the participants, so the Deputy of Maritime Sovereignty Coordination planned to carry out the next event in this year.

The coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs, represented by the Assistant Deputy of Maritime Zone Delimitation, participated and took an active role in the 6th Divisional Meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names - South East Asia Division (UNGEGN ASED). On this occasion Indonesia, in this case the Head of Geospatial Information Agency, was elected as the chair of the UNGEGN ASED

The coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs also participated and played an active role in the 1st Regional Training Program in Toponymy, including Marine Toponymy in Manila which is organized by the UNGEGN ASED.