

Report on the feasibility study towards assessment of seagrass distribution in the NOWPAP region

1. Backgrounds

Since its inception, Special Monitoring and Coastal Environmental Assessment Regional Activity Centre (CEARAC) has implemented various activities focusing on assessment of the state of the marine, coastal and associated freshwater environments. Since 2007, when the mid- and long-term strategies of CEARAC was developed, CEARAC has expanded its working areas from NOWPAP Working Group 3 (red tide and harmful algal blooms) and Working Group 4 (ocean remote sensing) to assessment of the status of eutrophication and development of new environmental assessment methods in the coastal areas using biological diversity as a main indicator. In the 2014-2015 biennium, three projects were implemented based on the outcomes of past activities and in line with the CEARAC mid- and long-term strategies: (1) pilot assessment on the impacts of major threats to marine biodiversity in selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region; (2) trial applications of the screening procedure of the NOWPAP Common Procedure for eutrophication assessment; and (3) case studies on seagrass mapping in selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region.

In case of CEARAC's activity on eutrophication assessment, firstly, a common procedure to be used among the NOWPAP member states was developed (2008-2009). Next, eutrophication assessment was conducted in some selected sea areas in each NOWPAP member state (2010-2013) with the developed procedure. Then, in the 2014-2015 biennium, eutrophication assessment of the entire NOWPAP region was carried out although the used parameters were limited. With this transboundary assessment, an interactive web-based map of potential eutrophic zones in the NOWPAP region was constructed upon the website of Marine Environmental Watch project and it is being reviewed by the member state (UNEP/NOWPAP/CEARAC/FPM 14/Ref1). As eutrophication assessment started from the selected sea areas and expanded to the entire NOWPAP region, other CEARAC activities should also widen its geographical working area despite limitations of both financial and human resources.

Through case studies on seagrass mapping in the selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region in 2014-2015, a manual for seagrass and seaweed beds distribution mapping with satellite images, which was developed by Dr. Teruhisa Komatsu, was validated. Then, the next step expected would be to apply the developed methodology to the entire NOWPAP region. Although seagrass and seaweed beds are important in terms of their functions to maintain marine biodiversity and mitigate climate change, information on their distribution is very limited.

Thus, a proposal to conduct feasibility study towards assessment of seagrass in the NOWPAP region was proposed as an activity of CEARAC in the 2016-2017 biennium. The proposal was then reviewed and adopted at the 13th CEARAC FPM held on 25-26 August 2015 in

Toyama. CEARAC workplan and budget including this proposal was then approved at the 20th NOWPAP Inter Governmental Meeting (28-30 October 2015, Beijing, China).

2. Objective

Objective of this activity is to investigate the feasibility for assessment of seagrass distribution in the NOWPAP region, including identifying obstacles and required resources and/or tasks for implementing the assessment.

3. Tasks

3.1 Review of literatures on seagrass distribution and threats to seagrass

The following national experts nominated by CEARAC FPs (table 1) concluded MoUs for collection and review of literatures on seagrass distribution and threats to seagrass in each member state. Collected information was organized in accordance with a tabular format CEARAC prepared (Annex 1). Analyzing collected information with spatial and temporal scale will further identify dominant seagrass species and their distribution, and threats to seagrass in the NOWPAP regions.

Through the literature review process, applicability of remote sensing techniques to detect identified threats will also be reviewed for future monitoring.

Table 1. List of national experts who conduct review of literatures on seagrass distribution and threats to seagrass in the NOWPAP region

Country	Organization	Experts
China	State Key Laboratory of Tropical Oceanography, South China Sea Institute of Oceanology, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Dr. Dingtian Yang
Japan	Department of Commerce, Yokohama College of Commerce	Dr. Teruhisa Komatsu
Korea	Korea Ocean Satellite Center, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology	Dr. Jong-Kuk Choi
Russia	Pacific Geological Institute, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences	Dr. Vasily Zharikov

3.2 Development of a seagrass database in the NOWPAP region

CEARAC will construct a database of seagrass based on collected literature information in section 3.1. The database will include author names, year, title of publication, abstract, type of publication (paper, report, book, etc.), name of journal, volume, pages, seagrass species, name of location, coordinates (latitude and longitude), threats to seagrass and availability of GIS polygon

data. Structure of the database is being designed for construction of the database upon the website of Marine Environmental Watch project. The database will have a function for its users to easily and voluntarily update information so that organizations and/or groups which work for restoration of seagrass can monitor their efforts in conservation and restoration of seagrass. Involvement of organizations/groups will be promoted through possible opportunities such as the National Amamo (seagrass) Summit in Japan or other meetings of NGOs that promote conservation and restoration of seagrass in the NOWPAP region. Collected information in the database will also be registered to Ocean Biogeographic Information System (ORBIS).

3.3 Estimation of image analysis cost

CEARAC has estimated the cost of image analysis to assess seagrass distribution in the NOWPAP region based on the case studies in the selected sea areas in the 2014-2015 biennium (Annex 2). Analysis of satellite images is a long-time process. The whole processes include selecting and obtaining satellite images from spaces agencies, carrying out sea truth survey or collecting existing field data, preparing training data sets for classification, removing sun glint, correcting radiance by depth, classifying images and assessing accuracy of obtained classification results. Considering the costs and time spent to study the distribution of seagrass in the selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region, it is not realistic to apply the same conventional method to study the distribution of seagrass in the coastal area of the whole NOWPAP region.

While cost of purchasing some commercial satellite sensors' images are expensive, there are freely available satellite sensors that can be used for detecting seagrass. In the case studies in Nanao Bay, Jangheung Bay and eastern section of the Far Eastern Marine Reserve in Russia. satellite images of NASA Landsat optical sensors such as Thematic Mapper, Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus and Operational Land Imager were used to study distribution of seagrass. Although spatial resolution of these Landsat optical sensors is up to 30 m, these sensors can detect seagrass beds that distribute in a large scale. Spatial limitation of freely available satellite sensors is improving up to 10 m with the advent of Multispectral Imager (MSI) on board Sentinel-2 satellite of European Space Agency that has similar wavelengths and the same geographic coordinate system as the Landsat optical sensors.

Thus, it is expected to start using freely available satellite sensors for detection of seagrass beds in coastal area of the whole NOWPAP region. Reducing the time and manpower cost to analyze satellite data is other things which need to be considered.

