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**Item 17 of the Provisional Agenda**

**TOPONYMIC GUIDELINES FOR MAP EDITORS AND OTHER EDITORS**

**Names of Features on Marion Island\***

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Names Council**

## **NAMES OF FEATURES ON MARION ISLAND**

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism requested the Chief Directorate of Surveys and Mapping to compile an official map of the Prince Edward Islands. According to the South African Geographical Names Council Act, the names of features on these islands fall under the jurisdiction of the Council. Since none of them had been approved in the past, in accordance with the usual procedure the Chief Directorate of Surveys and Mapping submitted a list of names of features on Marion Island to the Council for approval. The Council referred the list back with a recommendation that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism consider ways of making the list more reflective of the languages of South Africa.

The Department responded by announcing a schools competition for learners to suggest names in official languages other than Afrikaans or English for five stipulated features on the island (such as lakes and mountains). The Council welcomed this as a means of drawing the attention of schools to the educational potential of studying geographical names.