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Status of Scientific Research on Spotted Seal in RO Korea

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Seals visited 10 years ago
海豹10年前访问过



Presenter is not a seal expert



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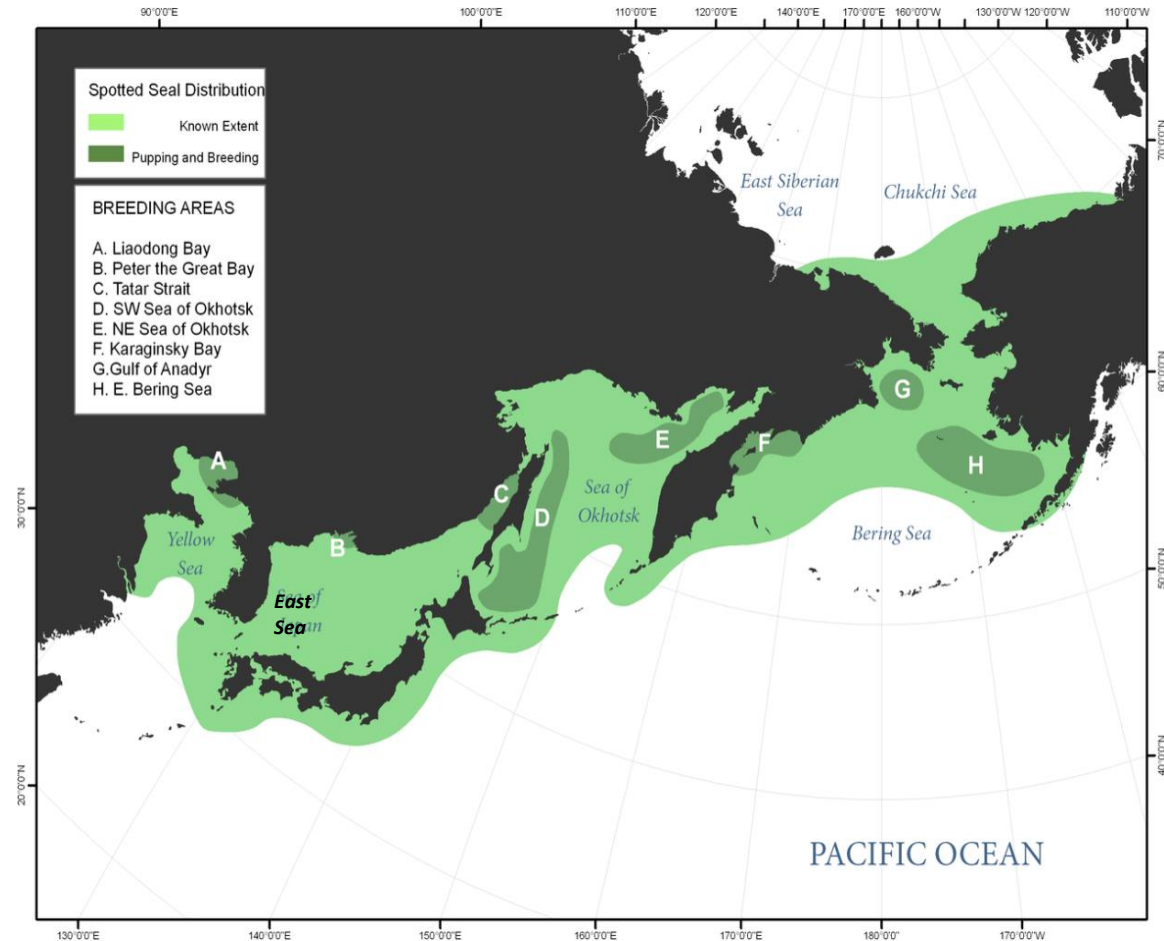
1. Introduction of main research and education organizations of marine mammals in RO Korea : CRI and KOEM
2. Existing major researches and education programs before 2019
3. Major researches in 2019 by CRI, NIFS of MOF
 - Population survey in Backryeong Is and Garolim Bay (boat /land based & drone survey)
 - By-catches and rescues (including migration study)
 - International joint researches
4. Summary and Suggestions
 - Introduction of seal studies and educations in RO Korea
 - Habitat connectivity between MPAs



World distribution of Spotted Seal

Three populations of spotted seal in the far east Asia

- **Bering Sea population** : about 100,000 in the Kamchatka, in Russia and in Alaska
- **East Sea of Korea (Sea of Japan) and Sea of Okhotsk population** : about 100,000
- **Yellow Sea and Bohai Sea population** : 3,300 in the Yellow Sea : Smaller population of 300 grey spotted seals living in waters off Baekryeong



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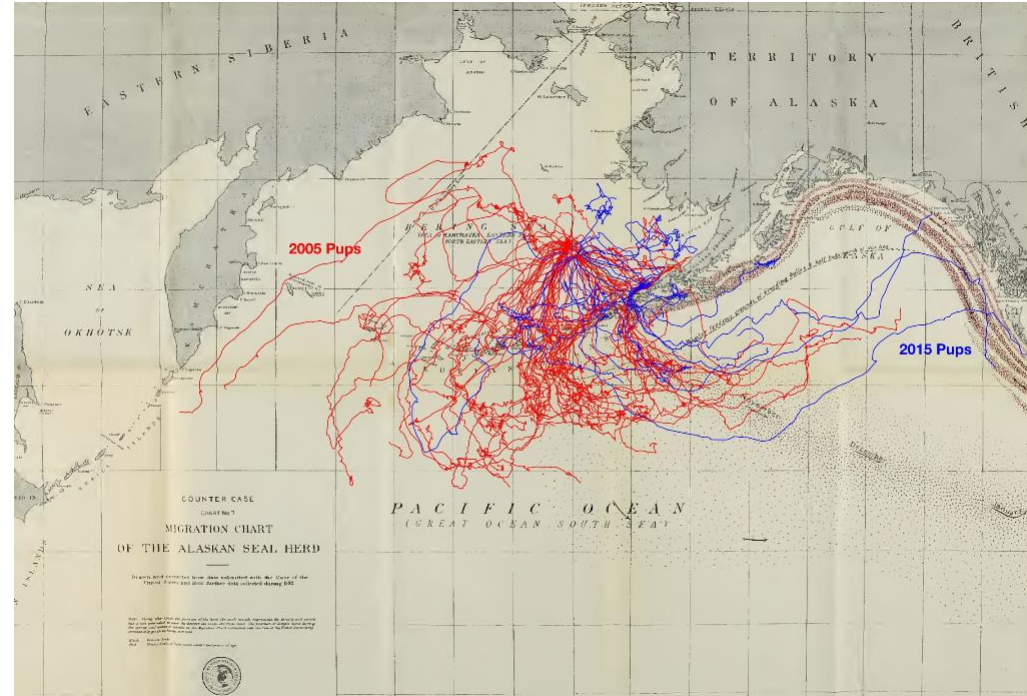
Ocean winds influence seal pup migration

by American Geophysical Union



Many northern fur seal pups die on their initial migration from the Bering Sea to...

Scientists have confirmed what native Alaskans have observed for centuries - maritime winds influence the travel patterns of northern fur seal pups. New research presented at the Ocean Sciences Meeting here today shows strong winds can potentially displace seal pups by hundreds of kilometers during their first winter migration.



This map shows where tagged seal pups went in 2005 and 2015. These illustrate the contrasts between years, in addition to showing where the pups go in general. These are portions of the pup tracks in November-December, just after they've left their birth islands. The tracks are overlaid on an 1895 chart that depicts the North Pacific Ocean and the understanding at that time of where northern fur seals traveled on their migration.



Marine Mammal Studies and Educations in ROK



Cetacean Research Institutes (CRI): Whales & Pinniped
National Institute of Fisheries Science (NIFS)
Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries (MOF)





Marine Mammal Studies and Educations in KOEM, ROK



Restoration of Marine Ecosystem



KOEM leads the restoration and improvement of the functions of the marine ecosystem.

Systematic Management of the Ecosystem

KOEM is promoting systematic mudflat restoration projects in line with the increased social demand for restoration of damaged mudflats. KOEM has prepared a foundation for promoting customized restoration projects in the future by discovering and establishing restoration plans for mudflats as candidate sites for such restoration projects.