3.4 Organization of International Workshop on assessment of seagrass distribution in the Northwest Pacific region

First international workshop on assessment of seagrass distribution in the NOWPAP region was organized in Himi, Toyama, Japan on August 3, 2017 with inviting researchers in and out of

the NOWPAP region. 30 people including local scientists, local government officers and NGO members involved in restoring seagrass participated in the workshop.

Dr. Maria Potouroglou of UNEP/GRID-Arendal gave a keynote speech titled “Carbon Storage Potential of Blue Forest: prospects for developing blue carbon initiatives in the NOWPAP region”. Dr. Teruhisa Komatsu of Yokohama College of Commerce gave another keynote speech titled “Estimating candidate EBSA for seagrasses and projecting future distribution of seagrasses in Japan.” Country reports on the status of seagrass distribution and threats to seagrass in the NOWPAP region was presented by the nominated national experts who are involved in the literature review in section 3.1. Dr. Tatsuyuki Sagawa of Remote Sensing Technology Center of Japan presented “Large scale seagrass mapping using satellite images in Japan and Dr. Gregory N. Nishihara of Nagasaki University presented “Monitoring seagrass productivity using low-cost data logging technology”.

At the end of the workshop, provisional table of contents of the feasibility study report was presented by CEARAC and required future actions for mapping distribution of seagrass in the NOWPAP region was discussed among the participants. Consensus was formed on the use of freely available satellite images, cloud computing technology and involvement of the public to collect field survey information.

3.5 Publication of a feasibility study report.

Based on the tasks from 3.1-3.4, CEARAC will prepare and publish a feasibility study report including future actions for assessment of seagrass distribution in the NOWPAP region and share it among the NOWPAP member states as well as the NOWPAP partners. Provisional table of contents of the feasibility study report is attached in Annex 3. CEARAC will hire a consultant to prepare the draft to complete this task.

4. Expected outcomes

Development of the seagrass database in the NOWPAP region will help mapping seagrass distribution with satellite images in the future. A feasibility study report to be published includes future actions to be taken for assessment of seagrass distribution, and it enables for CEARAC to mobilize a wide range of funding for the assessment. Collected information will also be contributed to Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS) so as to increase information worldwide as well as to be utilized for setting marine protected areas.

5. Schedule

The time line of tasks in this activity is shown as follows.

Time		Action	Main body
2016	April 14 th FPM	14th CEARAC FPM - Reviewed and approved the workplan	CEARAC Secretariat and FPs
	June 3-5	- Participated seagrass summit in Japan	CEARAC Secretariat
	Q4	- Collected and reviewed literatures on seagrass distribution and threats	National experts and CEARAC
2017	Q3	- Making a list of satellite data archives in each case study area (cancelled)	
	Aug 3	- Organized an international workshop for assessment of the of seagrass distribution in the NOWPAP region	
	Q3	- Estimated image analysis cost for implementing assessment - Evaluating applicability of remote sensing techniques to detect identified threats to seagrass (in progress)	
	Q3 to Q4	- Constructing seagrass database - Preparing/Publishing a feasibility study report	CEARAC and consultant

6. Budget

Task	Time	Outcome	To be completed	Main body	Budget (US\$)
- Collecting/reviewing literatures on seagrass distribution and changes - Making list of satellite data archives in each case study area	2016 Q4	- List of literatures on seagrass distribution and changes in the NOWPAP region - List of available satellite images in selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region	2017 Q1 to Q3	Expert in China	4,000
				Expert in Japan	4,000
				Expert in Korea	4,000
				Expert in Russia	4,000
- Evaluation of applicability of remote sensing techniques for assessment of threats to seagrass	2017 Q3	- List of parameters for assessment of threats to seagrass	2016 Q3	CEARAC	-
- Estimating image analysis cost for assessment	2017 Q3	- Estimation of image analysis cost	2017 Q3	CEARAC	4,000
- Organizing International Workshop	2017 August	- Proceedings of International Workshop	2017 August	National experts and CEARAC	15,000
Preparing and publishing report	2017 Q3	- A feasibility study report including future actions for assessment of seagrass distribution in the NOWPAP region	2017 Q3-4	CEARAC	5,000
Total					40,000

