

Antarctic Place Names - Reference lists by nation

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- Antarctic gazetteers and other lists of place names

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Argentina

Naming Authority

Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, División Toponimia, Jefe División Toponimia, Servicio de Hidrografía Naval

Antarctic Toponym Documents

Política Toponímica Antártica. Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, Buenos Aires 1978
Pierrou, E. J.: Toponimia del Sector Antártico Argentino. Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, Publicación H-914, Buenos Aires, 1982

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

Pierrou, E.J.: Toponimia del Sector Antártico Argentino. Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, Publicación. H-914, Buenos Aires, 1982

Pierrou, E.J.: Toponimia del Sector Antártico Argentino, Tomo II. Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, Publicación H-914, Buenos Aires, 1982

Nomenclador Antártico Argentino, Índice Toponimia. Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, Buenos Aires, 1992 (digital data)

Nomenclador Antártico Argentino. Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, Publicación H-920, Buenos Aires, 1993

Australia

Correct as of 2020-4-14

Naming Authority

Australian Antarctic Division Place Names Committee, Australian Antarctic Division
Kingston, Tasmania, Australia
<http://www.aad.gov.au/>

Australian Antarctic Toponym Documents

The Terms of Reference for the Australian Antarctic Division Place Names Committee, includes the Australian Antarctic Place Names Policy.
<http://www.antarctica.gov.au/about-antarctica/australia-in-antarctica/antarctic-place-names>

Australian Antarctic Gazetteer

Available online: <http://data.aad.gov.au/aadc/gaz/>

Austria

Belgium

Correct as of 2019-6-4

Naming Authority

Belgium has no official Naming Authority for Antarctica yet and there are no guidelines for toponymy in Antarctica. The aim is to follow these guidelines, edited by SCAR - SCAGI.

The Administration in charge is:

IGN - Belgium

Service Toponymie

<https://www.ign.be/>

Brazil

Naming Authority

Departamento de Geografia - Instituto de Geociências

Bulgaria

Correct as of 2019-6-14

Naming Authority

Antarctic Place-names Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

<http://apcbg.org/>

Antarctic Guidelines

Toponymic Guidelines for Antarctica. Antarctic Place-names Commission of Bulgaria. Sofia, 1995

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Toponymic_Guidelines_for_Antarctica

Antarctic Toponymic Documents

Ivanov, L. Bulgarian Names in Antarctica. Sofia: Manfred Wörner Foundation, 2019. 526 pp. ISBN 978-619-90008-4-7 (in Bulgarian)

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/329936128_Bulgarian_Names_in_Antarctica_in_Bulgarian

Bulgarian Antarctic Gazetteer

Available online: <http://apcbg.org/gazet-bg.pdf> (details in Bulgarian)

<http://apcbg.org/gazet.pdf> (basic data in English)

Canada

Naming Authority

Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC), Natural Resources Canada

http://geonames.rncan.gc.ca/info/cgndb_e.php

Chile

Naming Authority

Chilean National Committee for Antarctic Geographic Names, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Education

Guidelines in Chile

Antarctic Toponym Documents

Diccionario de Nombres Geograficos de la Costa de Chile, Volumen III, Territorio de Chile, Pub. 3052, 1. Edicion, Valparaiso, 1974

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

Diccionario de Nombres Geograficos de la Costa de Chile, Volumen III, Territorio Antartico. Instituto Hidrografico de la Armada de Chile, Pub. 3052, 1. Edicion, Valparaiso, 1974

China

Naming Authority

Chinese Place-names Committee, Wuhan University

Antarctic Toponym Documents

E Dongchen: Naming principles for Antarctic place-names. Chinese Antarctic Center of Surveying and Mapping, Wuhan, 1992 (unpublished)

Colombia

Czechia

Denmark

Ecuador

Germany

Correct as of 2020-9-17

Naming Authority

Ständiger Ausschuss für Geographische Namen (StAGN)

Standing Committee on Geographical Names

Deutsches Nationalkomitee für SCAR/IASC

German National Committee for SCAR/IASC

Antarctic Toponym Documents

Brunk, K.: Kartographische Arbeiten und deutsche Namengebung in Neuschwabenland.- Bisherige Arbeiten, Rekonstruktion der Flugwege der Deutschen Antarktischen Expedition 1938/39 und Neubearbeitung des deutschen Namengutes in Neuschwabenland. Deutsche Geodätische Kommission, Reihe E, Nr. 24; Frankfurt am Main, 1986