Marine Mammal Studies and Educations in KOEM, ROK



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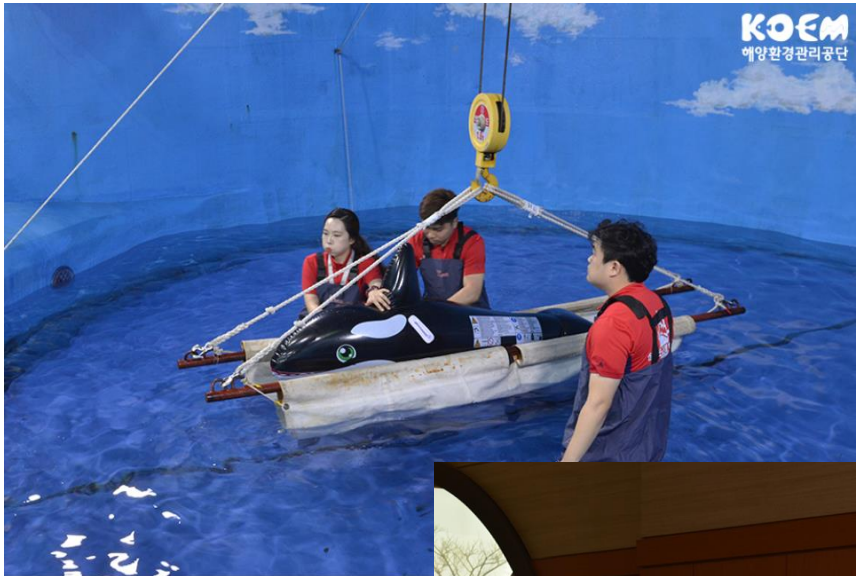
Marine Mammal Studies and Educations in KOEM, ROK



Rescue and treatment practice of whale



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summer camp for middle and high school student in Backryeong Is, 2017



Existing major researches and education programs before 2019

International Symposium on Preservation of Spotted Seal in Backryeong Island held at the Songdo Bridge Hotel in Incheon on February 10, 2010 with experts from South Korea, China, Russia and Japan, organized by CRI, MOF



Existing major researches and education programs before 2019

- The island-style man-made shelter ;
- Upper exposed area of 350m², length of 20m × 17.5m
 - Constructed during April to November 2018
 - 1.8 million USD



Existing major researches and education programs before 2019



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Three Spotted Seals, which were also visited 10 years ago, came again in Backryeong Is, 2018.

Sited from press release from MOF in January 2019



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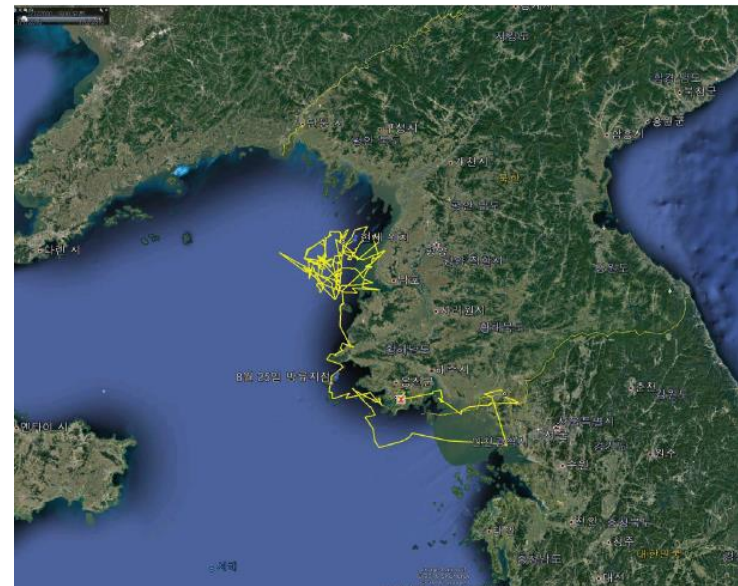


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Existing major researches and education programs before 2019

Rescued in 2011 and released in Backryeong Is on Aug. 25, 2016



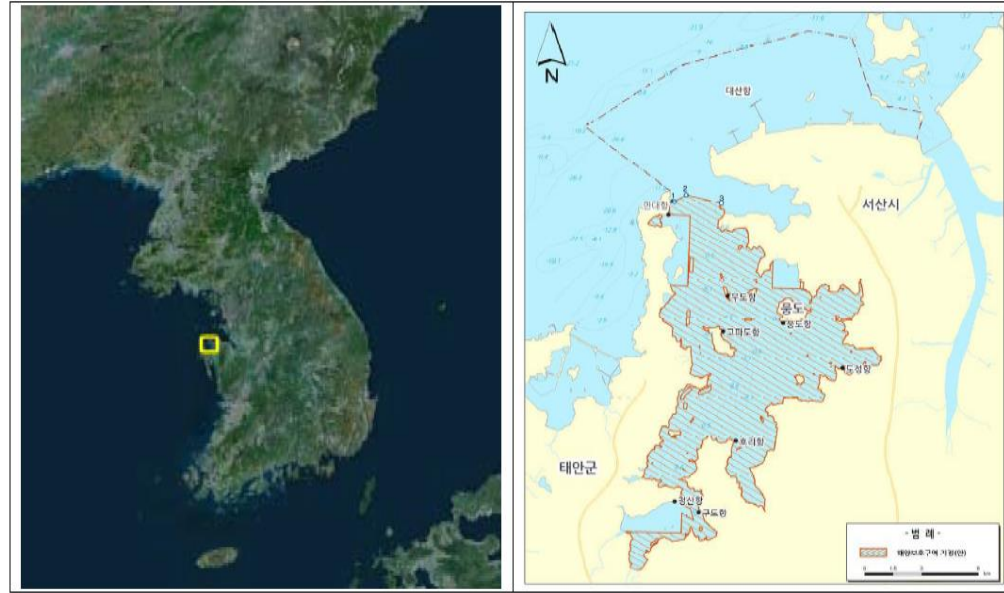
Existing major researches and education programs before 2019

Rescued in May 25, 2013 and released in Ulsan on June 25, 2013



Existing major researches and education programs before 2019

The Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries designated the Garolim Bay area (91.237km²) in Chungcheongnam-do, Korea, on July 28, 2016 as a high biodiversity and productivity, and clean tidal flat.



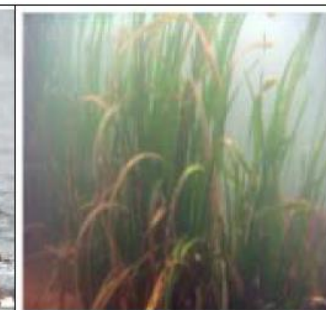
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점박이물범



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Existing major researches and education programs before 2019

한국의 점박이물범 보전가치 추정

Measuring the Conservation Value of Spotted Seal in Korea

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한국의 점박이물범 보전가치 추정
Measuring the Conservation Value of Spotted Seal in Korea

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Expanding the value to the nation gives us an aggregate value of **31.5 billion won per year**. The results of measuring the conservation value provide decision-makers with data indispensable to devising a conservation and management policy. **31.5 million USD/year**





Existing major researches and education programs before 2019

2011년도 한국해양과학기술협의회 공동학술대회
6월 2일(목)~3일(금) 부산 BEXCO

서식지 보호 조치를 통한 백령도 점박이물범 보전 방안

육근형, 손규희(한국해양수산개발원)

How to protect *Phoca largha*(spotted seal) around Baekryong Island
through habitat protection

K.H.Yook, K.H.Son(Korea Maritime Institute)

pISSN 1598-298X
J Vet Clin 31(4) : 322-324 (2014)
<http://dx.doi.org/10.17555/ksvc.2014.08.31.4.322>



Dermatitis Caused by *Candida albicans* in a Captive Spotted Seal (*Phoca largha*)

