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No comprehensive collection of Japanese geographical terms is available. However, when the naming of natural regions was undertaken in 1954, definitions were given to the individual geographical terms (vid. descriptions in a. (2), 2 under "Item 8 of the provisional agenda").

The topographical terms associated with the seas are generally based on those defined under the intra-office regulations of the Hydrographic Department. They are in conformity with those defined in the Hydrographic Dictionary published by the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB). The topographical terms associated with the sea bottom are used on the basis of the definitions for use on GEBCO 5th edition, adopted by the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Geographical Names and Nomenclature of Ocean Bottom Features.