

# National Marine Litter Management Program of RO Korea

: Status Quo of ML and Challenges faced by ROK

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## Status Quo of Marine Litter of ROK

**176,000 tons** of Marine Litter is generated every year in ROK

- **Land based ML: 118,000 tons (67%), Sea-based ML: 58,000 tons (33%)**
  - \* Inflow of fallen trees due to natural disasters: 86,000 tons (48%), Fishing gear: 44,000 tons (25%)
- **Amount of existing Marine Litter : 152,000 tons**
  - \* Shoreline 12,000 tons, sunken 137,000 tons, floating 2,000 tons



Floating Debris



Shoreline Debris



Sunken Debris

( \* Data from 2<sup>nd</sup> National Marine Litter Management Plan / Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of ROK )

## National Marine Litter Monitoring Program

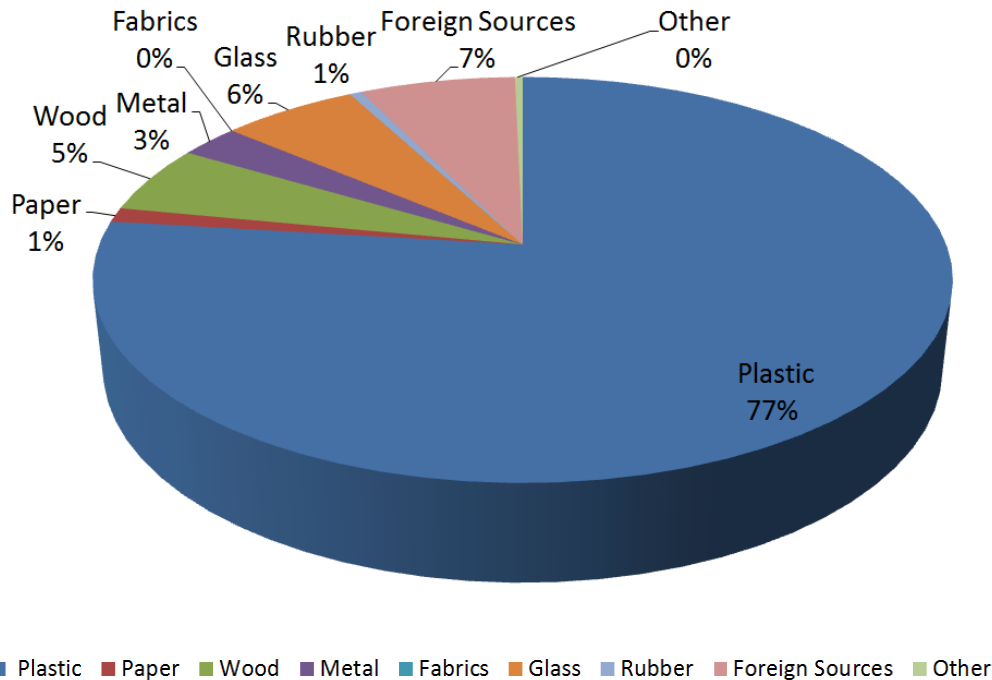
- **Objectives**
  - Collecting nation-wide ML data from 40 different spots.
- **Implementation**
  - KOEM with NGOs
  - Include foreign-origin ML study



## ■ National Marine Litter Monitoring Result in the Yellow Sea area(2018)

On the basis of number, Plastic and Styrofoam accounts for 77% of marine litter, followed by foreign sources marine litter(7%) and glass(6%).

