

UNDERSEA FEATURE NAME PROPOSAL

(See NOTE overleaf)

Ocean or Sea North Pacific Ocean Name proposed Minami-Okinawa Escarpment

Coordinates : A - of midpoint or summit : Lat. _____, Long. _____
_____ kilometres in _____ direction from _____

and/or B - extremities (if linear feature) :

Lat. 21-00N } to { Lat. 24-00N
Long. 129-50E } } Long. 129-00E

Description (kind of feature) : escarpment

Identifying or categorizing characteristics (shape, dimensions, total relief, least depth, steepness, etc.):

Minami-Okinawa Escarpment is an elongated, curved steep west-dipping feature, defining the western boarder of the Oki-Daito Rise. The maximum relief is ~ 700 m.

Associated features : Philippine Basin, Oki-Daito Rise, Oki-Daito Ridge, Nansei-Shoto Trench

Chart reference :

Shown with name on chart No. _____

Shown but not named on chart No. _____

Not shown but within area covered by chart No. Japanese Chart No. 6302, Japanese Chart No. W1004A

Reason for choice of name (if a person, state how associated with the feature to be named) : _____

Named after the nearest island "Oki-Daito Island". "Oki-Daito Ridge" is also named after the island.

Discovery facts :

Date April-May, 1997, May-June, 2001, July-August, 2006 by (individuals or ship) The Japanese survey vessel "Takuyo" and "Shoyo"

By means of (equipment) : Multi-beam Echosounders SEABEAM 2100, SEABEAM 2112

Navigation used : GPS

Estimated positional accuracy in nautical miles : +/- 30m

Description of survey (track spacing, line crossing, grid network, etc.) : _____

Primary track lines were E-W with track spacing at 7 miles. N-S track lines were also employed.

Nature and repository of other survey activities (dredge samples, cores, magnetics, gravity, photographs, etc.) : _____

Bottom samplings by dredging has just been performed by the Japanese Continental Shelf Survey Project during April-May, 2007.

Supporting material : enclose, if possible, a sketch map of the survey area, profiles of the features, etc.,
with reference to prior publication, if any : _____

Submitted by : Japanese Committee on Undersea Feature Names

Date : 8 June 2007

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Concurred in by (if applicable) : _____

Address : _____

National Authority (if any) : Japanese Committee on Undersea Feature Names

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NOTE : This form should be forwarded, when completed :

- a) **If the undersea feature is located in territorial waters :-**
to your "National Authority for Approval of Undersea Feature Names" or, if this does not exist or is not known, either to the International Hydrographic Bureau or to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (see addresses below);
- b) **If the undersea feature is located in international waters :-**
to the International Hydrographic Bureau or to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, at the following addresses :

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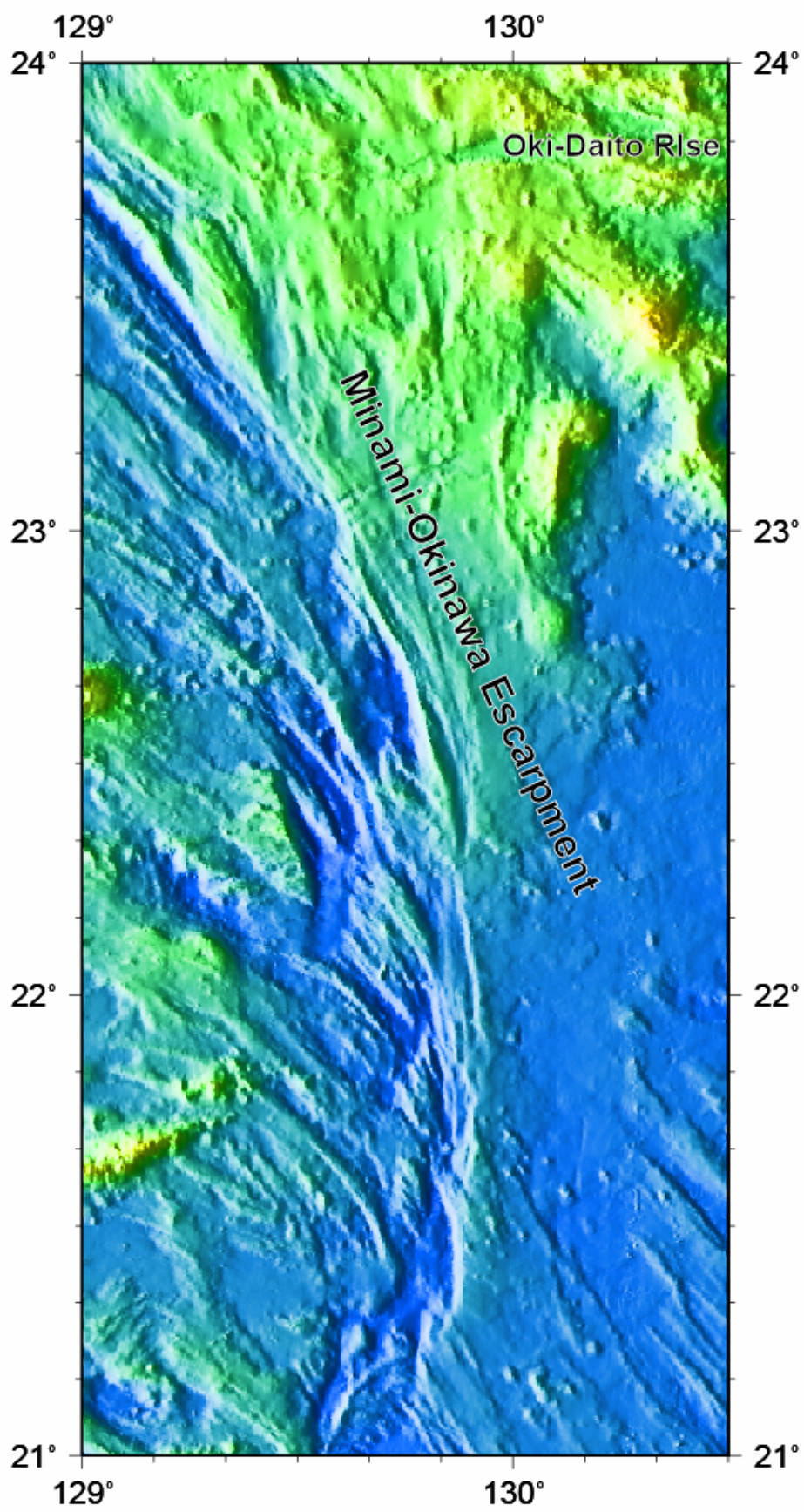