Annex 1

Author names	Year	Title of publication	Abstract (If English abstract is not available, please copy and past Chinese version)	Type of publication (paper, report, book, etc.)	Name of journal	Volume	Pages	Seagrass species	Name of location	Coordinates (latitude and longitude in decimal format) for mapping a pin.		Threats of seagrass reported? (Yes or No)	Describe details of those threats if reported.	Are GIS polygon data for mapping available?	
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Zhang X., Zhou Y., Wang F., Liu P., Liu B., Liu X., Yang H.	2013	Ecological characteristics of Zostera japonica population in Swan Lake of Rongcheng, Shandong Province of China	In this study, a large area of well preserved Zostera japonica dominated meadow was found in a coastal lagoon, Swan Lake, in Rongcheng of Shandong Province. Due to its unique geographical position and high biomass, this meadow may act as a typical Z. japonica bed in the coastal area of Shandong. From September, 2011 to October, 2012, an annual investigation was conducted on the Z. japonica and its habitats in east coast of Swan Lake, and the distribution of the Z. japonica and its habitats ecological characteristics were preliminarily understood. The major ingredients of sediments particles in the Z. japonica bed was sand (81%) and silt (14%). The C and N contents in the sediments were the highest in winter, and the C/N ratio was the highest in autumn. The shoot density, shoot height, and biomass of the Z. japonica were all significantly correlated with water temperature (P<0.05). There was an obvious change in the Z. japonica growth among seasons, with the peak biomass obtained in August – September. The C and N contents and C/N in Z. japonica leaves also varied with seasons. The leaf C content was significantly higher in autumn than in spring and summer (P<0.05), the leaf N content was significantly lower in summer than in spring and autumn (P<0.01), whereas the leaf C/N ratio was significantly higher in summer than in spring (P<0.05). The annual carbon sequestration by the Z. japonica in the Swan Lake was estimated to be 111.4 g C m ⁻² .	Paper	Chin. J. Appl. Ecol.	24(7)	2033-2039	Zostera japonica Asch. et Graebn.	The Swan Lake	37°21' N	122°34' E	no	no	Yes
Zhou Y., Zhang X., Xu S., Song X., Lin H., Wang P., Gu R.	2016	New discovery of larger seagrass beds with areas > 50 ha in temperate waters of China: An unusual large seagrass (Zostera japonica) bed in the Yellow River estuary	The dwarf eelgrass Zostera japonica was common in the intertidal zone along the coast of China. Nowadays, larger Z. japonica beds are very rare because of the rapid decline resulting from increasingly severe habitat destruction. However, in this study, a large and continuous Z. japonica bed with an area > 1000 ha was found in the Yellow River estuary of Shandong province. This bed was adjacent to a Spartina alterniflora habitat, forming a unique ecological landscape. The basic biological indicators, including biomass and recruitment of Z. japonica, were obtained during two field investigations in May and August, 2015. This discovery will greatly enrich the seagrass distribution databases of China and provide a unique site for further research on this species.	Paper	Marine Sciences	40(9)	95-97	Zostera japonica Asch. et Graebn	Huanghe River mouth	no	no	no	no	Yes
Liu B., Zhou Y., Liu X., Lu P., Zhang X.	2013	Ecological characteristics research of Zostera marina L. in Sanggou Bay	The ecological characteristics of Zostera marina L. in Sanggou Bay was studied from August 2010 to September 2011. The results showed that the annual mean shoot height of eelgrass ranged from (16.97±5.99) cm to (87.60±20.68) cm, the mean density was (613±201) ind/m ² , and the individual biomass was 0.97–5.31 g/ind. The average biomass of eelgrass meadow changed from 594.61 to 3255.03 g/m ² . The average height and wet weight of the eelgrass changed with water temperature. The water temperature range of the eelgrass habitat was 5.3–25.6°C, with an average temperature of 16.3 °C. The salinity ranged from 28.9 to 31.3 ppt with an average salinity of 30.6 ppt. The main sediment was gravel sand. The annual average contents of carbon in rhizome, leaf sheath and leaf of eelgrass were 32.68%±1.27%, 33.78%±3.06% and 37.01%±1.86%, respectively. Similarly, the annual average contents of nitrogen were 1.62%±0.63%, 2.79%±0.81%, and 3.10%±0.81%, respectively, and the annual average contents of phosphorus were 0.28%±0.04%, 0.51%±0.10%, 0.48%±0.07% respectively in rhizome, leaf sheath and leaf of eelgrass.	Paper	marine Sciences	37(1)	42-48	Zostera marina L.	Qi island; Sanggou Bay	37° 02'483"N; 37°02' 529' N	122°34'129"E ; 122°3'	Yes	monsoon storm tide; typhoon, enclosed as land, sand digging	Yes