< ML composition of the Yellow sea area >

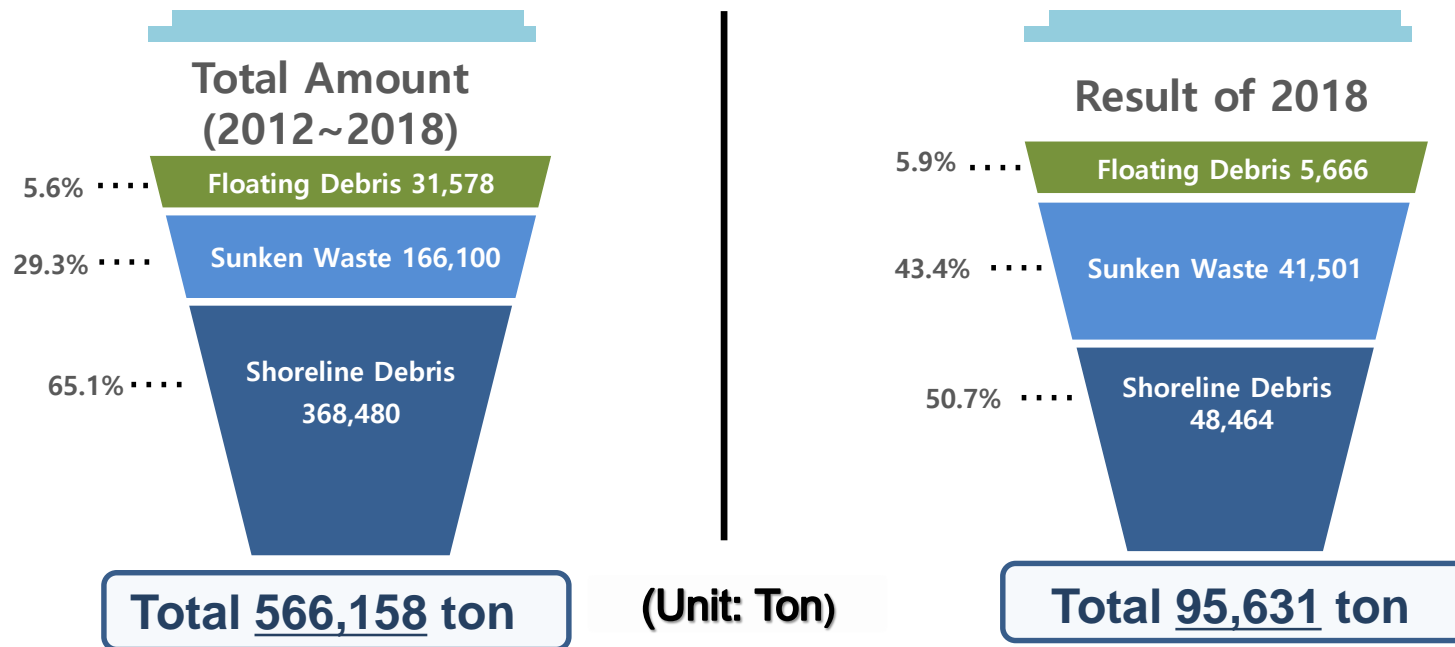


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## Removal Performance of Marine Litter in ROK(2012 ~ 2018)

Amount of Removed marine litter every year: about **78,022 ton**;  
 Overall Cost: APPX **US\$ 46 million** (including local governments)