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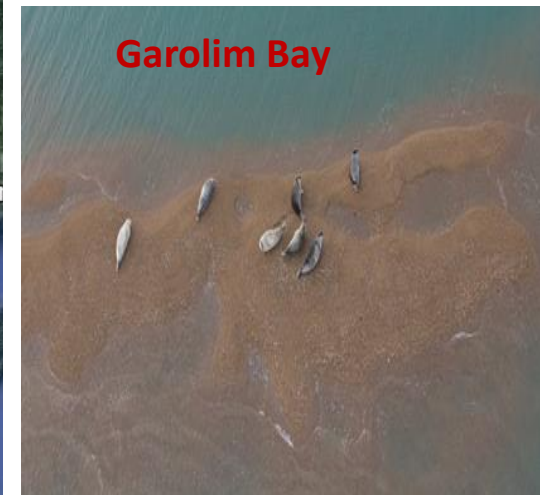
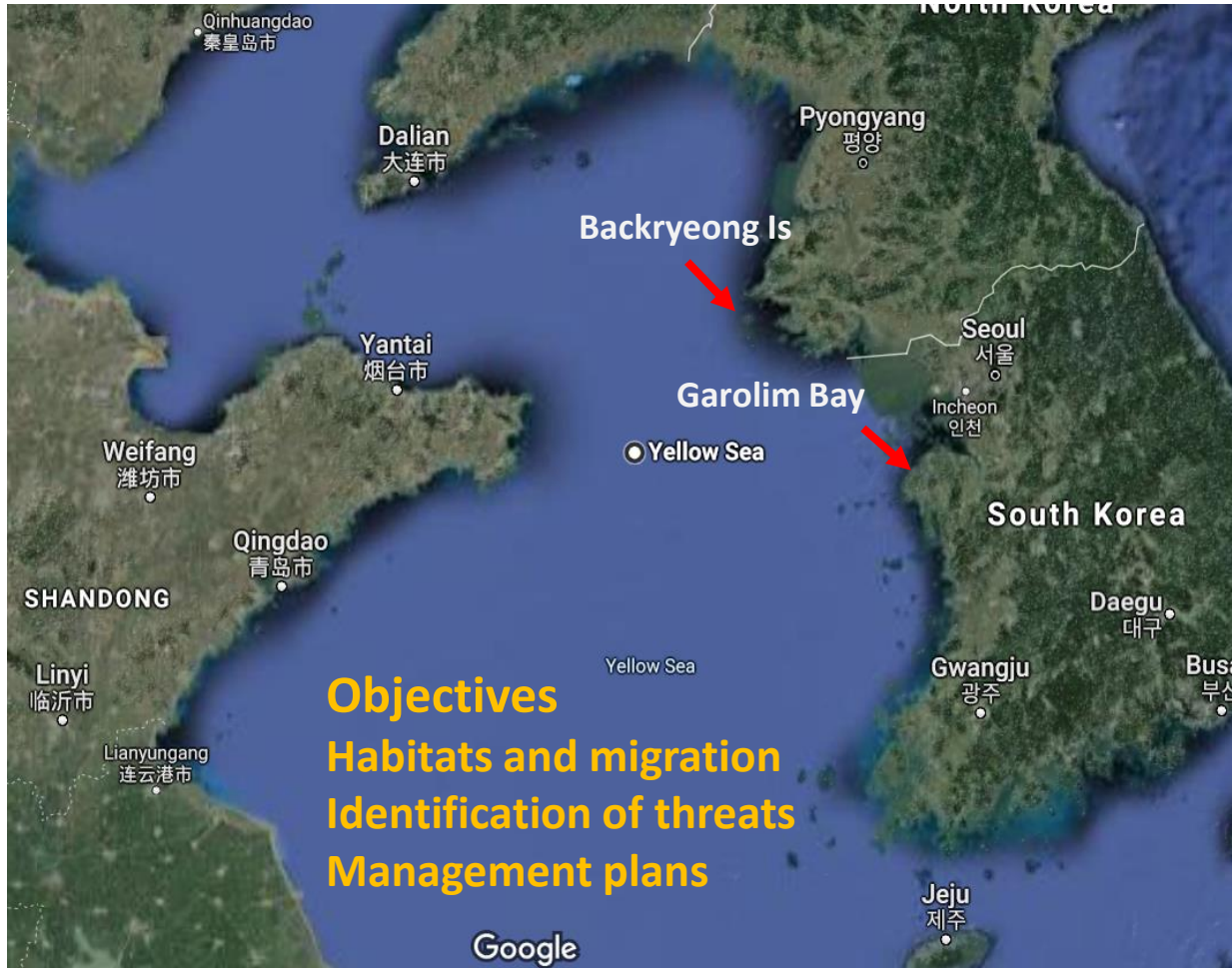
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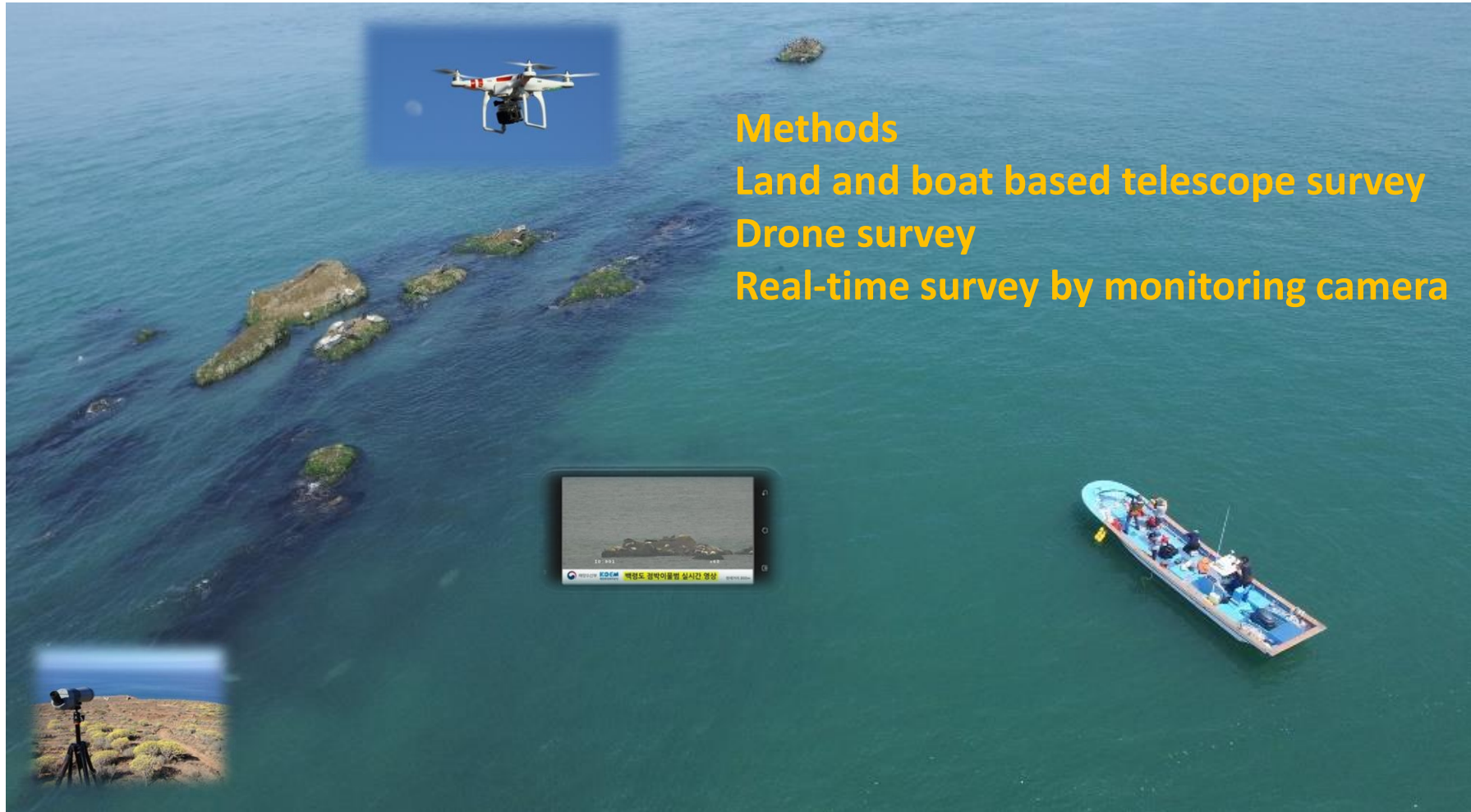
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Spotted Seal Survey Sites in ROK 2019



