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Exonyms**Second edition of the list of Polish geographical names of
the world****Summary****

At the end of 2013, the Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography issued a publication that contained Polish exonyms. Prepared by the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland, it was entitled “Official list of Polish geographical names of the world”. The list was presented during the sixteenth meeting of the Working Group on Exonyms, held from 5 to 7 June 2014 in Hermagor, Austria. A short summary was made available during the twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held from 28 April to 2 May 2014 in New York.

The second edition of the list was published at the end of 2019. There were no significant alterations, but updates included the modification of the romanization systems for two languages, changes to some Polish exonyms (caused in part by endonym changes) and minor corrections. The second edition was published in Polish only, but an inset in English, with a translation of the introductory parts of the publication, was prepared.

The list includes the names of 13,599 geographical features (276 more than in the first edition) from all continents, in addition to the names of undersea features. However, the names of objects found entirely within Polish territory have been excluded. Reference is made only to those features for which Polish geographical names (exonyms) are recommended. Accordingly, geographical features for which that kind of name either does not exist or is not recommended have not been included.

The list is divided into eight chapters. Seven correspond to the traditionally determined parts of the world (Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America,

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Australia and Oceania, and Antarctica), while the final chapter is devoted to undersea features. The names are listed in the alphabetical order of the countries and Non-Self-Governing Territories and arranged into 59 categories. For each entity, the Polish name (exonym) is given, followed by the endonym or endonyms. The geographical coordinates of the feature are also provided, as are, if necessary, additional information and observations about the feature or its name.