- Type of ML: Shoreline litter 65.1%, Sunken waste 29.3%, Floating litter 5.6%

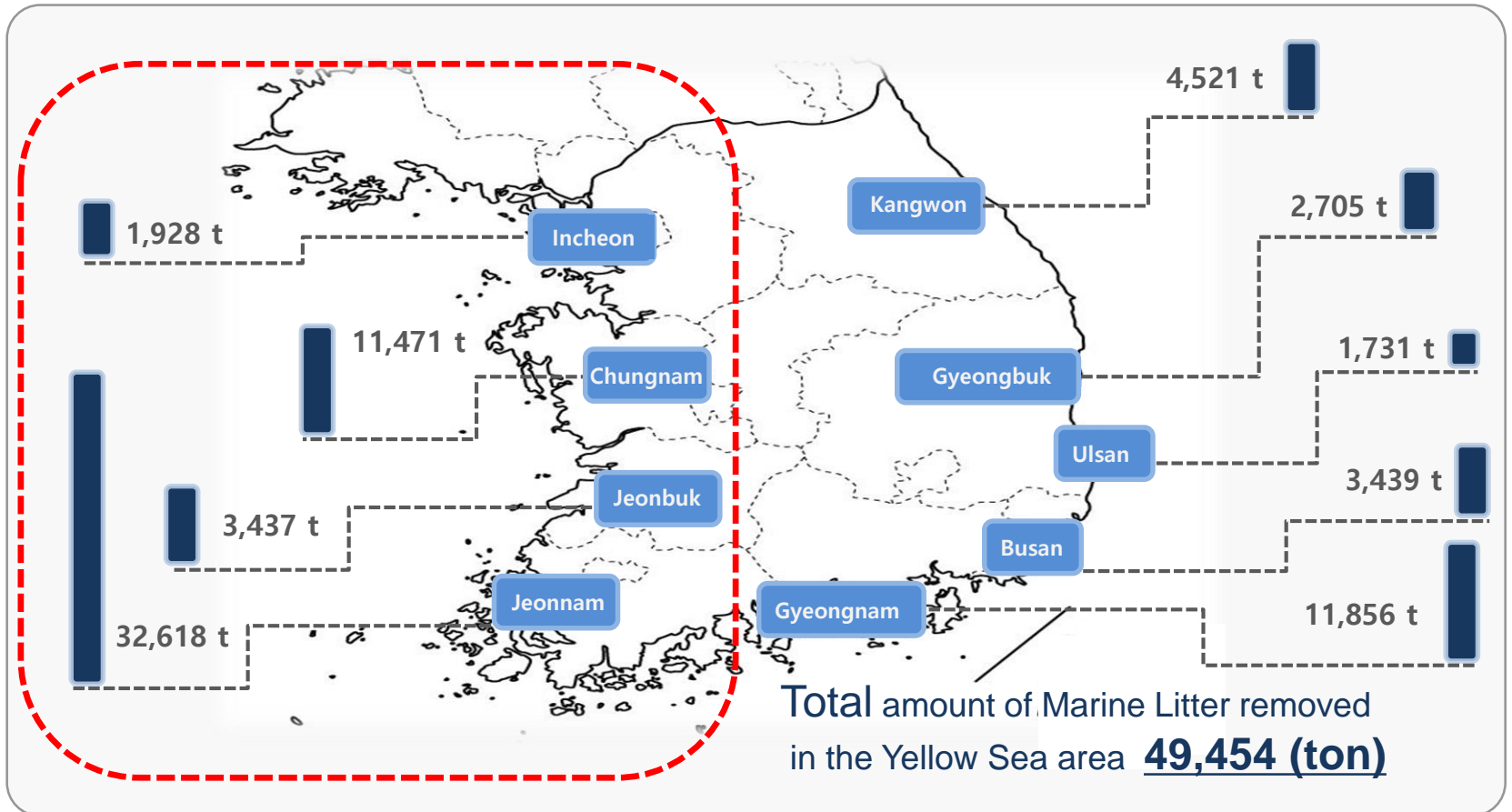


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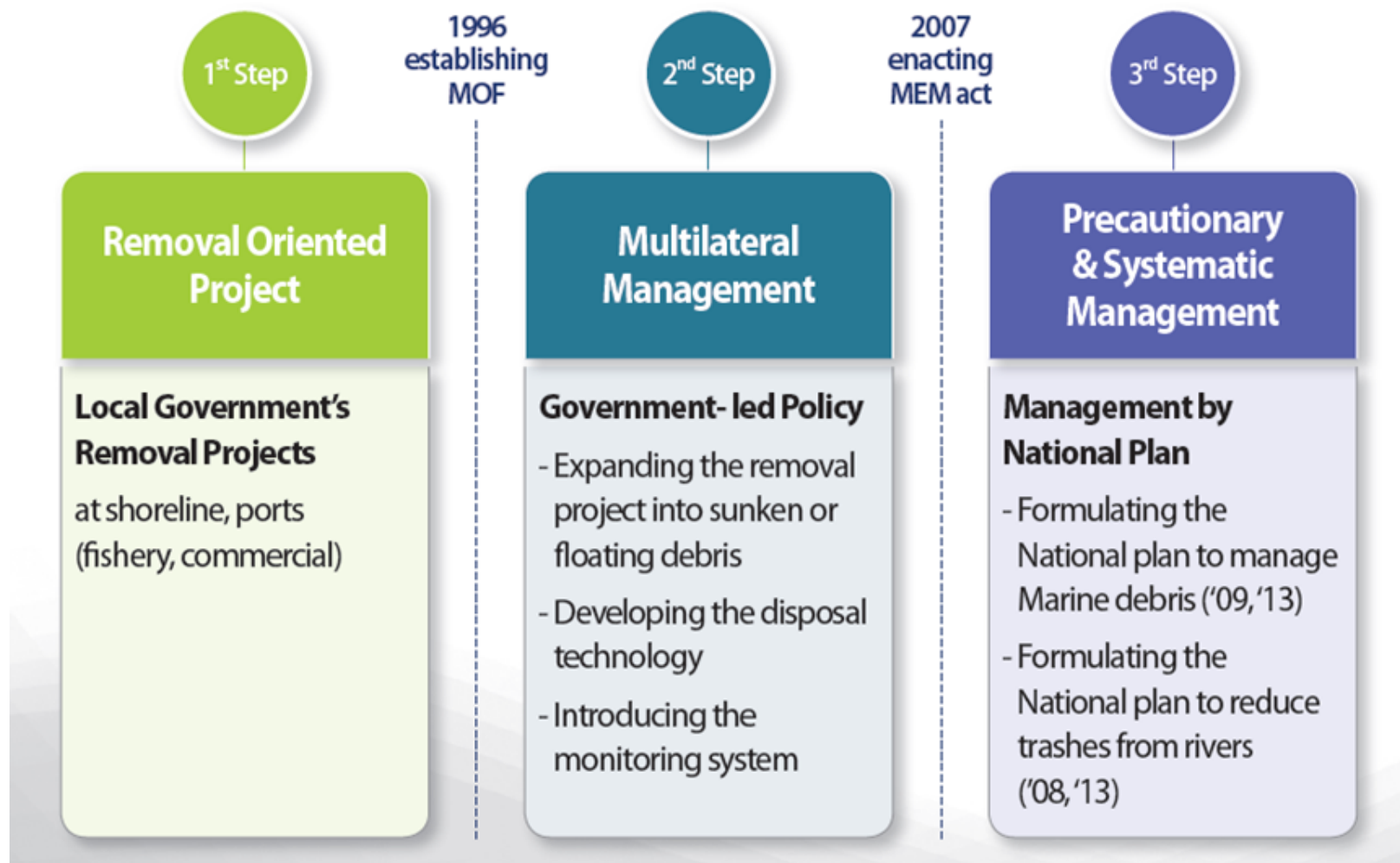
## Marine litter removal by local government in the Yellow Sea

32,618 ton of marine litter was removed in Jeonnam Province in 2018

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## Marine Litter Management in ROK



## Institutional and Legal Arrangements

### » Institution

Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF)



Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM)



Marine Litter Management Center

Local governments, NGOs and Private Sectors

### » Law & Policy

Marine Environment Management Act (2007)

Comprehensive Marine Environment Management Plan

Comprehensive Marine Litter Management Plan

Implementation of Programs and Projects



# ■ Establishing Comprehensive Marine Litter Management Plan

## Legal Basis

- Policy measures established **every 5 years** according to the Marine Environment Management Act 24
- **Inter-ministerial policy collaboration** between MOF-MOE-KCG

## Progress

- **1st PLAN (2009-2013)** Appx. US\$ 240 million
- **2nd PLAN (2014-2018)** Appx. US\$ 330 million
- **3rd PLAN (2019-2023)** Appx. US\$ 883 million(TBC)

## ■ Review of 1<sup>st</sup> National Marine Litter Management Plan (2009-2013)



Set-up and operation of ML collecting barges, Establishing fishing gear management system, Promotion of eco-friendly fishing gear use, Promotion of fishing boat waste/Bilge removal et al.

