MPA and marine ecosystem conservation & management in Republic of Korea

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MPA status

Total area 1,777.449km / 28 places



1. Coastal wetland protect area

- 13 places (Tidal flat)
- * RAMSAR designated sites: 7 places
- 2. Marine ecosystem protected area
- 13 places (coastal area)
- 3. Marine organism protected area
- 1 place (spotted seal)
- 4. Marine scenery protected area
- 1 place (sand dune)

Relevant Laws

Wetland Conservation Act(1999)

- To conserve wetland and its biodiversity
- To promote international cooperation by reflecting the relevant International Conventions on wetlands

Marine Ecosystem Act(2006)

- To protect marine ecosystem from artificial damage and conserve marine biodiversity
- To promote sustainable use of marine living resources
- To manage the marine ecosystem in comprehensive and systematic ways
- By doing this, to improve the quality of people life and protect marine assets

Tidal Flat Act(2019)

■ To keep the tidal flats productive and healthy by defining the conservation, management and restoration for sustainable use of tidal flat and surrounding area

Management policy

Wetland Conservation Act('99)

Conservation & Management of Marine Ecosystem Act('06)

Sustainable Management and Restoration of Tidal Flat and Surrounding Area Act('19)

Wetland Conservation Master Plan Marine Ecosystem Conservation and Management Master Plan

Management and Restoration Master Plan of Tidal Flat

Wetland Protected Area Conservation Plan

MPA Management Plan

Restoration Project Plan of Tidal Flat

Tidal Flat Surface Area Survey National Marine Ecosystem Monitoring Program

Tidal Flat Status Survey

Conservation and Development and Development

Based on Integrate Policy Integrate Policy

Sustainable
Use and conservation
Use and conservation

Paradigm shift

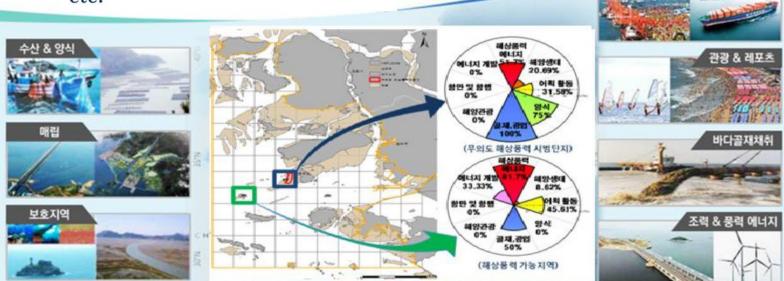
Marine Spatial Planning Act(2019)

The introduction of marine spatial integrated management system

- Paradigm shift to 'plan first-use after'
 - Establishment of Marine spatial plan include information of marine area, key value, area zoning results, etc.

Integrated information of Oceans/Fisheries and Open to the private sector based on BIG-DATA