Brunk, K. : Cartographic work and German naming in Neuschwabenland - previous work, reconstruction of the flight paths of the German Antarctic Expedition 1938/39 and revision of the German namesake in Neuschwabenland German Geodetic Commission, Series E, No. 24; Frankfurt am Main, 1986

Index of German-language Antarctic place-names, Second Edition. Nachrichten aus dem Karten- und Vermessungswesen, Sonderheft, Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie, Frankfurt am Main, 1993

Index of German-language Antarctic place-names, Second Edition. News from the mapping and surveying system, special issue, Institute for Applied Geodesy, Frankfurt am Main, 1993

Proposed International Toponymic Guidelines for the Antarctic – Recommended international principles and procedures for the standardization of naming geographical features in the Antarctic (south of 60°S) and for the use of existing geographical names. SCAR Working Group on Geodesy and Geographic Information, Version: Rome, 31 August 1994

Sievers, J. & Thomson, J. W.: Adopting one Name per Feature on Maps of Antarctica: an Experimental Application – Topographic Map (Satellite Image Map) 1:250 000 Trinity Peninsula SP 21-22/13. Polar Research 65 (3), 123-131, 1995 (published 1998)

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

Digital Name Data Base Antarctic. Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie, Frankfurt am Main, Institute for Applied Geodesy, Frankfurt am Main, first edition 1988

1st supplement to first edition 1989

2nd supplement to first edition 1990

3rd supplement to first edition 1992

Index of German-language Antarctic place-names, Second Edition. Nachrichten aus dem Karten- und Vermessungswesen, Sonderheft, Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie, Frankfurt am Main, 1993. News from the mapping and surveying system, special issue, Institute for Applied Geodesy, Frankfurt am Main, 1993.

1st supplement to second edition 1994

2nd supplement to second edition 1995

3rd supplement to second edition 1996

4th & 5th supplement to second edition 1997

6th supplement to second edition 1998

7th supplement to second edition 1999

8th supplement to second edition 2000

9th & 10th supplement to second edition 2004

11th supplement to second edition 2006

12th supplement to second edition 2010

13th supplement to second edition 2012

14th supplement to second edition 2014

15th supplement to second edition 2020

Gazetteer of German-language Antarctic place-names, Third Edition (no printed publication, digital data only) – Complete revision of the Second Edition according to the

specifications of the SCAR Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica (CGA), with contributions by Karsten Brunk, Rosbach v.d. Höhe, compiled and arranged by Jörn Sievers, Neu-Isenburg, on behalf of Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen (StAGN), Frankfurt am Main, 2020.

Finland

International Hydrographic Organization

Naming Authority

General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/gebco/underseafeatures.html>

Gazetteer of geographical names of undersea features shown (or which might be added) on the GEBCO and on the IHO small scale International Chart Series (1:2 250 000 and smaller), First Edition. International Hydrographic Bureau, Monaco, 1988

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

France

Correct as of 2020-6-15

Naming Authority

Commission du patrimoine historique et de la Toponymie des TAAF. Commission nationale de toponymie du Conseil national de l'information géographique (CNT du CNIG).

Translated: TAAF Historical Heritage and Toponymy Commission. National Commission for Toponymy of the National Council for Geographic Information (CNT of CNIG).

Antarctic Toponym Documents

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

Expéditions polaires françaises et missions Paul-Émile Victor: "Toponymie de la terre Adélie", liste et position géographique des toponymes. Publications des EPF, 1958-1979, Paris.

Translated: French polar expeditions and Paul-Émile Victor missions: "Toponymy of Adélie land", list and geographic position of toponyms. EPF publications, 1958-1979, Paris.