Research Methods for Seal Observation



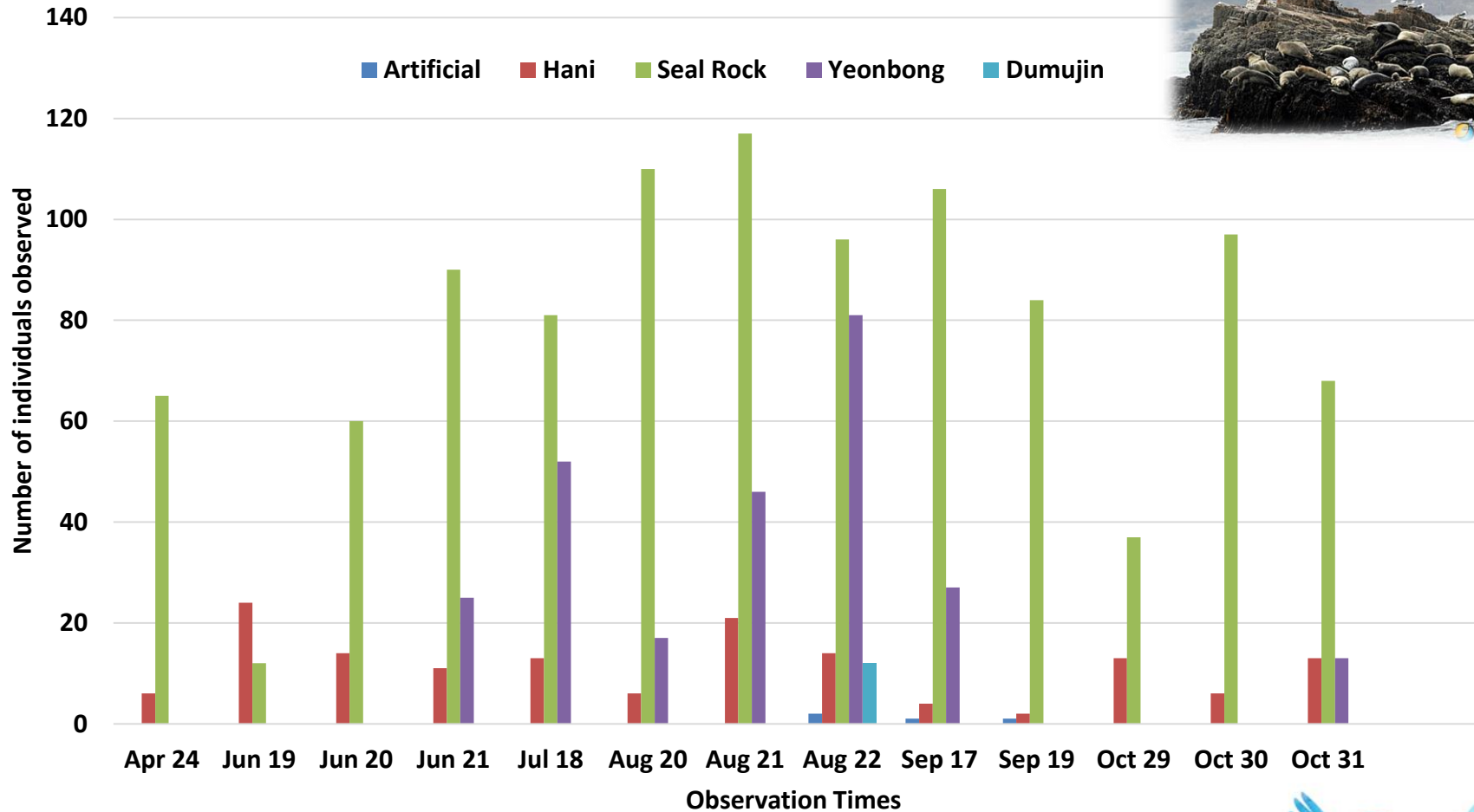


Number of seals observed at 5 sites of Backryeong Is (Boat based obs in 2019)

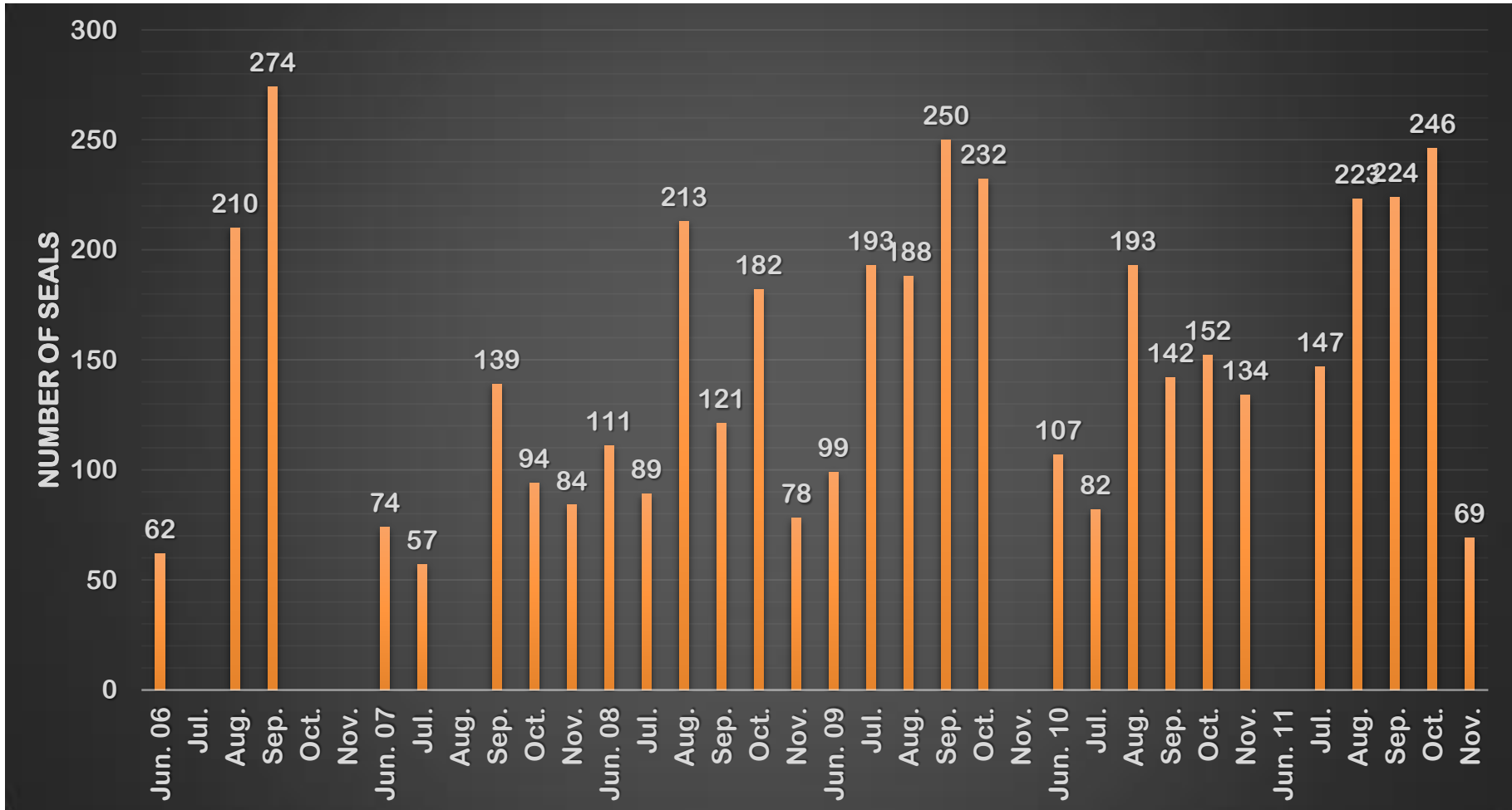
Dates	Survey sites (Backryeong Is)					Total
	Artificial rest area	Hani Beach	Seal Rock	Yeonbong Rock	Dumujin	
04/24	0	6	65		X	71
06/19	0	24	12		X	36
06/20	0	14	60		X	74
06/21	0	11	90	25	X	126
07/18	0	13	81	52	X	146
08/20	0	6	110	17	X	133
08/21	0	21	117	46	X	184
08/22	2	14	96	81	12	205
09/17	1	4	106	27	X	138
09/19	1	2	84	x	x	87
10/29	0	13	37	x	X	50
10/30	0	6	97	x	X	103
10/31	0	13	68	26	X	107



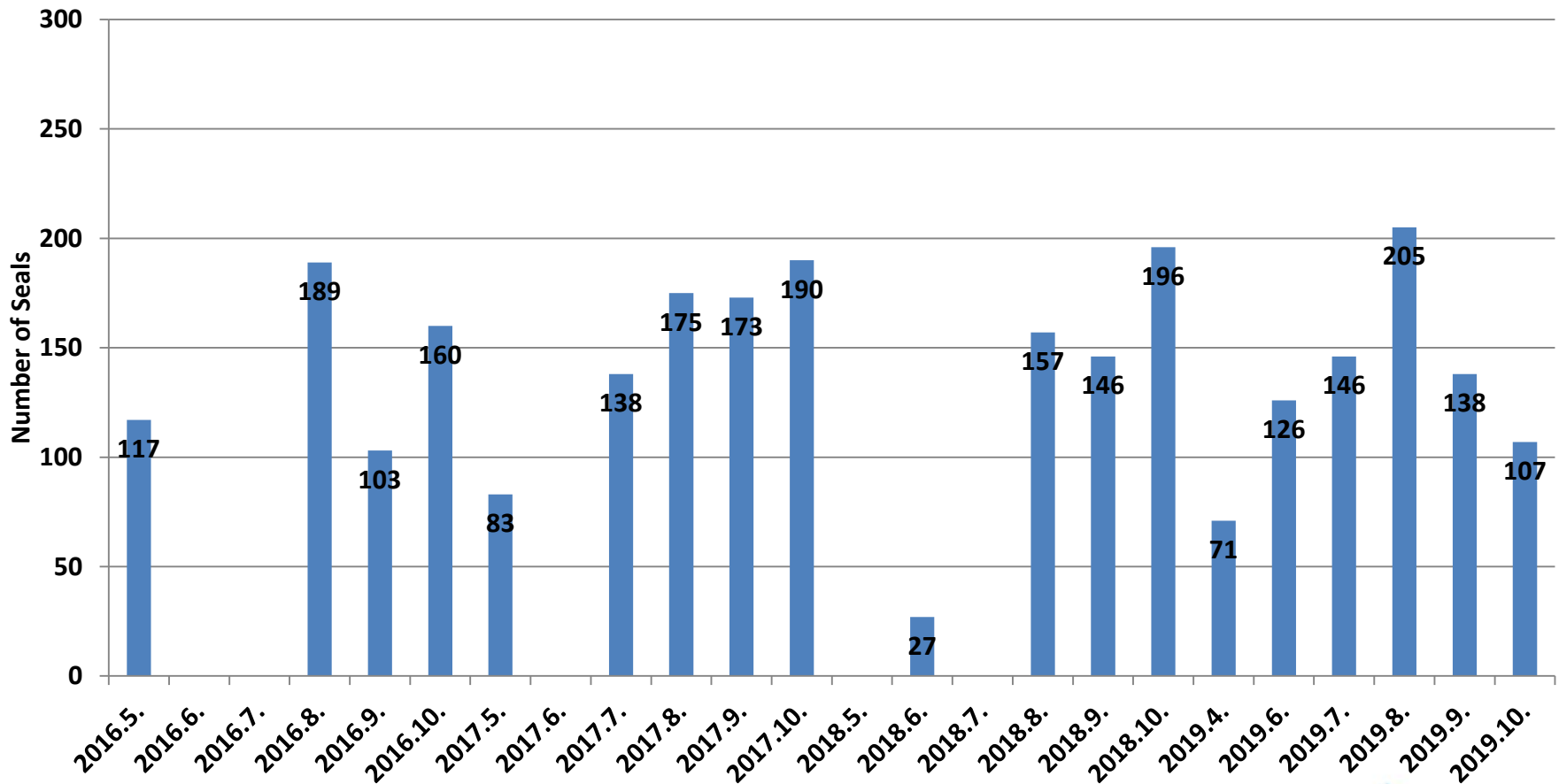
Number of seals observed at 5 sites of Backryeong Is (Boat based obs in 2019)