Liu H., Huang X., Wang Y., Liang Z., Gu B., Su J.	2016	Newly discovered seagrass bed and its ecological characteristics in the coastal area of Caofeidian, Bohai Sea	A field study was conducted in the coastal area of Caofeidian, Bohai Sea in October 2015. A broad seagrass bed covering approximately 10 km ² was discovered in the northwestern area of Longdao Island. It is the largest seagrass bed discovered so far in Bohai Sea and Yellow Sea, China, with Zostera marina as the dominant species. Z. marina on the shoal showed patchy distribution, with coverage of 2.8±1.1% and shoot density ranging between 28.21±6.35–101.33±17.99 shoots/m ² . The number of leaves per plant, canopy height, rhizome length and root length ranged between 2.00±0.00–4.70±0.64, 15.20±5.84–62.10±7.34 cm, 2.67±1.70–22.20±3.92 cm and 3.67±2.36–8.00±1.90 cm, respectively. The average seagrass biomass was 100.48±47.16 g DW/m ² –2, and the total biomass was estimated to be 1.0x10 ⁶ kg (dry weight). A great diversity of nekton and benthic animals was observed during this survey, including a large quantity of juvenile and young fish and molluscs, as well as adult fish and shellfish species. However, the coverage and shoot density of the seagrass were relatively low, and the number of branches and leaves per plant were also relatively few, which indicated a trend of serious decline in the seagrass bed, possibly attributing to seasonal changes as well as excessive anthropogenic activities. This is the first report on the species identification, distribution and ecological characteristics of seagrass in the Caofeidian area, providing an important basis to initiate further study for protecting the seagrass ecosystem in this region.	Paper	Chinese Journal of Ecology	35(7)	1677–1683	Zostera marina L.	Caofeidian	39°00' N–39°05' N	118°41'E–118°44' E	yes	seafish catch, oil exploitation, enclosed as land, sand digging	Yes
Gao Y., Fang J., Tang W., Zhang J., Ren L., and Du M.	2013	Seagrass meadow carbon sink and amplification of the carbon sink for eelgrass bed in Sanggou Bay	Seagrass meadows occupy less than 0.2% of the area of the world's oceans but are estimated to contribute 10% of the yearly estimated organic carbon burial. Globally, seagrass ecosystems could store as much as 19.9Pg organic carbon. The high carbon storage capacity in seagrass meadows may result from the high primary production of seagrass meadows and their capacity to filter out particles from the water column and store them in soils. Eelgrass, Zostera marina is one of the common seagrass species in the northern hemisphere. Investigation in Sanggou Bay showed that the biomass of eelgrass varied between 313.5 and 789.3g DW/m ² from 2011 to 2012, with the maximum of 738.1g DW/m ² in summer. Primary production was about 2.9–8.4g DW/m ² and tissue carbon content was 35.5% in the plant. Stored carbon in the eelgrass meadow from primary production was about 543.5gC/m ² . Biomass of algal epiphyte was small, with a wet weight of 21.2g/m ² and contributed 30g C/m ² .yr carbon storage. As a Rudikapep hilippinarum stock enhancement area, the carbon sink contribution from the clam was 63.15g C/m ² .yr. In addition, when other carbon source, such as striped particles was considered, the carbon pool capacity was 1180g C/m ² .yr and the whole of the bed can reach 269Mg C/yr.	Paper	Progress in Fishery Sciences	34(1)	17-21	Zostera marina L.	Sanggou Bay	no	no	no	no	No
Yang G.	2014	Ecological Characteristics of Seagrass and Tropical Dynamical Analysis of Zostera marina L. in Littoral of Zhangzi Island	In this paper, Zostera marina L. on typical seagrass beds in Zhangzi Island, Liaoning city was the research object. Morphological, experiment ecological and physiological ecological methods were adopted and community of seagrasses in Zhangzi island were preliminarily understood. Ecological characteristics and nutrition dynamic characteristic of Z. marina L. on typical seagrass beds in Zhangzi Island were studied, ash contents, caloric values, element contents (carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus) and correlations of the roots, rhizomes and leaves at the different growth stages of eelgrass (Z. marina L.) were determined and analyzed. The main results are summarized as follows: Preliminary survey for seagrass beds was performed on coastal of Zhangzi island from May 2012 to June 2013. Three species of seagrasses were found, and there were Zostera marina L., Zostera caespitosa Miki and Phyllospadix japonica Makino. By quarterly surveying from May 2012 to June 2013, the average spacing density of eelgrass (Z. marina L.) on typical seagrass beds in Zhangzi island is 298.60±94.35 ind/m ² . The average height of eelgrass (Z. marina L.) was 39.27±21.20cm. The height of eelgrass (Z. marina L.) in different tidal zone was significant difference. Height of eelgrass (Z. marina L.): upper tidal zone < mid tidal zone < lower tidal zone. The annual average wet weight of eelgrass (Z. marina L.) on seagrass bed was 4562.40±906.28 g/m ² , and average biomass was 231.66 g/m ² .	Master thesis				Zostera marina L.	Zhangzi island	39°2'N	122°43'E	no	no	no