India

Korea, Republic of

Naming Authority

Korean Committee on Geographical Names, Korea Polar Research Institute

Italy

Naming Authority

Comitato per i nomi geografici antartici

Japan

Naming Authority

Antarctic Place-names Committee of Japan, National Institute of Polar Research

<http://ci.nii.ac.jp/naid/110001181219/en>

Antarctic Toponym Documents

Yoshida, Y.: Romanization of Japanese Antarctic place-names. National Institute of Polar Research, Tokyo, 1992 (unpublished)

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

Polar Research Center: New names decided by the Antarctic Place-names Committee of Japan. Antarctic Record, No. 45, p. 112-120, Tokyo, 1972

National Institute of Polar Research: Antarctic place-names newly decided by the Antarctic Place- names Committee of Japan in 1973. Antarctic Record, No. 49, p. 91-95, Tokyo, 1974

National Institute of Polar Research: Antarctic place-names newly decided by the Antarctic Place- names Committee of Japan in 1975. Antarctic Record, No. 55, p. 108-110, Tokyo, 1976

National Institute of Polar Research: Antarctic place-names newly decided by the Antarctic Place- names Committee of Japan in 1977. Antarctic Record, No. 60, p. 154-159, Tokyo, 1977

National Institute of Polar Research: Antarctic place-names newly decided by the Antarctic Place- names Committee of Japan in 1979. Antarctic Record, No. 66, p. 158-162, Tokyo, 1979

National Institute of Polar Research: Antarctic place-names newly decided by the Antarctic Place- names Committee of Japan in 1981. Antarctic Record, No. 75, p. 103-110, Tokyo, 1982

National Institute of Polar Research: Antarctic place-names newly decided by the Antarctic Place- names Committee of Japan in March 1985. Antarctic Record, No. 86, p. 125-132, Tokyo, 1985

National Institute of Polar Research: Report of the Antarctic Place-names Committee of Japan - Newly decided and previously adopted place-names, and standardization of the phonetic representation of foreign language place-names by Japanese letters. Antarctic Record, Vol. 33, No. 1, p. 96-111, Tokyo, 1989

National Institute of Polar Research: Report of the Antarctic Place-names Committee of Japan - Newly decided place-names. Antarctic Record, Vol. 34, No. 1, p. 113-118, Tokyo, 1990

Malaysia

Monaco

Netherlands

Guidelines in the Netherlands

Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors for international use - The Netherlands. 6th UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Document No. E/CONF.85/L.2, New York, 1992

New Zealand

Correct as of 2020-4-18

Naming Authority

New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa, Land Information New Zealand

<https://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names>

Antarctic Toponym Documents

New Zealand Geographic Board: Rules of nomenclature adopted by the Board in 1974. Wellington, 1974 (unpublished)

Standard for Antarctic place names in New Zealand's area of interest, 2020, draft for consultation (unpublished)

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

New Zealand Geographic Board: Provisional Gazetteer of the Ross Dependency (compiled by A.S. Helm).

first edition, R.E. Owen, Government Printer, Wellington, 1958

1st supplement to first edition 1960

2nd supplement to first edition 1963

3rd supplement to first edition 1963

4th supplement to first edition 1965

Antarctic Ross Sea Region. Infomap 135, 3rd edition, 1987, Department of Survey and Land Information, Wellington

New Zealand Gazetteer, which includes a view showing New Zealand's area of interest in Antarctica, is available online: <https://gazetteer.linz.govt.nz/>

Norway

Correct as of 2020 -9-16

Naming Authority

Name Committee for Norwegian Polar Regions, Norwegian Polar Institute

Antarctic Toponym Documents

Place-name Committee: Preliminary guidelines for place-names in Norwegian Polar regions. Norsk Polarinstitutt, Oslo, 1993 (unpublished)

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

Gjelsvik, T.: Place-names of Heimefrontfjella and Lingetoppane, Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica. Rapportserie, Nr. 54, Norsk Polarinstitut, Oslo, 1989

Helle, S.: Preliminary lists of Norwegian place-names of Bouvetøya, Dronning Maud Land, Peter I øy. Norsk Polarinstitut, Oslo, 1992

Online gazetteer of Norwegian polar place names, including Dronning Maud Land, Bouvetøya and Peter I Øy: <https://placenames.npolar.no/>

Pakistan

Peru

Poland

Naming Authority

Polish Committee of Polar Research, Main Office of Geodesy and Cartography (GUGiK)

Antarctic Toponym Documents

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

Commission of Geodesy and Geographic Information: List of the new place-names of Antarctica introduced by Poland in 1978-1990. Committee of Polar Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warszawa, 1992

Portugal

Romania

Russian Federation (and former Soviet Union)

Correct as of 2020-7-16

Naming Authority

The Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography (Rosreestr) is authorized executive federal bodies in the field of geographical names.