| MPA Designation and Management

Marine Ecological Resources

Systematic Conservation



Efficient Use







project plans and run

management committees

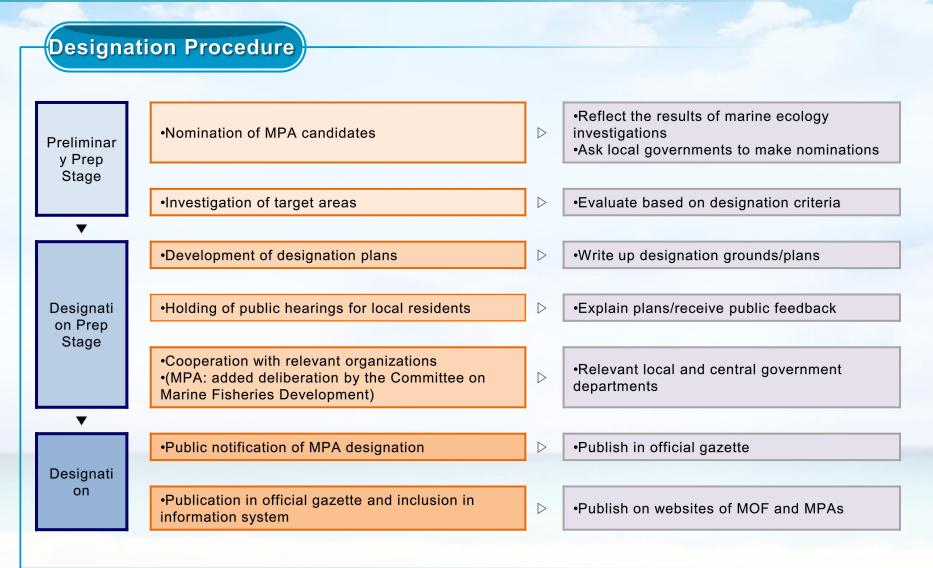




(Greater value) Invest in management projects, promote eco-tourism, and increase the value of local products

MPA Designation and Management

MPA designation procedure



| MPA Designation and Management

Operation system for MPA management

- Implementation: through participation of local entities
 - Local community-led management through which local stakeholders (public officials, NGOs, residents, businesses, and academia) establish governance based on a conservation mindset and participate in the management of MPAs