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Li L., Zheng F., Liu X., Jin Y., Han X.	2015	Sexual reproductive characteristics of <i>Zostera marina</i> L. in Shuangdao Bay	We studied sexual reproductive characteristics of a population of eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina</i> L.) in Shuangdao Bay, Weihai, China. At population scale, reproductive shoots were first observed in late March or early April. Initial anthesis occurred in early May, and seed release peaked in late June. Senescent reproductive shoots were detached around early July and the fertile season ended in late July. The phenophases of this species were closely correlated with water temperature and 15°C was required for initial anthesis. At individual scale, the maximum numbers of reproductive branch and rhizoid were recorded in the initial appearance of reproductive shoots, and they were 4.4 and 4.9 per shoot, respectively. The maximum number of spathes per shoot (18.6) and the maximum height of reproductive shoots (96.2 cm) were observed during the initial seed release with a mean abortion rate of 40%. The average mature seed production of eelgrass was 44.8 per shoot. The maximum density of reproductive shoot (64 shoots·m ⁻²) was for above- and below-ground productivity were all observed in June, and the lowest value in January and February, respectively. Statistics showed that eelgrass grew slowly and was small in winter as a result of low temperature, and the growth accelerated with temperature rising in spring. The water temperature in early summer was optimal for eelgrass growth, and as a result, the biomass and productivity reached the maximum values. While the biomass, shoot density and productivity	Paper	Chinese Journal of Ecology	34(10)	2866-2872	<i>Zostera marina</i> L.	Shuangdao Bay	37°28'44"N	121°57'48"E	no	no	no (only shrimp pond)
Liu K., Liu F., Wang F., Sun X., Wang W., Ding C., Liang Z., Ma X.	2013	Analysis of genetic diversity and structure of <i>Zostera marina</i> populations in Shandong Peninsula	In the present study, random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) molecular marker was used to study the population genetic diversity and structure of five <i>Zostera marina</i> L. populations distributed in Shandong Peninsula: Laizhou Bay, Xiaochi Island, Li Island, Chu Island and Huiguan Bay. Based on the obtained results, suggestions for <i>Z. marina</i> population protection and for seaweed meadow restoration in Shandong peninsula were put forward. In the experiment, 42 bands were obtained by RAPD markers amplified through 10 selected primers. The percentage of polymorphic bands was 92.86%. The results showed that the populations in Shandong Peninsula had high genetic diversity and high genetic differentiation. The AMOVA demonstrated that the inter-population component accounted for 99.68% of the total variation, while the intra-population component accounted for 0.32%. Mantel tests showed that 5 populations of <i>Z. marina</i> L. had no correlation between genetic distance and geographic distance. The population in Laizhou Bay that shlggrass is monosexual flower and hermaphrodite. There are two female flowers between two male flowers. The numbers of male flowers and female flowers are 13~19 and 7~11 ind/reproductive line, respectively. The character in sediment of eelgrass is gravel	Paper	Journal of Shanhai Ocean University	22(3)	334-340	<i>Zostera marina</i> L.	along the coast of Shandong provincial Lidao, Xiaochi Island, and Chudao; Laizhou Bay, Huiguan Bay	na	na	na	na	No
Yu H, Ma Y., Zhang Y.	2007	Ecological characteristics of eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina</i> L.) and its response to environmental changes	Eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina</i> L.) is an important elementary producer in the inshore ecosystem. Its ecological characteristics and response to environmental changes are reviewed and discussed in this paper as following aspects: (1) adaptation to submerged life, (2) propagation strategy in resource allocation, (3) nutritional salt metabolism, (4) contribution to the inshore ecosystem, (5) the reason of eelgrass decline in population.	Paper	Transactions of Oceanology and Limnology		Suppl. 112-120	<i>Zostera marina</i> L.	na.	na	na	Yes	water transparency decrease; pollution disease	No
Guo D., Zhang P., Zhang X., Li W., Zhang X.	2010	Ecological Study on Eelgrass of Inshore Areas in Lidao Town of Rongcheng City	Distribution, biomass, morphology, seed and habitat of eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina</i> L.) were surveyed within the water depth of 2 m of inshore areas in Lidao Town of Rongcheng City (between Matsiao and Waichee Dao of Lidao Bay) in June 2008. Eelgrasses in the survey areas show a patch-shape distribution and area for each patch is between 1.5 and 2.0 m ² . Average spacing, density, and biomass of eelgrass are 1650 ind/m ² and 3.75 g/ind, respectively. For root, root length range is 2~14 cm and average root weight, root length, and diameter of root are 0.43 g/ind, 4.83cm and 0.1 mm, respectively. For rhizome, average rhizome weight, rhizome length and diameter of rhizome are 0.4609 g/ind, 4.407cm/ind and 2.159 mm, respectively. For nodes, average numbers of nodes and nodes length are 9.27nodes/ind and 5.144 mm, respectively. For leaf, leaf length range is 17~70 cm and average leaf weight, leaf width, leaf length and sheath length are 2.294 g/ind, 5.28 cm, 45.23 cm and 6.824 cm, respectively. Flower of eelgrass is monosexual flower and hermaphrodite. There are two female flowers between two male flowers. The numbers of male flowers and female flowers are 13~19 and 7~11 ind/reproductive line, respectively. The character in sediment of eelgrass is gravel sand. The results in this paper enrich the knowledge of eelgrass ecology and provide data for study on restoration of injured eelgrass biome.	Paper	periodical of ocean university of China	40(9)	051-055	<i>Zostera marina</i> L.	Lidao town	na	na	Yes	na	aquaculture and enclosure
Li Y., Li W., Nie M., Zhang X.	2014	Seasonal variations in the morphology and growth of <i>Zostera marina</i> in Swan Lake, Shandong	The morphological characteristics, density, biomass and productivity of <i>Zostera marina</i> L. in Swan Lake were monitored monthly from August 2012 to July 2013. The results showed that the highest and lowest values of shoot height were observed in July and January, respectively. The highest values of sheath height, sheath and leaf width were all observed in July, and the lowest value of sheath height in January, and the lowest values of sheath and leaf width were all observed in February. The highest values of terminal, lateral and flowering shoot density were observed in June, April and May, respectively, and the lowest values were observed in January, August and July, respectively. The highest values of shoot biomass and above-ground biomass of eelgrass all appeared in July, and the highest value of below-ground biomass appeared in October, while the lowest values of shoot and above-ground biomass all appeared in January, and the lowest value of below-ground biomass appeared in March. The highest values of shoot above- and below-ground productivity were all observed in June, and the lowest value in January and February, respectively. Statistics showed that eelgrass grew slowly and was small in winter as a result of low temperature, and the growth accelerated with temperature rising in spring. The water temperature in early summer was optimal for eelgrass growth, and as a result, the biomass and productivity reached the maximum values. While the biomass, shoot density and productivity of eelgrass began to decrease in late summer and early autumn because of the extremely high water temperature. These seasonal variations were strongly correlated with seasonally varied water temperature.	Paper	Marine Sciences	38(9)	39-46	<i>Zostera marina</i> L.	the Swan Lake	37°20.3'N	122°33.2'-122°35.0'E	no	no	Yes
Yang Z	1984	The studies on seagrass beds and its epiphytes in the Qingdao coast	Seagrass beds are one of the characteristics of shallow coastal waters in tropical and temperate zones, since seagrasses are green, photosynthesizing organisms occurring as mass vegetation, they must play an important part as primary producers. According to our own survey, the seagrass beds in the Qindao coast area distributed in Jianggezhuang, Shilaoren, Maidao, Zhanshan, Taipingwan, Huiguanwan, Tuandao, Xuejiao, Huangdao, Zhanggezhuang and Hongshiya. One of them, Jianggezhuang seagrass bed, is a <i>Phyllospadix</i> bed and the other are all <i>Zostera</i> beds. The production of <i>Zostera marina</i> L. is estimated to be 564 g/m ² each year, while <i>Z. caespitosa</i> Miki 432 g/m ² each year, and <i>Phyllospadix watensis</i> Makino 696 g/m ² each year. In the general sense an epiphyte is any organism that lives a plant, whether or not a nutritional relationship exists, the present paper deals with flora and fauna epiphytic on both forms of seagrass beds in the Qingdao coast. At the end two appendices area attached where 266 species of sigrass is monosexual flower and h	Paper	Journal of oceanography of Huanghai & Bohai	2(2)	56-67	<i>Zostera marina</i> Linn., <i>Zostera caespitosa</i> Miki, <i>Phyllospadix watensis</i> Makino and	Jianggezhuang, Shilaoren, Maidao, Zhanshan, Taipingwan, Huiguanwan, Tuandao, Xuejiao, Huangdao, Zhanggezhuang and Hongshiya.	na	na	no	no	no

