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GEBCO SUB-COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES AND NOMENCLATURE  
OF OCEAN BOTTOM FEATURES

FIFTH Session, OTTAWA, 13 April 1981

Summary report

To all Members of the Joint IOC-IHO GUIDING COMMITTEE FOR GEBCO

1. Attendance

Mr. G.N. EWING, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presided over the meeting which was attended by the following members :

Dr. Robert L. FISHER  
Ing. Andre ROUBERTOU  
Mr. David MONAHAN  
Rear Admiral D.C. KAPOOR (Secretary).

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda was adopted. See Annex I.

3. Review of Names on GEBCO sheets under preparation

The sub-committee reviewed eleven names proposal forms submitted by the various scientific co-ordinators and decided to accept ten for inclusion in the relevant sheets. The Secretary was asked to refer one proposal form back to the originator in order to seek further clarification.

Names appearing on sheets 5.07, 5.08 and 5.09 were reviewed by the sub-committee. The members were in agreement with the majority of names but a few minor matters would need to be resolved by correspondence.

Mr. MONAHAN agreed to forward proof copies of sheets 5.07 and 5.09 to the IHB for a final review of names.

4. Cooperation with the U.N. Group of Experts

The Secretary reported that he had attended the Ninth Session of the United Nations Group of Experts held at U.N. Headquarters, New York, 17-27 February 1981.

At this Session the convener of the U.N. Group on Undersea and Maritime Features reported that complete agreement had been reached with the IHO/IOC GEBCO Sub-Committee in the matter of terms, **definitions and guidelines**. This report was well received by the Group of Experts who decided to approve it and to submit it to the next U.N. Conference on the Standardization of Geographical names for formal adoption.

5. Further action on List of Undersea Terminology and Guidelines

The Sub-Committee decided that the agreed Terminology List and Guidelines could now be submitted to all IHO and IOC Member States for use by national naming authorities. It was, however, agreed that acceptance of the terms and definitions did not imply that individual countries already active in naming undersea features would have to abandon their existing procedures. The agreed list was intended primarily as a guide to be used to the maximum extent possible in the interest of international standardization.

6. Cooperation with the Editorial Board on IBCM

Rear Admiral KAPOOR reported that the IHB had been engaged in reviewing on behalf of the GEBCO Sub-Committee the names appearing on the sheets of the International Bathymetric Chart of the Mediterranean. In this work a considerable amount of assistance had been received from the U.N. Group of Experts, particularly in the case of Arabic Geographical Names on land in the North African area.

Monaco - 28 April 1981.

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ANNEX

Fifth Meeting of the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Geographical Names and Nomenclature

Ottawa - 13 April 1981

Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review of GEBCO Sheets - names
3. Review of Names submission forms
4. Cooperation with U.N. Group of Experts on Standardization of Geographical Names
5. Further action on "Undersea Feature Terminology List" and "Guidelines"
6. Cooperation with Editorial Board for IBCM
7. Any other business.

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