Number of seals observed in Backryeong Is (Boat based obs in 2006-2011)



Number of seals observed in Backryeong Is (Boat based obs in 2016-2019)

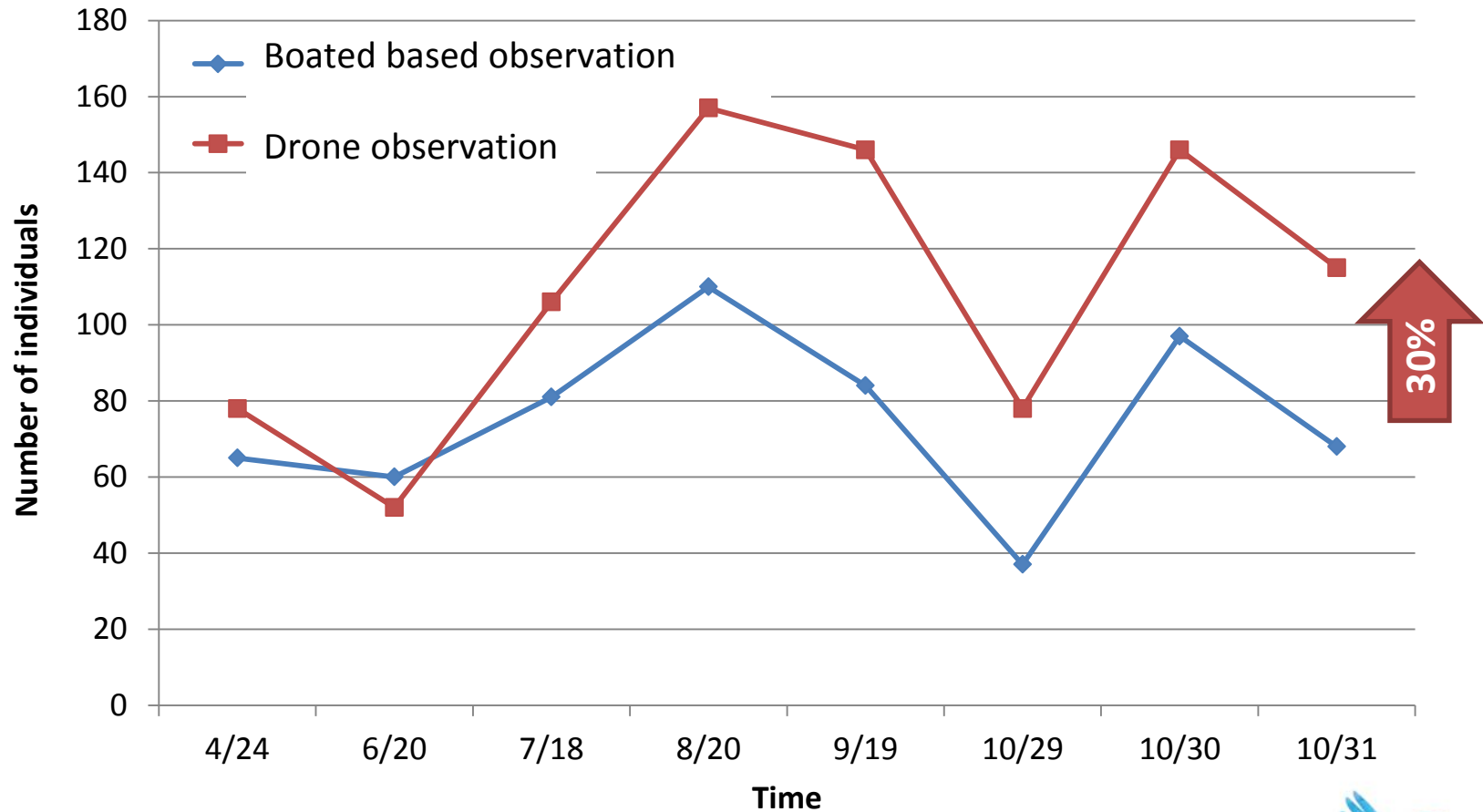


Number of seals observed at 5 sites of Backryeong Is (Drone survey in 2019)

Dates	Survey sites (Backryeong Is)					Total
	Artificial rest area	Hani Beach	Seal Rock	Yeonbong Rock	Dumujin	
04/24		75	3		X	78
06/20			52		X	52
07/18	0	3	102	1	X	106
08/20	0	28	129	0	X	157
09/17			7		X	7
09/19	0	66	79	1	X	146
10/29	0	9	69	0	X	78
10/30	0	24	122	0	0	146
10/31	0	16	99	0	0	115



Comparison of survey results btw drone and boat based observations



Real-time observations

Dates (2019)	Number of individuals
Mar 02	17
Apr 22	67
May 03	69
Jun 02	68
Jul 08	77
Aug 19	82
Sep 20	92
Oct 02	102
Nov 02	96
Dec 02	0



Effects of Artificial Shelter



Aug 09, 2019 : First observation (by Ms. Park)

Aug 21, 2019 : Eight individuals observed

Sep 17, 2019 : One observed



Effects of Artificial Shelter



Spotted Seal Studies in Garolim Bay ROK (2019)



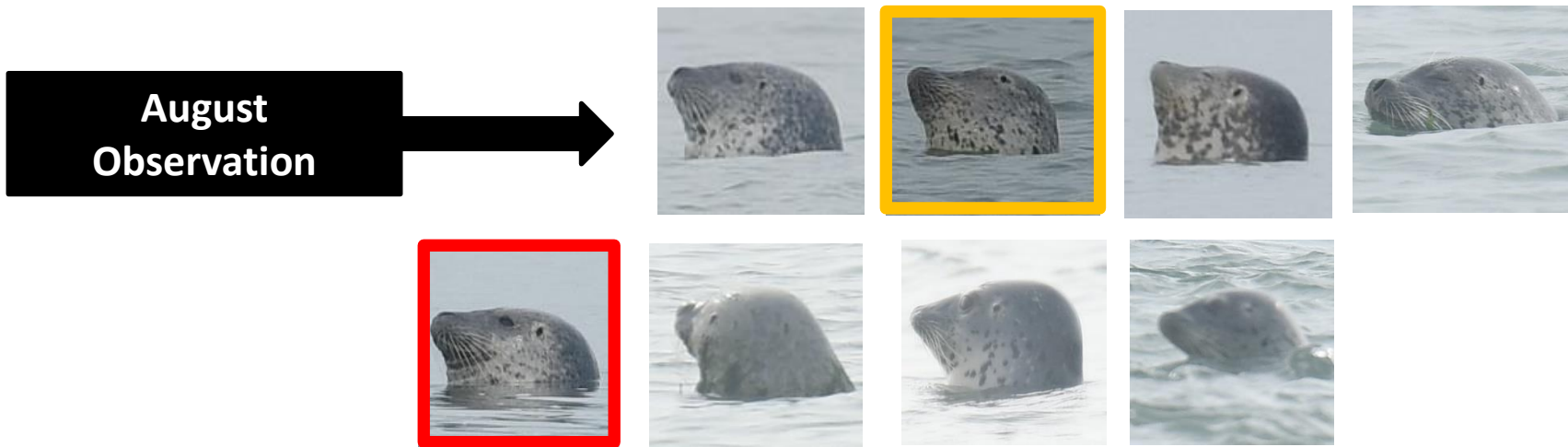


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Dates	Tide	Number of individuals
Jul 11	05:08/17:47	7
Jul 12	06:29/18:56	8
Jul 13	07:49/20:00	0
Aug 07	02:43/15:12	3
Aug 08	03:33/16:00	5
Aug 09	04:35/17:02	0