**Minimizing litter inflowing into marine environment**

Supporting NGOs' Marine Environment Conservation activities, Development of Marine Environment Education Programmes, Public outreach on Marine Litter, National Marine Litter Monitoring Programme, Regional and global cooperative projects



**Involving public and international collaboration**

**28 Tasks**  
US\$ 240million

**Increasing ML collection and disposal capacity**

**Enhancing ML management capacity**

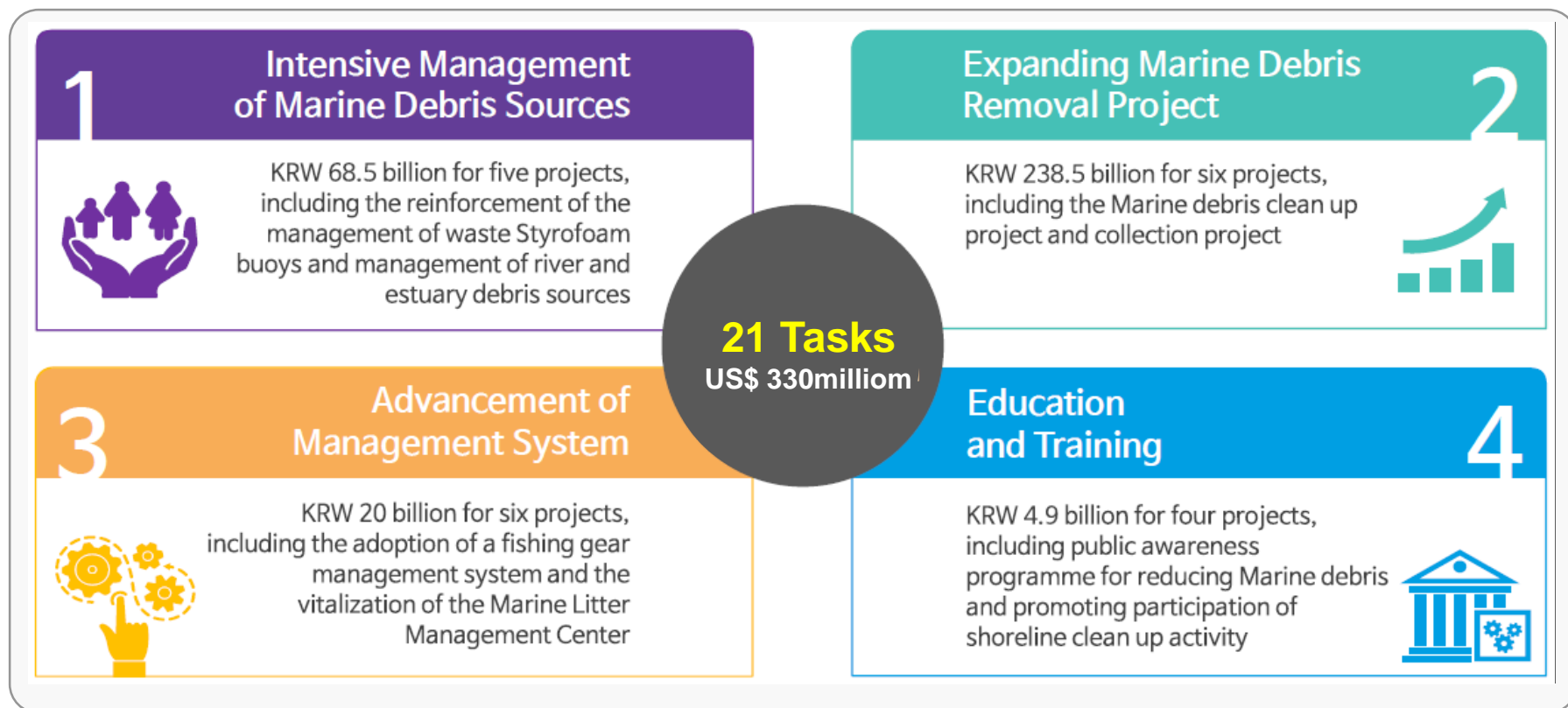


Fishing port deposited waste removal, Buying of the recovered waste during fishing, Deposited fishing gear removal, Distribution of Styrofoam volume reducer, River and estuarine waste clean-up et al.

