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New Establishment of the Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names

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The Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names(KCMGN) has been officially established on 1 July 2002, which will handle domestic marine geographical names.

The Committee will hereafter deliberate and decide the names of geographical features including the undersea features, which will be detected in the EEZ. The adopted names will be nationally used as official names. Furthermore, we will also propose it to the IHO in order to be used as official names in the IHO and IOC.

The main office of the Committee is located at the National Oceanographic Research Institute (NORI) and is composed of a total of 15 members. The chairman is Director General of the NORI, and other 14 experts from representative of related organizations including academic experts are members of the committee.

The functions of the Committee are 1) establishment and amendment of marine geographical names 2) investigation, study, and maintenance of marine geographical names and establishment of its plan 3) International cooperation and technical exchange for the recognition of marine geographical names 4) deliberation and decision for the development of its names-related study.

Through an establishment of the Committee according to the IHO recommendation, it is believed that we will be able to use the standardized names on the charts as well as various publications and reports.