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Liu K., Liu F., Wang F., Sun X., Wang W., Ding C., Liang Z., Li T.	2012	Survey and identification of Zosteraceae along Shandong Peninsula coast	In order to further investigate the species and distribution of Zosteraceae along the coast of Shandong Peninsula, ecological survey was performed during August-October, 2011. Based on morphological characteristics, ITS sequences were analyzed to identify the Zosteraceae samples. Three species were found during the survey, namely, <i>Zostera marina</i> L., <i>Zostera japonica</i> Ascherson Graebner, and <i>Phyllospadix watensis</i> Makino. Among them, <i>Z. marina</i> distributed most widely but in different patterns in each place: mottled in Laizhou Bay, sporadic in Huiquan Bay, and in large stretches along the coast of Lidao, Xiaoshidao and Chudao. <i>Z. japonica</i> was found in less biomass, showing a mottled distribution in Laizhou Bay and a sporadic distribution in Guangao County. <i>P. watensis</i> was found only in Shilaren Beach in Qingdao with a patchy distribution. The survey also revealed that seagrass beds of Zosteraceae along Shandong Peninsula coast have been damaged and have degenerated in various degrees. Along the coast of Lidao, Xiaoshidao, and Chudao, Zosteraceae distributed in large stretches, while in other surveyed areas it showed a patchy or sporadic distribution. Specifically, seagrass beds of Zosteraceae along Rizhao coast seemed to be completely destroyed, and none Zosteraceae species was found.	Paper	Progress in fishery sciences	33(6)	99-105	<i>Zostera marina</i> L., <i>Zostera japonica</i> Ascherson Graebner, and <i>Phyllospadix watensis</i> Makino	Lidao, Xiaoshidao, and Chudao; Laizhou Bay, Huiquan Bay	37.20 (Laizhou Ba)	119.33(Laizhou Ba)	Yes	Land reclamation, coastal overdevelopment	No
Gao Y., Jiang Z., Fang J., Du M., Liu Y., Jiang W., Zou J., Fang J.	2016	Ecological function of seagrass <i>Zostera marina</i> L. bed in sea cucumber pond	In order to determine the ecological function of seagrass <i>Zostera marina</i> L. in sea cucumber culture, water temperature and dissolved oxygen in the eelgrass bed of a sea cucumber pond were determined and compared with the adjacent sandflat. Food sources used by sea cucumber <i>Apostichopus japonicus</i> were determined by comparing their stable isotope signatures ($\delta^{13}C$, $\delta^{15}N$) with those of food source. Proportions of different carbon sources were estimated using the SIAR mixing model on $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{15}N$ values. The results showed that water temperature at eelgrass patch bottom was 0 to 0.33 °C lower than the naked sandflat. Surface and bottom dissolved oxygen showed no differences between low eelgrass coverage (0 to 25%) area and sandflat, while in area with mid-to-high eelgrass coverage, resolved oxygen was 0.12 mg/L-0.62 mg/L higher in surface water. Bottom dissolved oxygen was lower in mid-to-high eelgrass coverage (0 to 0.38 mg/L). Stable isotope signatures $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{15}N$ of sea cucumbers <i>A. japonicus</i> was grass is monosexual flower and hermaphrodite. There are two female flowers between two male flowers. The numbers of male flowers and female flowers are 13~19 and 7~11 ind/reproductive line, respectively. The character in sediment of eelgrass is gravel sand. The results in this paper enrich the knowledge of eelgrass ecology and provide data for study on restoration of injured eelgrass biome. Productivity reached the maximum values. While the biomass, shoot density and productivity of eelgrass began to decrease in late summer and early autumn because of the extremely high water temperature. These seasonal variations were strongly correlated with seasonally varied water temperature. SBR. In the SCSBR, seagrass meadows are mainly located in the eastern Hainan coast, Zhanjiang in Guangdong, Beihai in Guangxi and Dongsha Island in Taiwan, whereas in the CYBSBR they predominate in Rongcheng in Shandong and Changhai in Liaoning. <i>Halophila ovalis</i> , <i>Thalassia hemprichii</i> and <i>Z. marina</i> are the dominated species in seagrass meadows in Guangdong and Guangxi, Taiwan and Taiwan, Shandong and Liaoning respectively. Seagrass degradation in China is mainly attributed to human disturbances caused by fishing, aquaculture and sea reclamation. For co	Paper	Journal of fisheries of china	40(6)	925-932	<i>Zostera marina</i> L.	Ponds in Sanggou	37°02'06"N.	122°32'46"E	no	no	No (only shrimp pond)
yang D.	2017	seagrass distribution, ecological structure and carbon sink in China	本书主要着力于海草碳汇的研究方法、通量等方面的研究，是本书作者的第一次出版相关的著作。 本书首先着重讨论海草及碳汇的遥感监测方法，并对卫星遥感海草的水体校正进行阐述。在中国海草分布方面，可以粗略分为两个大的海域：北部海域和南部海域。北部海域包括山东半岛和辽东半岛；南部海域包括广东、广西和海南。这种分布与温带北太平洋区和热带印度-太平洋区系相吻合。大叶藻、红纤维藻、照纤维藻主要分布于北部海域，泰来藻、海昌藻、二药藻、喜盐草等主要分布于南部区域。而日本大叶藻和川曼藻在南部海域和北部海域均有分布，并对单种海草的分布进行了作图。在海草生态系统结构方面，着重讨论了海南海草床和广西北部草床的结构。在此基础上，对海草生态系统的附生生物、细菌以及浮游植物、浮游动物和底栖生物进行了分别探讨。海草碳汇方面，分别讨论了山东、台湾以及海南海草床的碳汇通量。虽然海草净初级生产力只有500g C a ⁻¹ m ⁻² ，但海草床的年度埋藏量可以达到14Kg C a ⁻¹ m ⁻² ，远远高出海草本身的初级生产力。	book	Chinese Sciences Press			<i>Zostera marina</i> Linn., <i>Zostera japonica</i> Asch. et Graebn., <i>Zostera caespitosa</i> Miki, <i>Phyllospadix watensis</i> Makino and <i>Phyllospadix japonicus</i> Makino	Swan Lake, etc	37.346	122.572	Yes	human activities or natural environmental change, typhoon	Yes