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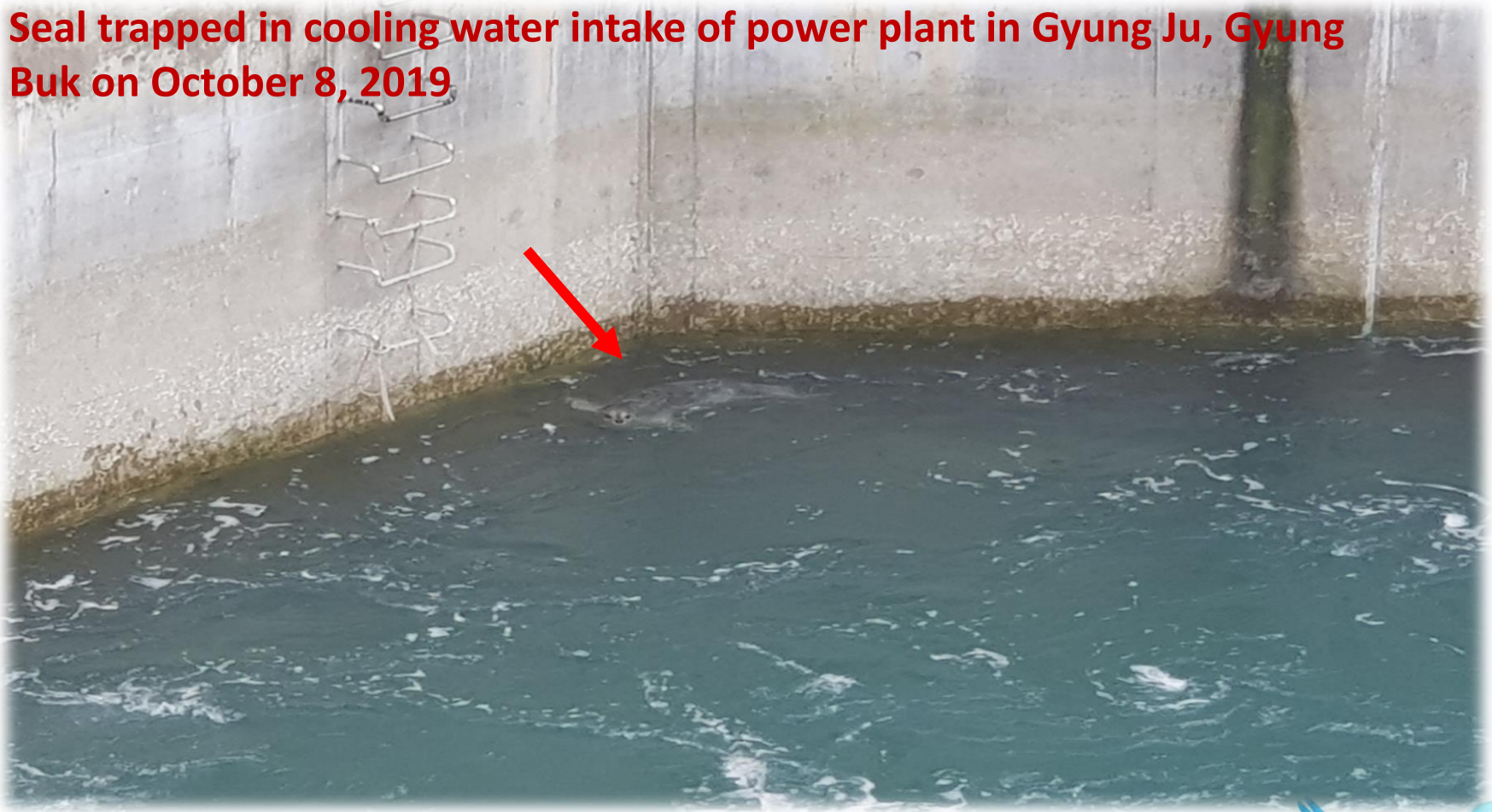
By-catches and stranding statistics of Spotted Seal in ROK 2019

Dates	Life stages	Locations	References
2019.05.05	immature	Goseong, Ganwon	stranding
2019.05.17	immature	Pohang, Gyung Buk	drifting
2019.05.24	immature	Hwaseong, Gyunggi	Drifting
2019.05.28	immature	Taeon, Chungnam	By-catch
2019.06.01	immature	Junggu, Incheon	Stranding
2019.06.01	adult	Gyung Ju, Gyung Buk	Drifting
2019.06.12	Immature	Samchuck, Gangwon	By-catch
2019.06.25	Immature	Samchuck, Gangwon	Stranding
2019.10.08	Immature	Gyung Ju, Gyung Buk	Stranding
2019.10.08	Immature	Backryeong, Incheon	Drifting
2019.10.15	adult	Backryeong, Incheon	stranding



Rescue of Spotted Seal

Seal trapped in cooling water intake of power plant in Gyung Ju, Gyung Buk on October 8, 2019



Rescue of Spotted Seal



Rescue of Spotted Seal

Released on Oct 22, 2019 after taking blood sample and attaching tracking device



Rescue of Spotted Seal



First satellite signal on Oct 24, 2019 and terminated on Nov 15, 2019



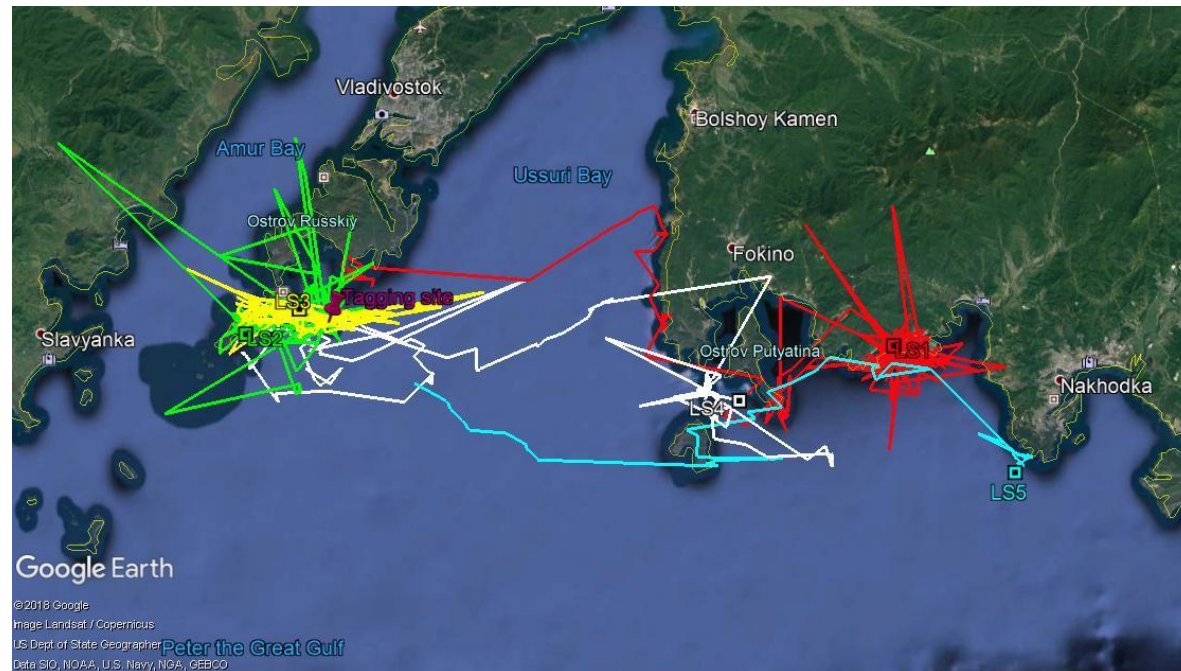
International joint research on spotted seal and other marine mammals

