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Building a network of MPA education centers to increase awareness of threats, values, impact of loss and YSLME biodiversity

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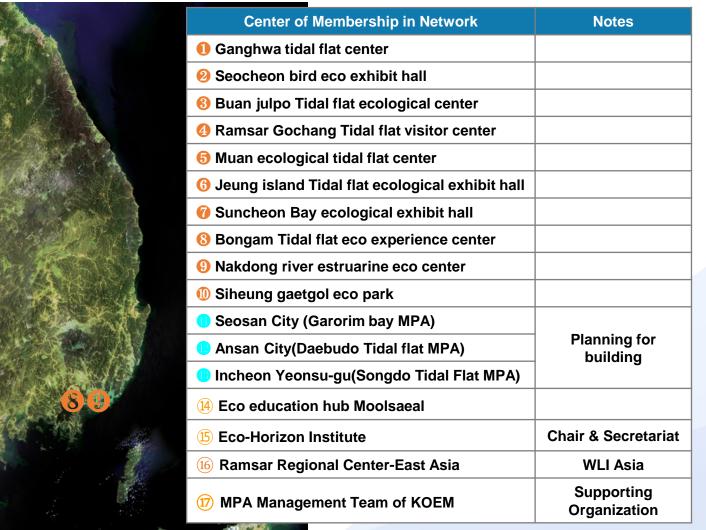
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# **Composition of Local MPA Center Network**



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Existing centers in operation
 Centers in preparation
 Supporting institutions for centers

# **Status of MPA Education Centers**



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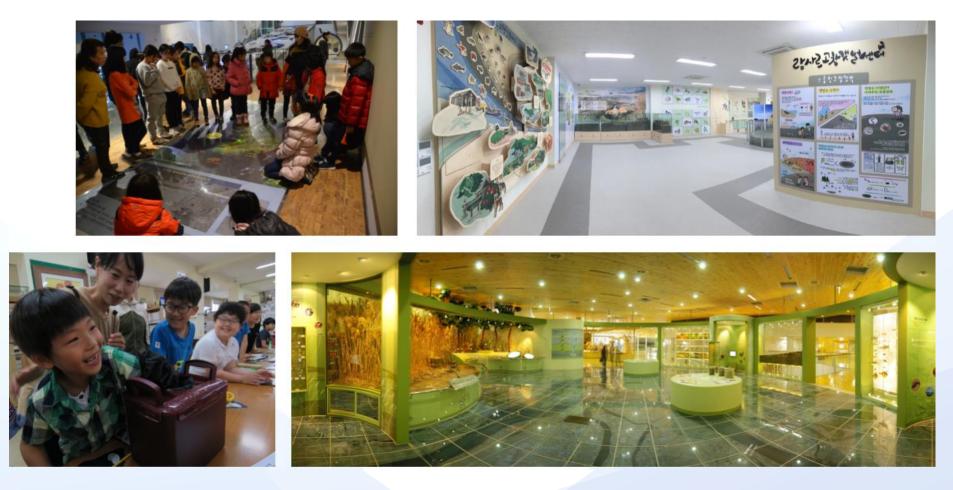


# **Status of MPA Visitor Centers**



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# **MPA education or visitor's Center**



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## **Function of MPA center in RO Korea**

- Exhibition and public relations of MPAs
- Development and operation of MPAs education programs & materials
- Information sharing and international cooperation on MPAs
- Operation of Local MPA committee
- Participation and cooperation in Local MPA Center Network
- Other business needed to manage MPAs
- Roles of MPA center are of great importance not just for exhibition, education and publicity, but also on-site management that practically protects the marine ecosystem.
- ✓ However, the individual center's efforts alone have limited capacitybuilding and progressive so that Local MPA Center Network has launched for joint cooperation among the centers in 2011.

Local MPA Center Network (1)





#### **Purpose of MPA center Network**

- To improve conservation, management and wise use of marine ecosystem on MPA through each center
- ✓ To enhance its role as a channel to raise public awareness and provider of education service on marine ecosystem conservation
- To facilitate information exchange and joint cooperation activities between the local MPA centers

## Legal basis of network

✓ <sup>「</sup>Guidelines for MPA Management and Administration」
 by Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries(Administrative ordinance)

# Local MPA Center Network (2)







# Main activities of Local MPA Center Network

- ✓ Support for capacity-building of individual MPA centers
- Development joint education programs for the public and training course for MPA managers
- Support to promote communication, information exchange, and cooperation among local MPA centers
- Operation international exchange and cooperation programs
- ✓ Improvement of law and policy for sustainable and stable operation of MPA centers









# General Meeting of Network









Various Workshop for Capacity-building of MPA Centers & Managers









# Joint Exhibition on Status of MPA Designation in ROK







Development Joint Education Program & Materials on Sustainable Fishery in Yellow Sea









# ROK-Wadden Sea Exchange & Cooperation Programs









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# **Purpose of Citizen Monitoring**



- Continuous tracking and observation of environmental change in marine ecosystem
- Using of the citizens and local residents' vivid field experience
- Promoting public awareness on marine ecosystem