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		中国海草的多样性、分布及保护 (Diversity, distribution and conservation of Chinese seagrass species)	Abstract: Seagrass beds are one of the most productive ecosystems on Earth and an important source of ecosystem services. Accurate mapping of spatial patterns of seagrass species diversity are lacking at the national scale in China, while taxonomic information on Chinese seagrass species requires an urgent update. This lack of information hinders national conservation and restoration programs for seagrass biodiversity. In this article we review studies of diversity, distributions and degradation of seagrass in China. A total of 22 seagrass species distributed along China's coastal regions belong to ten genera and four families, and account for about 30% of known seagrass species worldwide. A check of herbarium material stored in Sun Yat-sen University showed that the seagrass species previously identified as <i>Posidonia australis</i> in Hainan is in fact <i>Enhalus acoroides</i> . From our analyses, two Chinese seagrass biotas are proposed. These include the South China Sea Bioregion (SCSBR) and China's Yellow Sea and Bohai Sea Bioregion (CYSBSBR). The SCSBR includes Hainan, Guangxi, Guangdong, Hongkong, Taiwan and Fujian provinces, and contains 15 seagrass species representing nine genera with <i>Halophila ovalis</i> being most widely distributed. The CYSBSBR includes Shandong, Hebei, Tianjin and Liaoning provinces and contains nine seagrass species belonging to three genera with <i>Zostera marina</i> being most widely distributed. The total distribution area for China's seagrass meadows is estimated to be 8,765.1 ha, with Hainan, Guangdong and Guangxi provinces accounting for 64%, 11% and 10% of the area, respectively. Both the number and area of seagrass meadows are much higher in the SCSBR than in the CYSBSBR. In the SCSBR, seagrass meadows are mainly located in the eastern Hainan coast, Zhanjiang in Guangdong, Beihai in Guangxi and Donggaha Island in Taiwan, whereas in the CYSBSBR they predominate in Rongcheng in Shandong and Changhai in Liaoning. <i>Halophila ovalis</i> , <i>Thalassia hemprichii</i> and <i>Z. marina</i> are the dominated species in seagrass meadows in Guangdong and Guangxi, Hainan and Taiwan, Shandong and Liaoning respectively. Seagrass degradation in China is mainly attributed to human disturbances caused by fishing, aquaculture and sea reclamation. For conservation purposes we advise the following: (1) initiate an extensive national survey of spatial patterns of seagrass species diversity; (2) conduct long-term monitoring of typical seagrass meadows and establish a national seagrass monitoring network; (3) accelerate legislation for seagrass conservation and include some ecologically-significant seagrass meadows as reserves; (4) invest more finance in research on the restoration of seagrass beds and conservation of seagrass germplasm resources; (5) standardize the Chinese names of seagrasses in China.	Paper	Biodiversity Science	21(5)	517-526	Please fill in	Entire Chinese coast	#N/A	#N/A	Please fill in	Please fill in	No
Kun-Seop Lee, Sang Rul Park, Jung-Bae Kim	2005	Production dynamics of the eelgrass, <i>Zostera marina</i> in two bay systems on the south coast of the Korean peninsula	Production dynamics of eelgrass, <i>Zostera marina</i> was examined in two bay systems (Kojje Bay and Kosung Bay) on the south coast of the Korean peninsula, where few seagrass studies have been conducted. Dramatically reduced eelgrass biomass and growth have been observed during summer period on the coast of Korea, and we hypothesized that the summer growth reduction is due to increased water temperature and/or reduced light and nutrient availabilities. Shoot density, biomass, morphological characteristics, leaf productivities, and tissue nutrient content of eelgrass were measured monthly from June 2001 to April 2003. Water column and sediment nutrient concentrations were also measured monthly, and water temperature and underwater irradiance were monitored continuously at seagrass canopy level. Eelgrass shoot density, biomass, and leaf productivities exhibited clear seasonal variations, which were strongly correlated with water temperature. Optimal water temperature for eelgrass growth in the present study sites was about 15-20°C during spring period, and eelgrass growths were inhibited at the water temperature above 20°C during summer. Daily maximum underwater photon flux density in the study sites was usually much higher than the light saturation point of <i>Z. marina</i> previously reported. Densities of each terminal, lateral, and reproductive shoot showed their unique seasonal peak. Seasonal trends of shoot densities suggest that new eelgrass shoots were created through formation of lateral shoots during spring and a part of the vegetative shoots was transformed into flowering shoots from March. Senescent reproductive shoots were detached around June, and contributed to reductions of shoot density and biomass during summer period. Ambient nutrient level appeared to provide an adequate reserve of nutrient for eelgrass growth throughout the experimental period. The relationships between eelgrass growth and water temperature suggested that rapid reductions of eelgrass biomass and growth during summer period on the south coast of the Korean peninsula were caused by high temperature inhibition effects on eelgrass growth during this season.	paper	Marine Biology	147	1091-1108	<i>Zostera marina</i>	Kosung Bay, Kojje Bay	N34.948531	E128.324208	No		No
Sang Yong Lee, Jeong Bae Kim, Sung Mi Lee	2006	Temporal dynamics of subtidal <i>Zostera marina</i> and intertidal <i>Zostera japonica</i> on the southern coast of Korea	The temporal dynamics of two seagrass species, <i>Zostera marina</i> and <i>Z. japonica</i> , were monitored monthly in Dadae Bay, Geogje Island, on the southern coast of Korea. Plant morphological characteristics, shoot density, biomass, leaf production, reproductive effort, and environmental characteristics were monitored from July 2001 to July 2002. <i>Zostera japonica</i> occurred in the intertidal zone and <i>Z. marina</i> occurred in the subtidal zone from 0.5 to 2.5 m below the mean low water level. Shoots and rhizomes were significantly larger in <i>Z. marina</i> than in <i>Z. japonica</i> , whereas the shoot density was greater in <i>Z. japonica</i> than in <i>Z. marina</i> . Despite differences in morphology and shoot density, biomass did not differ significantly between the species. Reproduction occurred from April to June in <i>Z. marina</i> and from May to July in <i>Z. japonica</i> . The proportion of reproductive shoots was approximately three times higher in <i>Z. marina</i> than in <i>Z. japonica</i> . Seasonal variation in the biomass of <i>Z. japonica</i> was caused by changes in both shoot size and density, whereas that of <i>Z. marina</i> was mainly caused by changes in shoot length. Leaf production in <i>Z. marina</i> and <i>Z. japonica</i> showed clear seasonal variation, and leaf production in <i>Z. marina</i> (2.6 ± 0.2 DW·m ⁻² ·day ⁻¹) was higher than that in <i>Z. japonica</i> (1.7 ± 0.2 g DW·m ⁻² ·day ⁻¹). The mean plastochrone interval was not significantly different between the two species, whereas the leaf lifetime of <i>Z. marina</i> was longer (69 ± 7.8 days) than that of <i>Z. japonica</i> (59 ± 6.3 days). Our results indicated that seasonal leaf growth patterns in <i>Z. japonica</i> are correlated with irradiance and temperature, whereas those in <i>Z. marina</i> respond most to irradiance. Seasonal changes in irradiance appeared to control the temporal variation in above-ground biomass in both species.	paper	Marine Ecology	27	133-144	<i>Zostera marina</i> , <i>Zostera japonica</i>	Kojje Island	N34.732419	E128.625469	No		Yes
Donhyug Kang, Sungho Cho, Hyoungsul La, Jong-Man Kim, Jungyul Na, Jung-Goo Myoung	2006	Estimating Spatial and Vertical Distribution of Seagrass Habitats Using Hydroacoustic System	Seagrass meadows are considered as critical habitats for a wide variety of marine organisms in coastal and estuarine ecosystems. In many cases, studies on the spatial/temporal distribution of seagrass have depended on direct observations using SCUBA diving. As an alternative method for studying seagrass distribution, an application of hydroacoustic technique has been assessed for mapping seagrass distribution in Dongdae Bay, on the south coast of Korea, in September 2005. Data were collected using high frequency transducer (420 kHz split-beam), which was installed with towed body system. The system was linked to DCP5 to make geo-referenced data. Additionally, in situ seagrass distribution has been observed using underwater cameras and SCUBA diving at four stations in order to compare with acoustic data. Acoustic survey was conducted along 23 transects with 3-4 knot ship speed. Seagrass beds were vertically limited to depths less than 3.5m and seagrass height ranged between 30cm at the study sites. Dense seagrass beds were mainly found at the entrance of the bay and at a flat area around the center of the bay. Although the study area was a relatively small, the vertical and spatial distributions of the seagrass were highly variable with bathymetry and region. Considered dominant species, <i>Zostera marina</i> L., preliminary estimation of seagrass biomass with acoustic and direct sampling data was approximately 1, and total biomass of 104 tones (coefficient variation: 25.77%) was estimated at the study area. Hydroacoustic method provided valuable information to understand distribution pattern and to estimate seagrass biomass.	Paper (in Korean and English abstract)	Ocean and Polar Research	28(3)	225-236	<i>Zostera marina</i>	Changseon-do	N34.889544	E128.021744	No		Yes

