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Register of continental and insular geographical names for statistical and geographical purposes

Summary**

The National Institute of Statistics and Geography, as coordinator of the National System of Statistical and Geographical Information of Mexico, whose tasks include generation of the geographical names data set, updates on a quarterly basis the System for the Registration of Geographical Names (https://www.inegi.org.mx/app/geo2/cng/), in which the standardized toponyms of spatial objects from national maps are registered, maintained and disseminated. To date, it includes a total of 1,842,788 geographical names that are standardized according to the Technical Standard for the Registration of Continental and Insular Geographical Names for Statistical and Geographical Purposes and according to international best practices.

On 31 December 2019, the Technical Standard for Geographical Names of Undersea Features for statistical and geographical purposes (https://snieg.mx/DocumentacionPortal/Normatividad/vigente/nt_ng_frs_feg.pdf) was published in accordance with the recommendations of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and bathymetric publication No. 6 “Standardization of Undersea Feature Names: guidelines, proposal form, terminology” of the International Hydrographic Organization, adapted for the registration of geographical names of the National System of Statistical and Geographical Information of Mexico. Accordingly, the Technical Standard is now used in the registration of geographical names.

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