- ✓ Activation of on-site management in MPA
- Strengthening management capacity of MPA through gorvenment-NGO cooperation



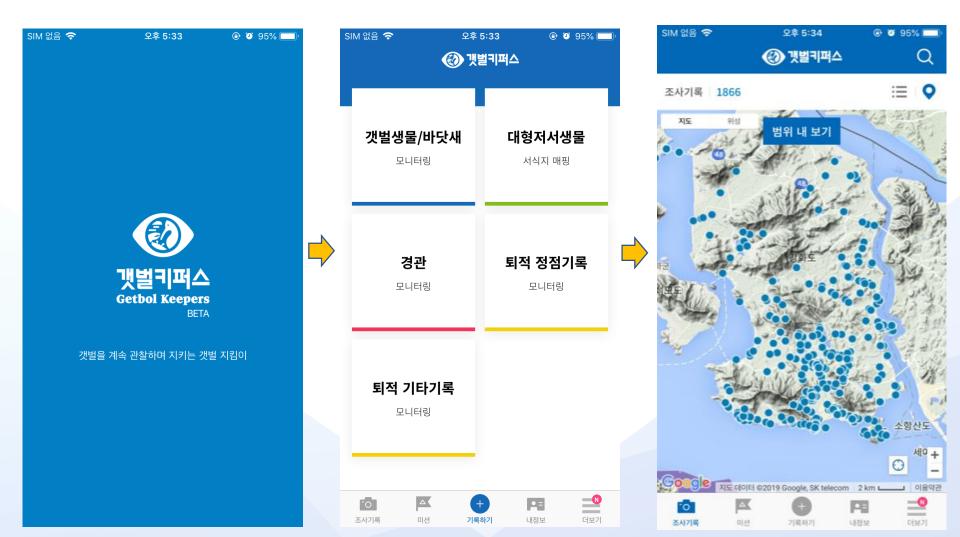
www.getbolkeepers.org

Getbol Keepers who is keeping watching & keeping on tidal flats

Online Platform for citizen monitoring on tidal flats
 App, Web System

# **Developing Online Platform - App**

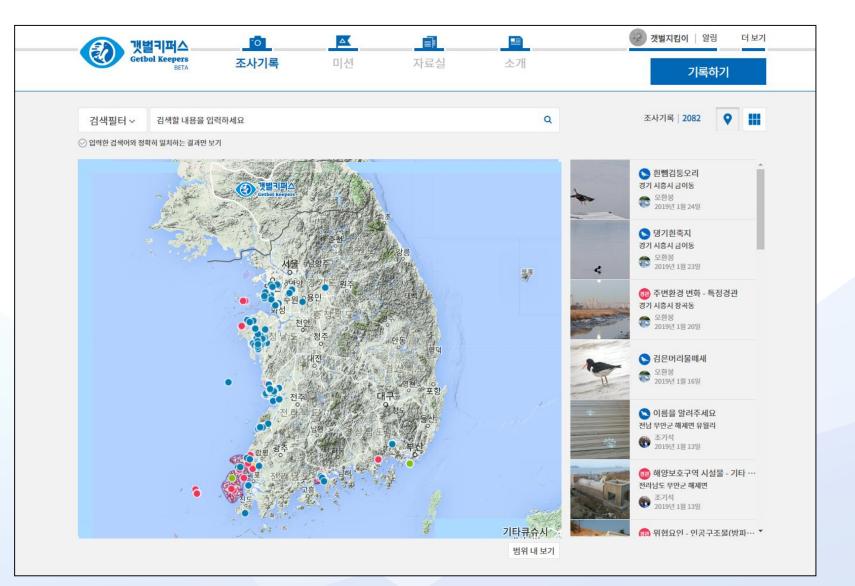




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# **Developing Online Platform - Website**



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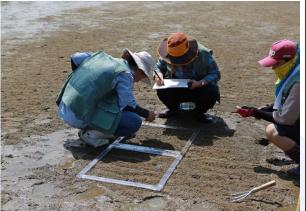
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Training Course for Getbol Keepers – Benthos Habitat Mapping









#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Course for Getbol Keepers – Waterbird Monitoring

# **Future Plan of Getbol Keepers**



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**Benthos Monitoring** 

(Habitat Mapping)

Ecological Linkage

Waterbird Monitoring (Endangered Species)

Sediment Monitoring (Environment Change)

### Pursuing Integrated Function of MPA Centers for Conservation and Wise Use in Yellow Sea



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### Integrated Function

#### Education & Exihibition Function

- Educating tidal flat theory & experience
- Developing
  education program
  & exihibition
- Developing teaching material
- Training eco-guides

#### Conservation & Management Function

- Implementing management plan
- Watching environmental pollution
- Communicating with various stakeholders

#### Monitoring Function

- Monitoring regularly

- Supporting the specialized research
- Developing exhibition & education programs using the research outcome

#### Local Development Function through Wise Use

- Securing local resident's participation opportunity
- Developing local brand & eco-tourism
- Developing new job opportunity & income creation for local community

We need to set up a network of MPA education centers within the entire Yellow Sea for joint cooperation at the YSLME level.



# Thank you for your attention!

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