May, 2017 : released 3 spotted seals in Posyet, Russia

Oct, 2018 : released 2 seals in Tyuleniy Island, Russia

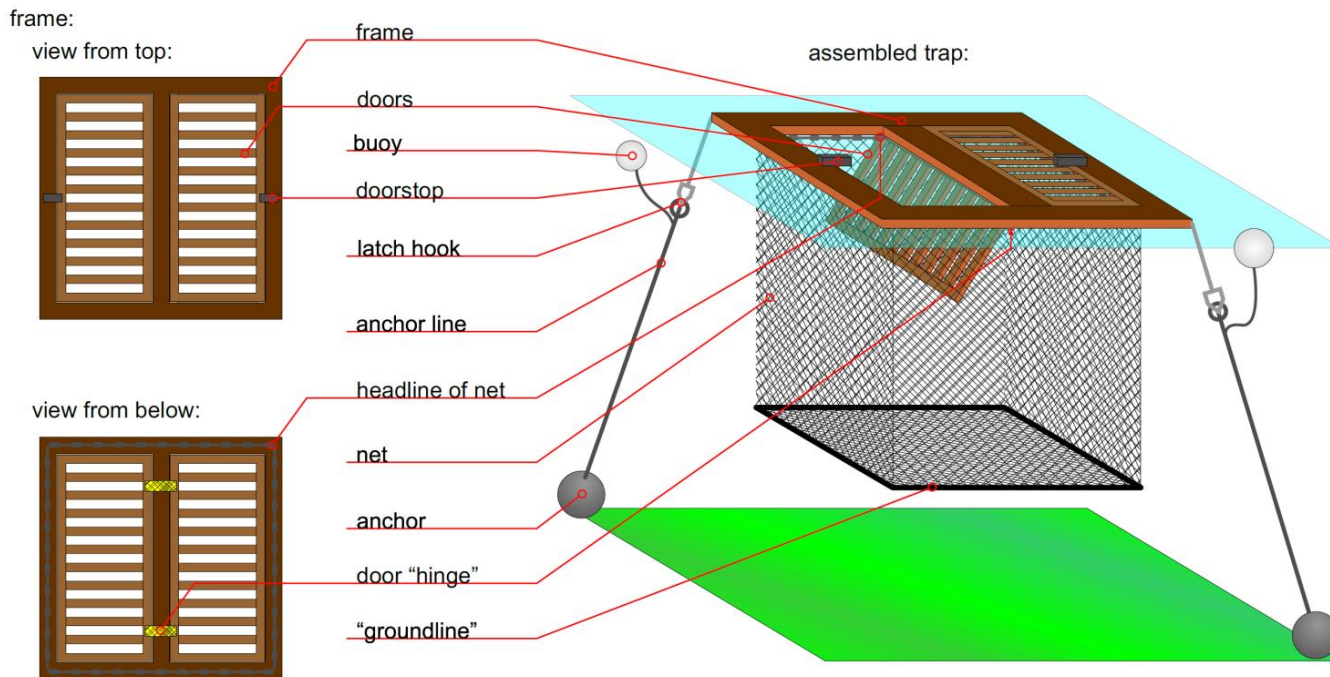
May, 2019 : released 5 spotted seals in Verkhovskie, Russia

still have signals from 3 individuals out of 5 released



International joint research on spotted seal and other marine mammals

Rescue trap designed with Russian scientists



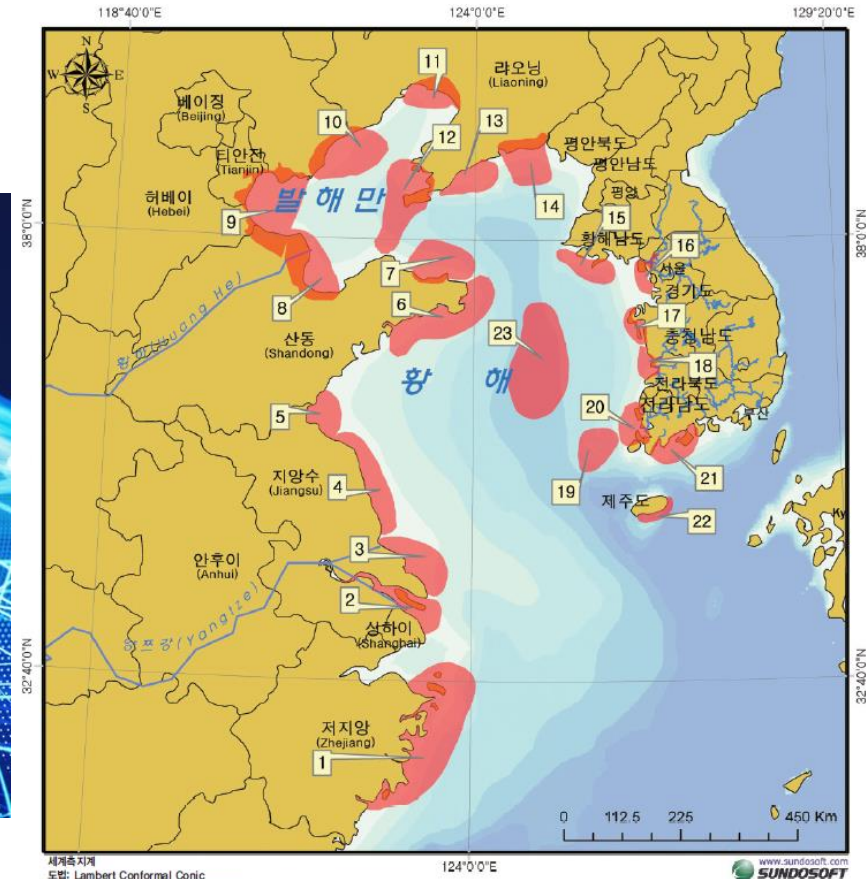
Suggestions

23 potential priority areas (PPA) in YS :
connectivity between key habitats?



Degree of connectivity = degree of economic growth

Degree of habitat connectivity = degree of ecosystem stability and biodiversity



세계측지계
도합: Lambert Conformal Conic

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Under 200m	300m - 100m
100m - 90m	90m - 70m
70m - 50m	50m - 30m
30m - 10m	10m - 0m

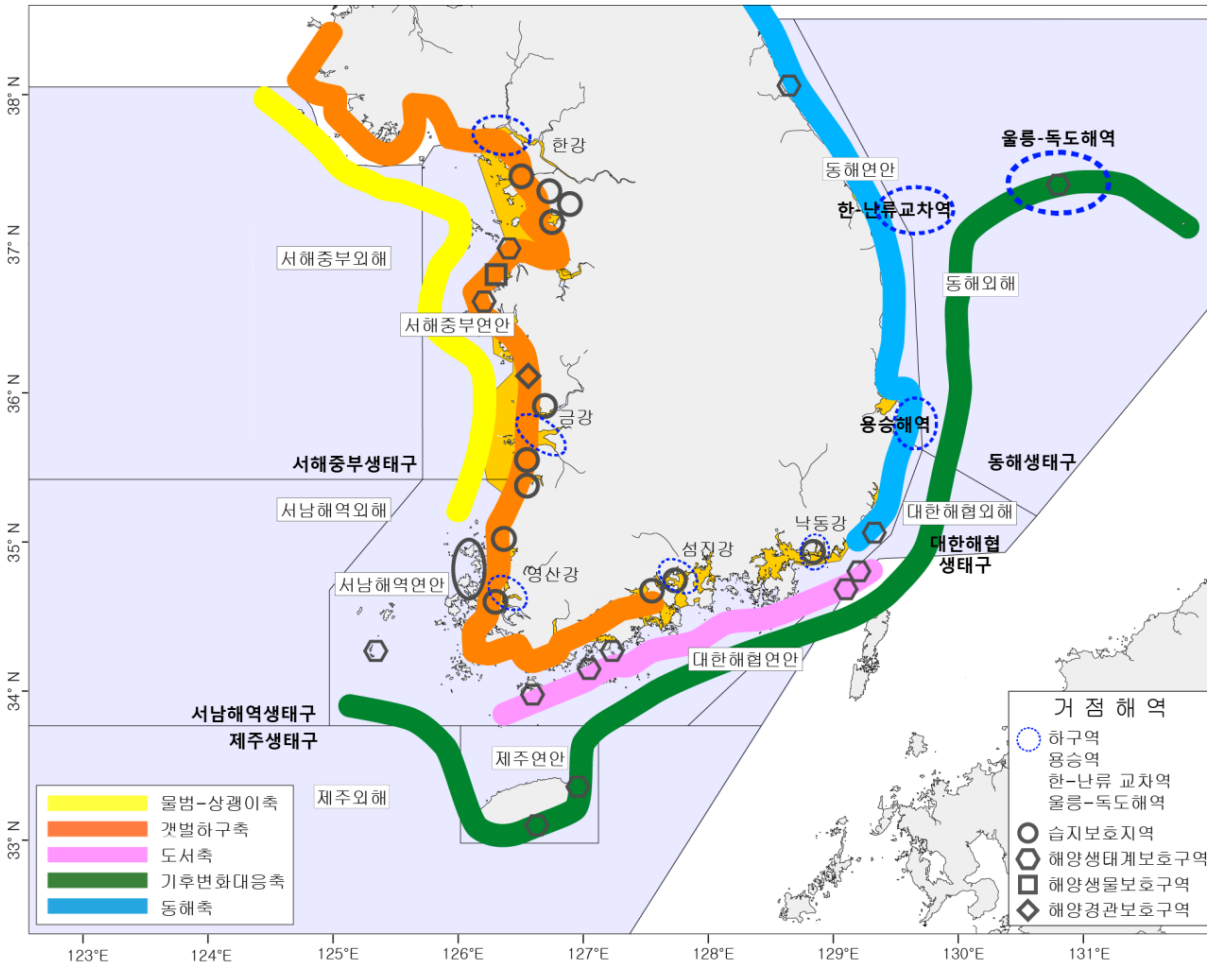
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1	포산 군도	7	안웨이
2	임프강 하구 습지	8	황해-라이조우만
3	장수 연안 남부	9	보하이만
4	장수 연안 북부	10	칭후양다오
5	하이조우만	11	라이오허 하구
6	칭쓰	12	라이양다오-칭싱
13	칭산다오	14	아루강 하구
15	백령도-연평도	16	경기만
17	천수만	18	금강-만경강-동진강 하구
19	속산도	20	영산강 하구
21	보성-여지만	22	제주도
23	황해 냉수괴		



