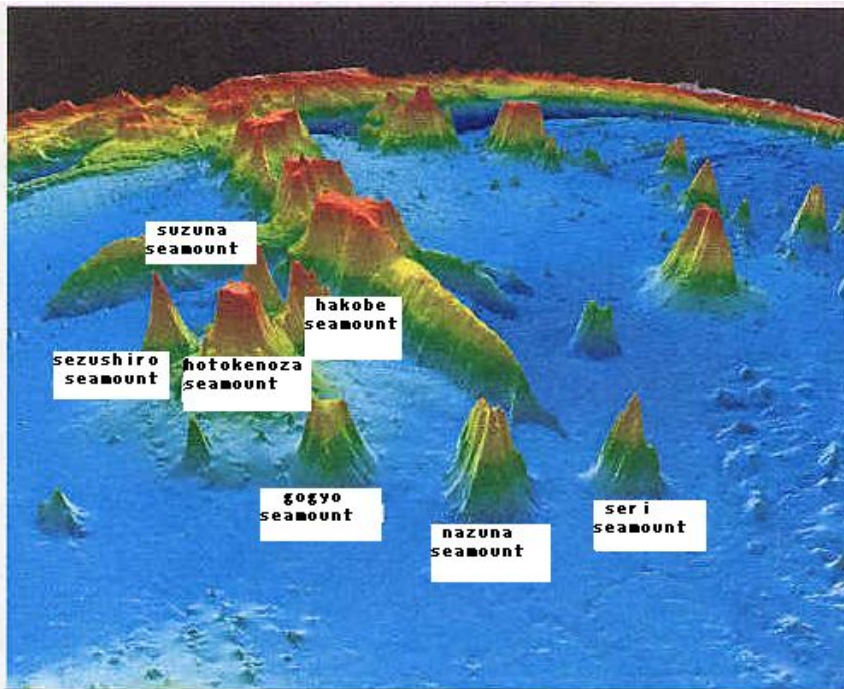


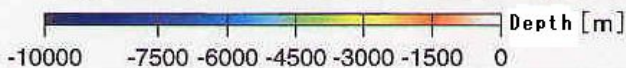
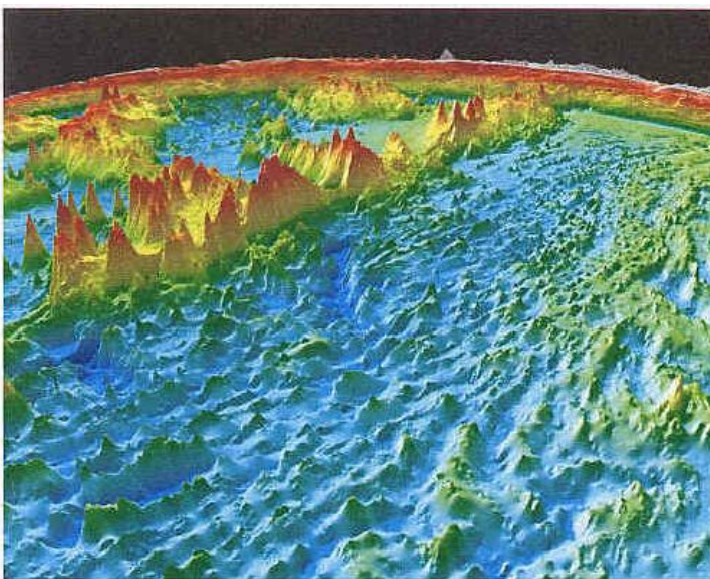
New undersea feature names adopted by last GEBCO meeting



Committee meeting held in Kobe.

The Hydrographic Department of Japan (JHD) played the role of host to the GEBCO Sub-Committee meetings on Undersea Feature Names and on Digital Bathymetry in Tokyo from 17 to 20 April as well as the GEBCO Guiding Committee meeting in Kobe from 23 to 25 April 2001.

At the Sub-Committee meeting, JHD proposed about 300 new undersea feature names for seamounts, knolls, submarine canyons, etc. discovered in and around Japanese waters, and a total of 264 new names was finally adopted by the Guiding



These new names adopted will be publicized by listing them up on the IHO/IOC Gazetteer of Geographical Names of Undersea Features.

JHD has been conducting bathymetric surveying in great detail and extensively in and around Japanese waters by using its Survey Vessels Shoyo and Takuyo, particularly since 1983, and more than 300 new seabottom features such as seamounts and submarine canyons were discovered.

(Source: JHD Tokyo Hqs.)