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(Resolution 4 /1967 Recommendation B on Collection of Geographical Names)

In 2004 Government of Indonesia under the coordination of the Department of Marine Affairs and Fisheries in cooperation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, the National Coordination Agency for Surveys and Mapping (BAKOSURTANAL), the Indonesian Naval Hydro-Oceanographic Office, and Marine Geology Institute, has put special concern on surveying the names of Indonesia islands. These surveys have been carried out intensively since 2005 and 85% of the islands throughout Indonesia have been surveyed. The establishment of National Team for Standardization of Topographical Names in 2006 as the National Names Authority under the coordination of Ministry of Home Affairs, has been followed up by standardization of topographical names, including names of islands.

Standardization of names of islands is conducted by 3 (three) stages of office treatment, namely: (a) technical office treatment and (b) verification and validation

Technical Office Treatment

Technical Office Treatment focuses on the improvement of data quality and accuracy on field collection of names of islands. Survey teams have presented GPS tracking acquisition and each individual coordinate of in-situ measurement to verification team consisting of survey and mapping experts. The quality of each coordinates is controlled by the national coordinate system. All names obtained from field survey are identified and tabulated as GIS topology for each individual position's coordinate. Data processing can be regarded as final if survey team and verification team have evaluated all survey results.

Verification and Validation

The group of experts on topographical names of the National Standardization Team visits the provinces and organizes meeting with related authorities from provincial government with participation of local representatives to validate the collected names from language point of

view, including the generic name in local language, the spelling, writing system and the meaning of the names. This workshop was attended by central government officials from the Department of Home Affairs, the Provincial and kabupaten/kota¹ Governments, the Provincial and Kabupaten People Representatives (Parliament), the central government institutions, such as Department of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, the National Mapping and the Naval Hydro-Oceanographic Surveys organizations, the survey teams who provide the collected names by showing its respective locations on maps and satellite images and its photographic pictures of the islands, so that the participants can be convinced on the “where-about” or “how-it-looks like” of the islands, since most of the participants from the chief local government recognize the islands. Also variant names are provided.

¹ *Kabupaten / Kota* are the second levels of governments within a province. *Kabupaten* is equivalent to “Regency”, whilst *Kota* is a Municipality within a Province. A Province comprises *Kabupaten dan Kota*. Province, *Kabupaten* and *Kota* are autonomous regions