Suggestions

Coastal habitat Connectivity in ROK

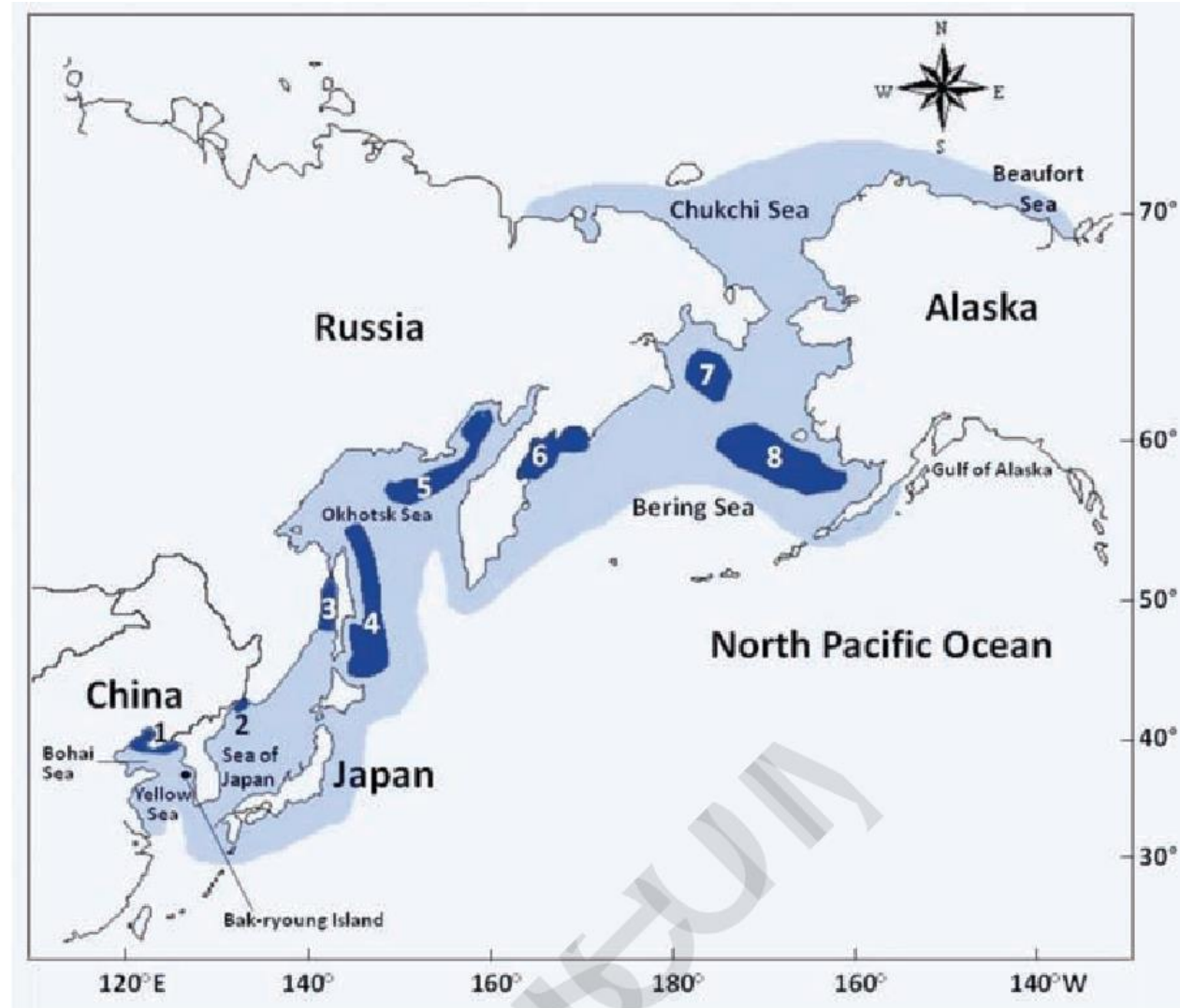
- tidal flat and estuary
- archipelago
- climate change
- east sea
- marine mammals



Suggestions

Li *et al*, 2010, Preliminary genetic status of the spotted seal *Phoca largha* in Liaodong Bay (China) based on microsatellite and mitochondrial DNA analyses. *Trends in Evolutionary Biology* 2010; volume 2:6

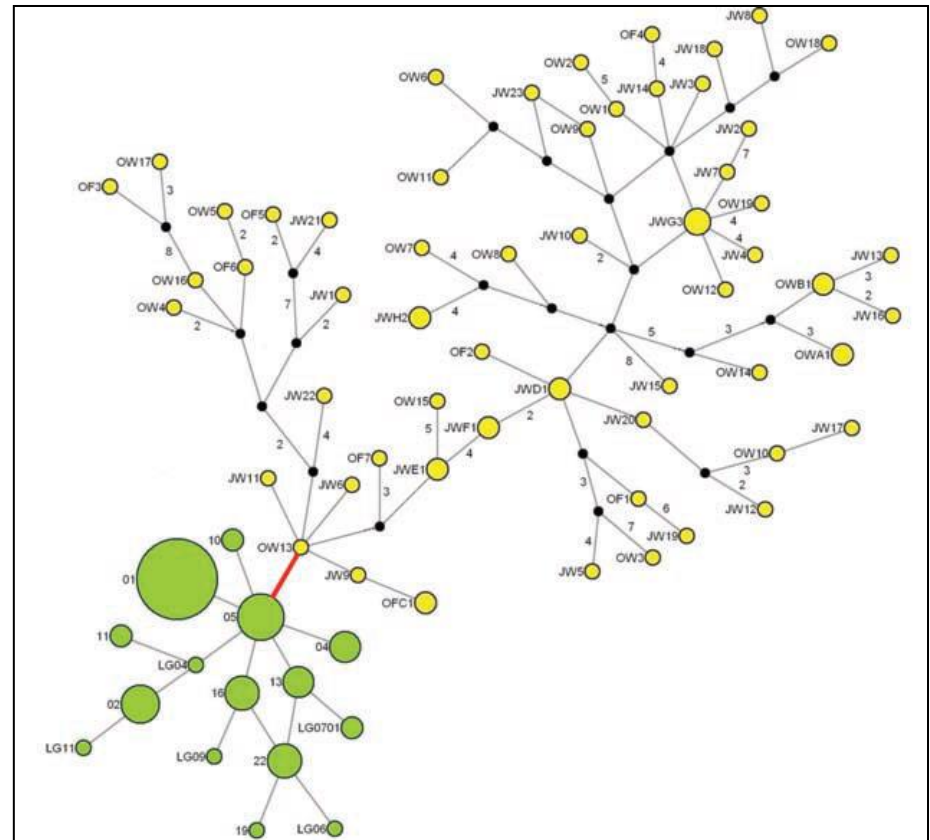
Spotted seal distribution (light blue) and breeding sites (numbered dark blue areas)



Suggestions

Both F-statistics and the haplotypic network indicate **a clear differentiation between the Liaodong Bay and Japanese populations** separated by a fixed mutation. The observed low genetic diversity in mtDNA and the intermediate levels of nuclear microsatellite diversity, combined with the potential genetic isolation, suggest that the **Liaodong Bay population might be at risk**

Median-joining network among mitochondrial *Phoca largha* haplotypes of Liaodong Bay (green) and Japan (yellow)





English >>

100 spotted seal cubs stolen from Liaodong Bay

(People's Daily Overseas New Media) 15:35, February 22, 2019

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Save the spotted seal - At risk in the Bohai Sea

By uo Lingren | October 4, 2010, Monday | PRINT EDITION



A herd of spotted seals relaxes in their winter home: the Shuangtaizi River estuary in Panjin, Liaoning Province. Competition with fishermen for food is the major threat faced by the seals.

FEW people think of China as the home of seals, but Liaoning and Shandong provinces are the winter home of endangered spotted seals, the only seal that breeds in Chinese waters. Zuo Lingren tells the story.

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