Management activities

MPA
Management
Project







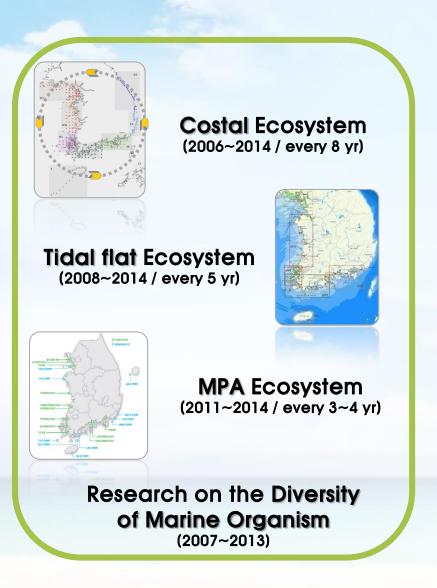


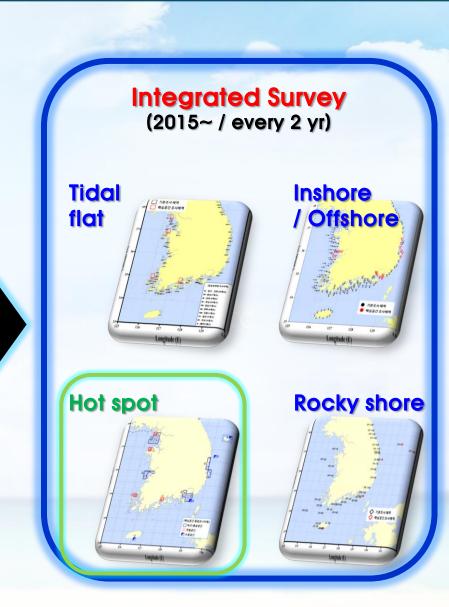




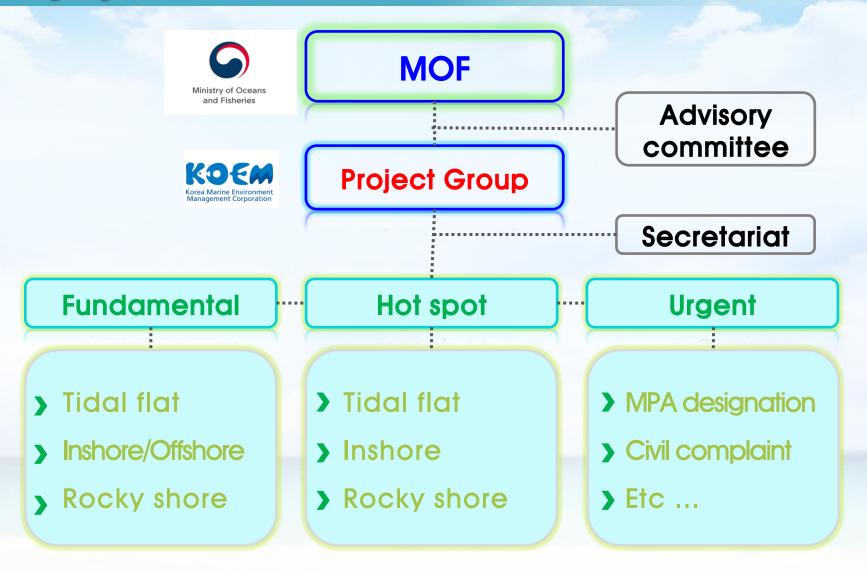








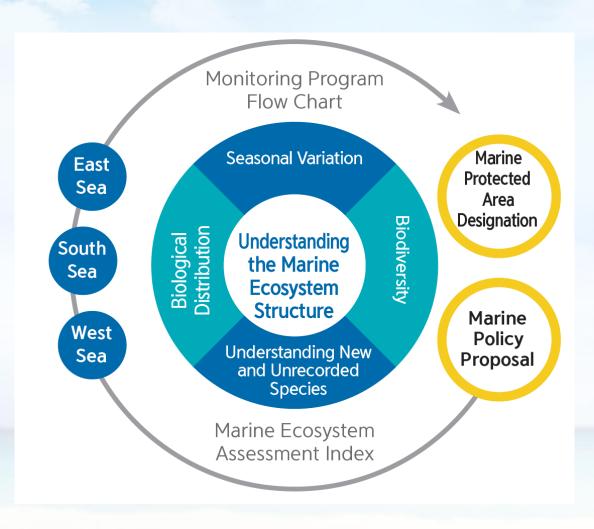
Survey system



Survey parameters

Large category	Small category	Parameter	Area	Content
Biotic	Plankton	Bacteria	Subtidal	total number of bacteria
		Phytoplankton	Tidal flat	chlorophyll a
			Subtidal	chlorophyll a(total/nano), species composition, biomass
		Zooplankton	Subtidal	species composition, biomass
		Fish larve/juvenile	Subtidal	species composition, biomass
	Benthos	Meiobenthos	Subtidal	species composition, biomass, density
		Macrobenthos	Tidal flat	species composition, biomass, density, health index
			Rocky shore	species composition, biomass, density
			Subtidal	species composition, biomass, density, health index
		Marine algae	Subtidal	species composition, coverage, biomass
		Seaweed	Subtidal	species composition, coverage, biomass
		Halophyte	Tidal flat	species composition, coverage, biomass
	Nekton	Fish	Subtidal	species composition, biomass, gut content
		Crustacea	Subtidal	species composition, biomass
		Cephalopod	Subtidal	species composition, biomass
		Fisheries Resource	Subtidal	species composition, biomass
	Sea Bird		Tidal flat /subtidal	species composition, protected species, community structure
Abiotic	Environment	Sea water	Subtidal	T, S, Nutrient, DO, SPM, POC/PON, heavy metal(Cd, Co, Zn, Cu, Pb, Ni)
		Sediment	Tidal flat	slope, sedimental rate, AVS, COD, III., heavy metal (Al, Fe, Cu, Pb, Zn, Cd, Hg, As)
			Subtidal	grain size,organic carbon, total nitrogen, carbonate, heavy metal(Al, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Pb, Ni)
	Socio- Economy	Socio-economystatus	Tidal flat	nature, industry, tourism, environment etc.
		Economic value	Tidal flat	evaluation ecological, economic value
		Citizen awareness	Tidal flat	Investigation of citizen conservation awareness

Program flow chart



1. Making a Collection Book of Marine Ecosystem and Investigation Chronology





- < Summary Book of Marine Ecosystem> < Investigation Chronology >
- Investigation Chronology

Investigation of Results Data through Monitoring Program

· Summary Book of Marine Ecosystem Total Explanatory Data based on the Results of the Monitoring Program

2. Making a Marine Ecosystem Plan

- 1st Grade: Habitat of Marine Life Subject to Protection; or Sea with high conservation value due to Marine Biological Diversity
- · 2nd Grade: Sea with conservation value in the future or that is needed to protect a 1st Grade Sea
- 3rd Grade: Seas other than 1st and 2nd, which are subject to development or usage.

