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**1. GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES (SCUFN)**

The Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) of GEBCO (General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans - A project co-sponsored by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, of UNESCO, and the International Hydrographic Organization) is tasked to select the undersea feature names which will appear on GEBCO products (bathymetric sheets at scale 1:10 million and GEBCO Digital Atlas), on 1:1 million sheets of the regional International Bathymetric Chart projects (IBCAO, IBCCA, IBCEA, IBCM, IBCWIO, IBCWP and IBCSEP), and on International (INT) Charts at small scales for marine navigation (1:2 million and smaller). The scope of SCUFN is limited to international waters.

SCUFN works in close collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF) of the U.S. Board on Geographical Names (BGN). Cooperation is also being maintained with the SCAR W.G. on Geodesy and Geographic Information (WGGGI), which has produced a composite gazetteer of all Antarctic place names.

All names selected by GEBCO-SCUFN are contained in a Gazetteer database which is maintained at the International Hydrographic Bureau, as Secretariat of SCUFN. The current version of the GEBCO Gazetteer is available from the GEBCO website ([www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/gebco/](http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/gebco/)).

SCUFN is also responsible for undersea feature nomenclature. Results are contained in MO-IOC Publication B-6 "Standardization of Undersea Feature Names". A new 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of B-6, English/French, was published in 2001 and is available from the GEBCO website.

**2. NAMES AND LIMITS OF OCEANS AND SEAS (IHO PUBLICATION S-23)**

S-23 describes the oceans and seas, with their limits and names. The edition in force is still the 3<sup>rd</sup> one dating back to 1953. A 4<sup>th</sup> edition is under preparation and it is hoped to have it finalized in 2003.

**Rear Admiral Giuseppe Angrisano,  
President of the IHB Directing Committee.**

## Acronyms:

IBCAO	International Bathymetric Chart of the Arctic Ocean
IBCEA	International Bathymetric Chart of the Central Eastern Atlantic
IBCCA	International Bathymetric Chart of the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico
IBCM	International Bathymetric Chart of the Mediterranean
IBCWIO	International Bathymetric Chart of the Western Indian Ocean
IBCWP	International Bathymetric Chart of the Western Pacific
IBCSEP	International Bathymetric Chart of the South East Pacific
SCAR	Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research

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