Development of ML Statistics and Analysis Methods, Conducting the ML Distribution Survey, Establishment of ML Information System, Establishment of Marine Litter Management Center



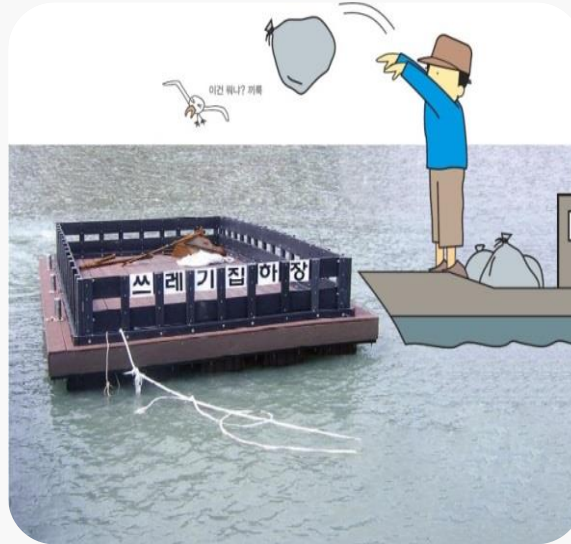
## ■ Review of 2<sup>nd</sup> National Marine Litter Management Plan (2014-2018)



## Case 1: Set-up and operation of ML barges

- **Objectives**

Place a barge-type marine collection site at ports or fishing ports to remove litter during fishing activities. It helps prevent the occurrence of abandoned, derelict and discarded fishing gear.



Cost of Disposal  
and Installation

**1 Barge:**

**Appx US\$ 31,025**

### Case 2:

## Compensation for the recovered waste during fishing

- **Objectives**

- To prevent re-entering of the recovered waste during fishing into marine environment by buying the recovered waste
- This is ultimately cost-effective
- Enhancing fishers' awareness on marine environment



- **Cost sharing: Central 50%, Local 50%**

- Appx **US\$ 10M** invested between 2015~2018 (Avg US\$ 2M every year from the central gov)
- Collected 26,266 ton of ML between 2015~2018 (6,868 ton of marine litter in 2018)



## Case 3: Marine Environment Education Program

- **Objectives**
  - Provision of marine environment protection education to all age groups and to raise awareness about Marine Litter
  - Including programs such as Lectures, Mobile Classroom



