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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries  
and on the progress made in the standardization of  
geographical names****Report of New Zealand****Summary\*\***

The 2021 report of New Zealand continues to build on information submitted in its reports to the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names, held in 2007, 2012 and 2017, respectively, and the 2019 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names. The national naming authority of New Zealand, the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa,<sup>1</sup> published its strategic plan for the period 2020–2025<sup>2</sup> in April 2020. Outreach is one of the four strategic goals of the Board and will be its focus in the immediate future. It includes several initiatives to raise the Board's profile, such as developing partnerships, improving the gazetteer, establishing an education programme and celebrating the Board's centenary in 2024. Current work priorities and initiatives, which will give practical effect to the fundamental standardization work of the Board, are also summarized.

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\* GEGN.2/2021/1.

\*\* The full report was prepared by Wendy Shaw, Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/17/CRP.17, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd\\_session\\_2021/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/).

<sup>1</sup> “Memorial markers of the landscape”.

<sup>2</sup> See [www.linz.govt.nz/file/21892/](http://www.linz.govt.nz/file/21892/).