Fig. 1. Shaded color bathymetric map of Minami-Okinawa Escarpment. Color scale is as same as the Index map shown in the proposal for Amami Sankaku Basin.

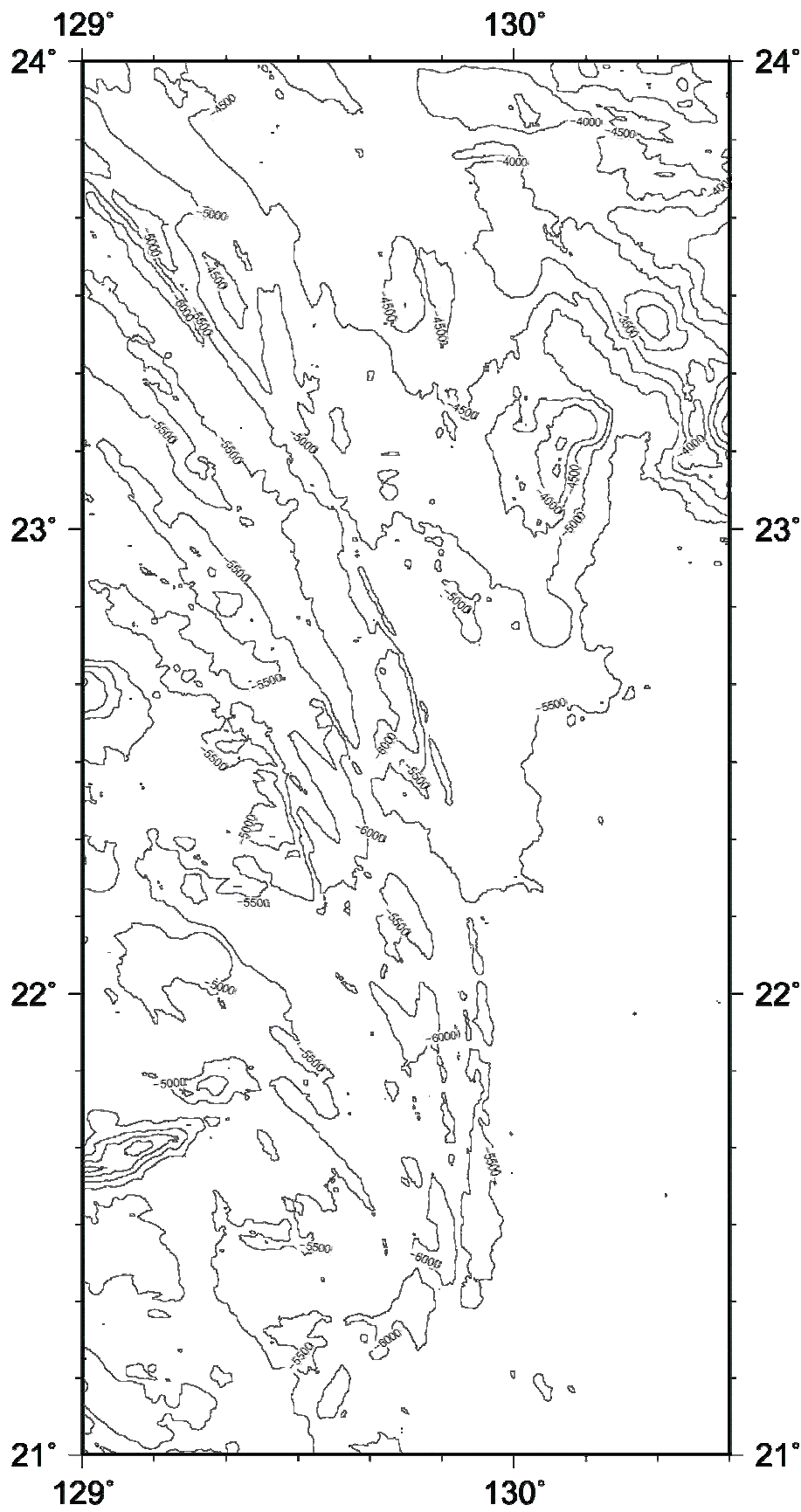


Fig. 2. Bathymetric map of Minami-Okinawa Escarpment. Contours in 100 m.