# Case 4: Establishment of MALI Center and Marine Litter Information System

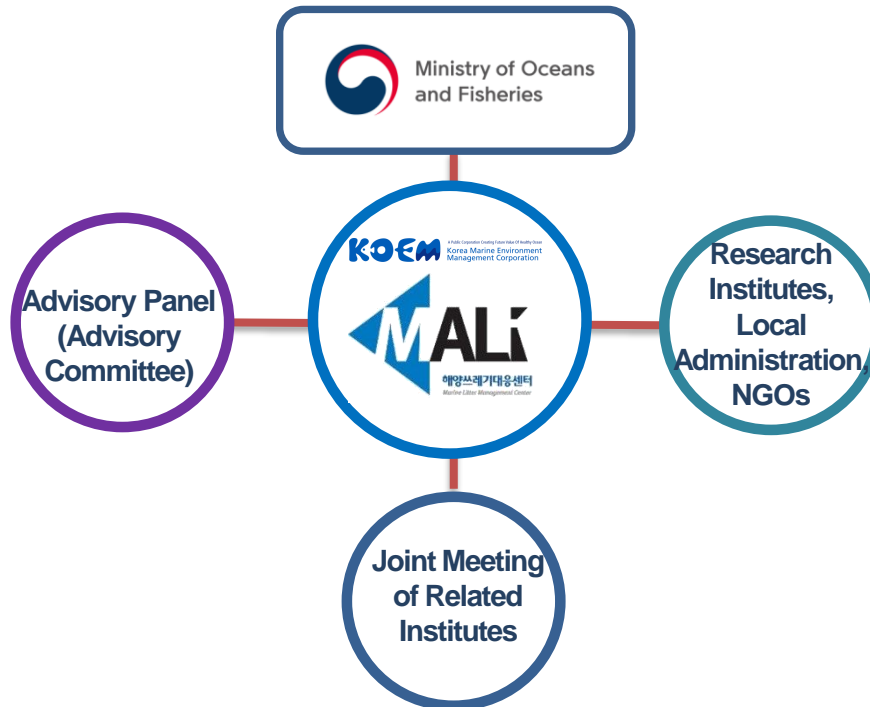


- MALI Center established in 2011
- Marine Litter Information System is to provide various information to public which was established in 2011 within MALI Center in KOEM

Monitoring



Policy support



Info. management

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International Collabor.



## Scope of 3<sup>rd</sup> National Marine Litter Management Plan (2019-2023)

### Vision and Goal

#### Objective

» Create clean and safe oceans free of Waste

#### Goal

» Strengthen the management of marine debris at each stage

» Switch to a scientific and prevention-oriented management plan

### Action

Intensive management of Marine Litter Sources

1. Enhance management of sea-based sources
2. Enhance management of land-based sources
3. Enhance management of foreign-based sources

Building of Marine Litter Collection Systems

1. Reduce blind Spots in management
2. Specialize waste collection programs by sea areas
3. Effective Collection System

Expansion of Marine Litter Disposal and Recycling

1. Expand collection platforms
2. Invigorate recycling infrastructure

Strengthen Marine Litter Management Capacity and Public Awareness

1. Strengthen the foundation of domestic management
2. Establish microplastic management infrastructure
3. Launch public campaigns participated by citizens
4. Strengthen customized education per subject
5. Strengthen response to international affairs and cooperation



## Master Plan on Marine Plastic Litter (2019)

### Vision and Goal

#### Objective

➤ Create clean and safe oceans free of Waste

#### Goal

➤ Reduce 50% of Marine Plastic Litter By 2030

### Action

Prevention of Marine Plastic Litter generation

1. Enhance management of sea-based sources
2. Enhance management of land-based sources
3. Enhance management of foreign-based sources

Expansion of Marine Plastic Litter Collection and transporting Systems

1. Reduce blind Spots in management
2. Improve waste collection programs by sea areas
3. Increase public and local participation

Expansion of Marine Plastic Litter Disposal and Recycling

1. Expand collection platforms
2. Invigorate recycling

Strengthen Management Capacity and Public relations

1. Enact Marine Waste Management Act
2. Strengthen research and monitoring on Micro plastics
3. Strengthen customized education per subject
4. Boost public relations

### ■ Processing New Law ‘Marine Waste Management Act’ (TBC)

- ✓ Reinforce the responsibility of polluters, expand recycling of marine waste, and ensure marine litter is handled in eco-friendly way
- ✓ Enact legislation to prevent the inflow of marine litter into the ocean, conduct an investigation on the current state of the marine litter issue, etc.

### ■ Processing New Law ‘Fishing Gear Management Act’ (TBC)

- ✓ (Before use) Manage production and distribution of fishing gear (register fishing gear, reporting distribution, etc.)
- ✓ (During use) Manage purchase and usage of fishing gear (report usage and derelict fishing gear, real-name fishing gear usage system)
- ✓ (After use) Collect and dispose of derelict fishing gear (assign responsibility for the collection of derelict fishing gear, etc.)



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The background of the slide is a high-quality photograph of an underwater scene. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the surface, creating a shimmering effect. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the surface is visible at the top with some ripples and bubbles. The overall mood is serene and clean.

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