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**Monitoring and evaluation of the strategic plan and  
programme of work, 2021–2029, and of the work of the  
Group of Experts****Report of New Zealand on activities aligned with the  
strategic plan and programme of work, 2021–2029, of the  
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names****Summary\*\***

The New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa<sup>1</sup> has a strategic priority to “contribute to, influence and apply international good practice for standardized and consistent place naming”.<sup>2</sup> In the past two years, the Board has made progress on some of its own strategic goals that directly relate to specific aims and actions found in the strategic plan and programme of work, 2021–2029, of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.<sup>3</sup> The full report shares some of the activities of New Zealand that align with Group of Experts’ strategic intentions, for example:

- Contributing to the *International Principles and Procedures for Antarctic Place Names*<sup>4</sup> (aim II)
- Creating a “cookbook”<sup>5</sup> for generic terms for undersea feature names (actions 1-i-2 and 1-ii-7-c, and, under strategy 2, “International Hydrographic

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\* GEGN.2/2023/1.

\*\* The full report was prepared by the Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa, Wendy Shaw. The report will be available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd\\_session\\_2023/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/), in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2023/32/CRP.32.

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

<sup>2</sup> See [www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2022-09/nzgb\\_strategic-plan-2020-2025\\_20201014.pdf](http://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2022-09/nzgb_strategic-plan-2020-2025_20201014.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> See [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/documents/UNGEGN\\_Strategic\\_Plan\\_2021\\_V4.pdf](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/documents/UNGEGN_Strategic_Plan_2021_V4.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> See [www.scar.org/scar-library/reports-and-bulletins/scar-reports/5729-scar-report-41/](http://www.scar.org/scar-library/reports-and-bulletins/scar-reports/5729-scar-report-41/).

<sup>5</sup> See [https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/GEBCO/SCUFN/MISC/Cookbook\\_for\\_Generic\\_Feature\\_terms\\_v1.1\\_May%202021.pdf](https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/GEBCO/SCUFN/MISC/Cookbook_for_Generic_Feature_terms_v1.1_May%202021.pdf).



Organization: formal liaison, with particular cooperation on undersea and maritime feature names, for example the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans Subcommittee on Undersea Feature Names and its documentation”)

- Co-presenting at a webinar<sup>6</sup> hosted by the Group of Experts on the theme “Developing digital gazetteers using free and open-source software” (action 1-i-3)
- Agreeing to new policies on gender balance, inclusion and diversity, and the use of Māori generic terms (action 4-ii-6)
- Actively contributing to the Group of Experts’ bulletins to communicate the role of New Zealand in relation to themes (action 5-ii-4)

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<sup>6</sup> See [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/working\\_groups/webinars/10May2022.cshtml](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/working_groups/webinars/10May2022.cshtml).