1. Published Gazetteers of the Philippines
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3. Challenges
1\textsuperscript{st} edition published in July 1953

2\textsuperscript{nd} edition published in May 1989
Published Gazetteers of the Philippines

2nd Edition

- names coverage corresponds to topographic maps at scale 1:250,000
- 61,000 entries
- entries include 1st - and 2nd -order administrative division, populated places, cultural, topographic and hydrographic features
- include names approved by the US Board on Geographic Names (BGN), unapproved variant names, and unverified names
- feature types (designations) : 120
Sample Feature Types (designation codes)

**ESTY** estuary (drowned lower part of a stream)

**PPL** populated place (city, town, village or settlement)

**MT** mountain

**MTS** mountains, mountain range

**PT** point (relatively minor projection of land into a water body, or its extremity)

**ISL(S)** island(s)
The Philippine UNEGGN Database

- based on 1:50,000 topographic maps
- sound files in mp3 format
- data is in shapefile format → geodatabase format
- ongoing
- GN field sheets not yet encoded in the attribute table

Demonstration: view data
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The Philippine UNGEGN Database


- Each feature is identified by its **feature code** using the Feature Attribute Coding Catalogue (FACC) Data Dictionary (which is now outdated)
Status of the Philippine UNGEGN Database

DATABASE
(1:50,000 dataset)

Feature code
Attribute Code
Geographic Name

MAPS
There is a need to revisit feature type designation in the 1989 Gazetteer and feature coding used in 1:50,000 maps.

**UID (Unique Identifier):**
- explore possible ID system based on Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) of the Philippine Statistics Authority

**Status:**
- Need for a Geographical Names Board
Thank you!