Rosreestr develops state policies and normative-legal regulation in the area of names of geographical objects, carries out examination of proposals for the assignment and renaming of geographical objects, including those discovered or allocated by Russian researchers within the open sea and Antarctica, and creation and maintenance of the State Catalogue of Geographical Names. Official website of Rosreestr <https://rosreestr.ru/site/>.

Antarctic Toponym Documents

1. The Federal Law No. 152-FZ of 18.12.1997 "On Names of Geographical Objects"

2. Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1167 of 15.11.2012 “On the procedure to coordinate proposals on naming of some geographical objects or on renaming of some geographical objects”

3. Decree of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation No. 171 of 27.03.2014 “On approval of the Procedure for examination of proposals on naming and renaming of geographical objects and conclusion issuing”

4. Decree of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation No. 172 of 27.03.2014 “On approval of the Procedure for registration of geographical names, releasing of gazetteers and dictionaries of geographical names as well as development and maintenance of the State Catalogue of Geographical Names”

5. Decree of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation No. 322 of 29.05.2015 “On approval of the Procedure for identification of the available names of geographical objects in the Russian Federation, on its continental shelf and in the exclusive economic zone of the Russian Federation as well as of features discovered or specified by the Russian explorers in the World Ocean and Antarctica”

6. Adopted at the 5th United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Montreal, 1987), the transliteration system of the Cyrillic alphabet

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

State Catalogue of Geographical Names (<https://rosreestr.ru/site/activity/geodeziya-i-kartografiya/naimenovaniya-geograficheskikh-obektov/gosudarstvennyy-katalog-geograficheskikh-nazvaniy/>).

South Africa

Spain

Naming Authority

SCAR National Committee of Spain

Sweden

Naming Authority

Royal Institute of Technology

Switzerland

Thailand

Türkiye

Ukraine

United Kingdom

Naming Authority

Antarctic Place-names Committee, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
<http://www.antarctica.ac.uk/apc/>

Antarctic Toponym Documents

Hattersley-Smith, G.: The history of place-names in the British Antarctic Territory. Scientific Reports, No. 113, (Part I and II), British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, 1991

Hattersley-Smith, G.: Place names in the Antarctic. British Antarctic Survey Bulletin, No. 69, p 77-79, Cambridge, 1985

Hattersley-Smith, G.: Editorial. Antarctic Science, 1 (4), 1989

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

Antarctic Place-names Committee, Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Gazetteer of the British Antarctic Territory. Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London, first edition 1977

1st supplement to first edition 1980

2nd supplement to first edition 1982

3rd supplement to first edition 1986

4th supplement to first edition 1988

Hattersley-Smith, G.: The history of place-names in the Falkland Islands Dependencies (South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands). Scientific Reports, No. 101, British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, 1980

Hattersley-Smith, G.: The history of place-names in the British Antarctic Territory. Scientific Reports, No. 113, (Part I and II), British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, 1991

Antarctic Place-names Committee: Gazetteer of the British Antarctic Territory, 2nd edition. Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1993

United States of America

Naming Authority

U.S. Board On Geographic Names, United States Geological Survey (Secretariat)
<https://usgs.gov/geonames/antarctic-names>

Antarctic Toponym Documents

United States Board on Geographic Names: Geographic Names of the Antarctic (compiled and edited by F.G. Alberts). National Science Foundation, Washington, 1981

United States Board on Geographic Names: Gazetteer of the Antarctic. Fourth Edition, National Science Foundation, Washington, 1989

Antarctic gazetteers and other lists

United States Board on Geographic Names: Geographic Names of the Antarctic (compiled and edited by F.G. Alberts). National Science Foundation, Washington, 1981

United States Board on Geographic Names: Gazetteer of the Antarctic. Fourth Edition, National Science Foundation, Washington, 1989

Advisory Committee of Antarctic Names: Gazetteer of the Antarctic (digital data; File ANTGAZ89.US). United States Board on Geographic Names, Washington, 1992.

Uruguay**Naming Authority**

Instituto Antártico Uruguayo

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)