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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 Poland for the period 2021–2023****Summary\*\***

The report of Poland covers the progress on geographical names issues made since the 2021 session of the new United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held from 3 to 7 May 2021.

Two commissions are engaged in the standardization of geographical names in Poland. The first, the Commission on Names of Localities and Physiographic Objects, is affiliated with the Minister of the Interior and Administration and establishes names used within the boundaries of Poland. The second, the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names Outside Poland, is affiliated with the Surveyor General of Poland and is responsible, among other things, for standardizing Polish geographical names around the world, representing Poland in the Group of Experts and participating in international conferences and meetings devoted to geographical names.

The list of English names of major geographical features situated in the territory of Poland was published at the end of 2021. Containing a limited number of names of the most such important features (the names of 126 objects), it is a guide to the English names of objects in Poland.

The national register of geographical names is maintained by the head office of geodesy and cartography, under the Surveyor General of Poland. Currently, the register holds the names of approximately 256,000 geographical features within the territory of Poland. The register, which has been expanded to include Polish geographical names of the world (Polish exonyms), is available as open data.

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\* [GEGN.2/2023/1](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/gegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/).

\*\* The full report was prepared by Maciej Zych, Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names Outside the Republic of Poland. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2023/68/CRP.68, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/gegn/sessions/3rd\\_session\\_2023/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/gegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/).



The sixth updated edition of the official list of names of countries and non-self-governing territories was published at the end of 2021. The names of the countries, territories and their capitals included in the list have been approved by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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