3. Designating Marine Protected Area(MPA)

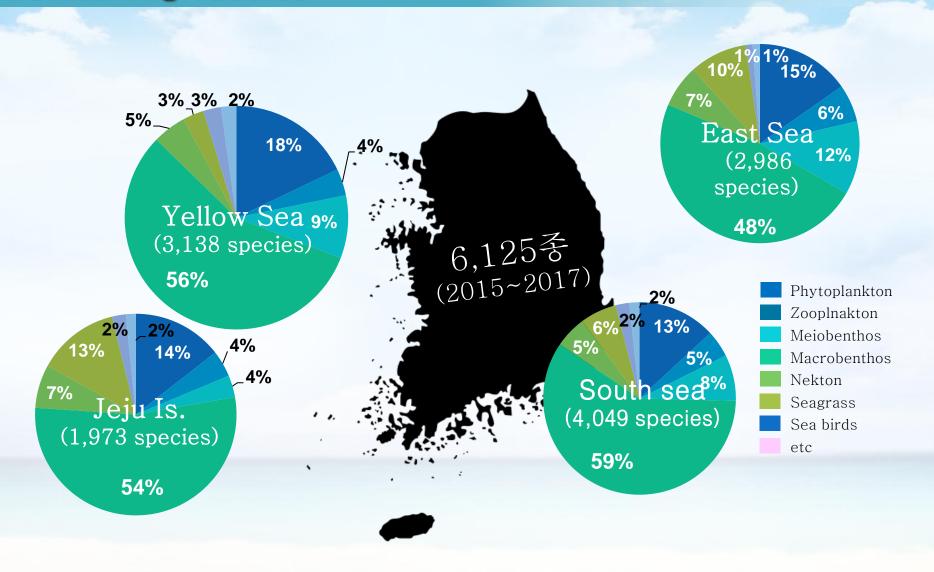
Discover the Proposed Site for Marine Sanctuaries and Suggest the scientific basis

- Tidal flat MPA: Wetland that has been preserved in its natural state or has excellent Marine Biological Diversity
- Marine Ecosystem MPA: Superb or Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem that is to be protected
- Marine Life MPA: Area needed for Marine Life that is Subject to Protection
- Marine Scenic MPA: Superb Marine Scenic Area along with healthy Marine Ecosystem

4. Other Applications

- · Offer Basis for Sea Space Planning: Use as key materials for systemic, effective usage of Sea Space,
- Monitor noxious Marine Life: Use for policy to manage noxious marine life by investigating domestic habitation state of introduced species and establishing countermeasures,
- Support International Cooperation: Convention on Biological Diversity, the Ramsar Convention, Local consultative groups, UN Marine Evaluation

