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**COOPERATION WITH EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES IN
THE FIELD OF NAMES OF UNDERWATER RELIEF FORMS
(Summary)**

At the 26th Session of UNGEGN (May 2011, Vienna) it was recommended to maintain relations with the other international organizations, activities of which were connected with geographical names, especially with International Hydrographic Organization, GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names. This Sub-Committee is declared as an expert body of Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO in the field of undersea relief form geographical names, which are not under the jurisdiction of littoral states.

The main SCUFN objective is to name undersea features in the World Ocean for using GEBCO graphic and digital issues and other international and local small-scale maps.

The Sub-Committee holds a yearly meeting, where national bodies, international organizations, agencies and individuals, involved in sea researches, propose and discuss undersea feature naming, as well as names, that are in scientific publications and on maps.

In September 2011 the 24th Meeting of SCUFN took place in the Republic of China, where the Russian Federation also participated.

At the Meeting of SCUFN there were proposals of national bodies and international organizations for undersea feature names, which were in the international water, adoptions of open ocean undersea feature names for using in GEBCO printed and digital products, some range of international hydrogeographic small-scale maps, and some range of IBC maps.

Activities in the field of undersea feature naming in open sea, discovered or marked by Russian researchers, should be in accordance with the Federal law on Geographical Features Names (d/d 18.12.1997).