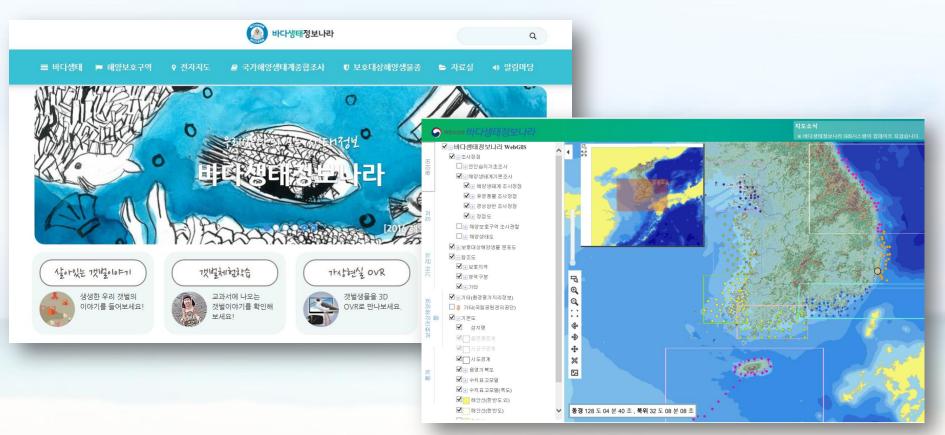
Monitoring results



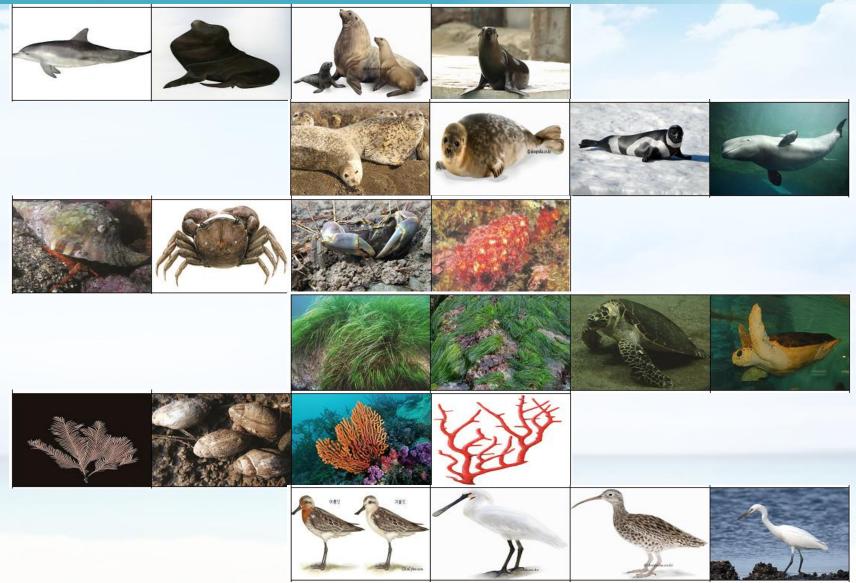
Data service

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Marine protected species (80) in Korea



Establishment of protective policy

Survey of species status

- Investigation of population of PMS and habitat status
- · Standardization of PMS survey
- Build up DB

Enhancement of management system

- · Expansive management of legal protective species
- Establishment of counterplan against reduction of population

Eradication of illegal capture and reduction of by-catch

- · Uncover of illegal capture
- · Reward for reports of illegal capture
- Development of new fishing gear for reduction of by—catch, and improvement of system









Recovery of species and habitat

Protection of habitat of PMS

- Legal designation of Marine Protected Area (MPA)
- Management of Threatening factors and restoration of habitats

Proliferation and Restoration for recovery of population

- · Development of artificial proliferation
- · Transplantation of individuals by artificial proliferation
- · Accumulation of genetic information
- Operation of exclusive organization for species restoration

Protection plan for representative PMS

- Protection of regional representative PMS
- Development of Eco-Tour
- Operation of protective center for endangered animals









Reinforcement of cooperation and parteipation

Reinforcement of capacity of ex-situ conservation, and rescue and medical agency

- · Ex-situ conservation of marine species
- · Rescue and remedial treatment of marine animals
- · Management of associated agency

Enhancement of domestic and international cooperation

- Network among interagency
- Government policy's expansion to NGO and local government
- Enhancement of international cooperation

Education & Public awareness

- Information sharing and promotion of application
- Education of PR for protection of MPS's habitat
- Call for by-catch and strand and education for emergency









Restoration program

Tidal flat ecosystem restoration





Expansion of
Tidal flat
ecosystem
restoration
project