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Liu K., Liu F., Wang F., Sun X., Wang W., Ding C., Liang Z., Li T.	2012	Survey and identification of Zosteraceae along Shandong Peninsula coast	In order to further investigate the species and distribution of Zosteraceae along the coast of Shandong Peninsula, ecological survey was performed during August–October, 2011. Based on morphological characteristics, ITS sequences were analyzed to identify the Zosteraceae samples. Three species were found during the survey, namely, <i>Zostera marina</i> L., <i>Zostera japonica</i> Ascherson Graebner, and <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> Makino. Among them, <i>Z. marina</i> distributed most widely but in different patterns in each place: mottled in Laizhou Bay, sporadic in Huiquan Bay, and in large stretches along the coast of Lidao, Xiaoshidao and Chudao. <i>Z. japonica</i> was found in less biomass, showing a mottled distribution in Laizhou Bay and a sporadic distribution in Guangrao County. <i>P. iwatensis</i> was found only in Shilaoren Beach in Qingdao with a patchy distribution. The survey also revealed that seagrass beds of Zosteraceae along Shandong Peninsula coast have been damaged and have degenerated in various degrees. Along the coast of Lidao, Xiaoshidao, and Chudao, Zosteraceae distributed in large stretches, while in other surveyed areas it showed a patchy or sporadic distribution. Specifically, seagrass beds of Zosteraceae along Rizhao coast seemed to be completely destroyed, and none Zosteraceae species was found.	Paper	Progress in fishery sciences	33(6)	99-105	<i>Zostera marina</i> L., <i>Zostera japonica</i> Ascherson Graebner, and <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> Makino	Lidao, Xiaoshidao, and Chudao; Laizhou Bay, Huiquan Bay	37.20 (Laizhou Ba)	119.33(Laizhou Ba)	Yes	Land reclamation, coastal overdevelopment	No
Gao Y., Jiang Z., Fang J., Du M., Liu Y., Jiang W., Zou J., Fang J.	2016	Ecological function of seagrass <i>Zostera marina</i> L. bed in sea cucumber pond	In order to determine the ecological function of seagrass <i>Zostera marina</i> L. in sea cucumber culture, water temperature and dissolved oxygen in the eelgrass bed of a sea cucumber pond were determined and compared with the adjacent sandflat. Food sources used by sea cucumber <i>Apostichopus japonicus</i> were determined by comparing their stable isotope signatures ($\delta^{13}C$, $\delta^{15}N$) with those of food source. Proportions of different carbon sources were estimated using the SIAR mixing model on $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{15}N$ values. The results showed that water temperature at eelgrass patch bottom was 0 to 0.33 °C lower than the naked sandflat. Surface and bottom dissolved oxygen showed no differences between low eelgrass coverage (0 to 25%) area and sandflat, while in area with mid-to-high eelgrass coverage, resolved oxygen was 0.12 mg/L–0.62 mg/L higher in surface water. Bottom dissolved oxygen was lower in mid-to-high eelgrass coverage (0 to 0.36 mg/L). Stable isotope signatures $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{15}N$ of sea cucumbers <i>A. japonicus</i> were subtidal zones of 2 m MSL (mean sea level) depth, and <i>Z. caulescens</i> was found in subtidal zones of 2.5–5 m MSL, or sporadic distribution. Specifically, seagrass beds of Zosteraceae along Rizhao coast seemed to be completely destroyed, and none Zosteraceae species was found. Ideal zones at a 2 m mean sea level (MSL) depth. The leaf productivity of <i>Zostera marina</i> was . The annual production of eelgrass was , which corresponds to . The total production of eelgrass was , which corresponds to a beds in the Nakdong River estuary. This high C and N incorporation into <i>Z. marina</i> tissues suggests that existing <i>Z. marina</i> meadows play important roles in C and N cycles in this estuary. Although the currently existing <i>Z. marina</i> beds in this estuary are persisting and play an important ecological role, anthropogenic factors that cause seagrass declines still affect the estuary. Thus, effective management and monitoring of <i>Z. marina</i> beds and environmental factors are critical to protecting and conserving this invaluable component of the Nakdong River estuary. sed by high temperature inhibition effects on eelgrass growth during this season.의 유전적 다양 성이 가장 높고, 가막만 생육지가 가장 낮은 것으로 나타났다. Analysis molecular variance (AMOVA) 분석 결과는 유전적 변이의 대부분인 76%가	Paper	Journal of fisheries of china	40(6)	925-932	<i>Zostera marina</i> L.	Ponds in Sanggong	37°02'06"N.	122°32'46"E	no	no	No (only shrimp ponds)
yang D.	2017	seagrass distribution, ecological structure and carbon sink in China	本书主要着力于海草碳汇的研究方法、通量等方面的研究，是本书作者的第一次出版相关的著作。本书首先着重讨论海草及碳汇的通感监测方法，并对卫星遥感海草的水体校正进行阐述。在中国海草分布方面，可以粗略分为两个大的海域：北部海域和南部海域。北部海域包括山东半岛和辽东半岛；南部海域包括广东、广西和海南。这种分布与温带北太平洋区和热带印度-太平洋区系相切合。大叶藻、红纤维肝藻、照纤维肝藻主要分布于北部海域，泰来藻、海昌藻、二药藻、卷藻等主要分布于南部区域。而日本大叶藻和川曼藻在南部海域和北部海域均有分布。并对海草的分布进行了分析。在海草生态结构方面，着重讨论了海南海草床和广西海草床的结构。在此基础上，对海草生态系统中的附生生物、细菌以及浮游植物、浮游动物和底栖生物进行了分别探讨。海草碳汇方面，分别讨论了山东、台湾以及海南海草床的碳汇通量。虽然海草净初级生产力只有500g C a ⁻¹ m ⁻² ，但海草床的年度碳量可以达到14Kg C a ⁻¹ m ⁻² ，远远高出海草本身的初级生产力。	book	Chinese Sciences Press			<i>Zostera marina</i> Linn., <i>Zostera japonica</i> Asch. et Graebn., <i>Zostera caespitosa</i> Miki, <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> Makino and <i>Phyllospadix japonicus</i> Makino	Swan Lake, etc	37.346	122.572	Yes	human activities or natural environmental change, typhoon	Yes
Keunyoung Kim, Juhyoung Kim, Kwang Young Kim	2008	Using a Digital Echosounder to Estimate Eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina</i> L.) Cover and Biomass in Kwangyang Bay	Eelgrass beds are very productive and provide nursery functions for a variety of fish and shellfish species. Management for the conservation of eelgrass beds along the Korean coasts is critical, and requires comprehensive strategies such as vegetation mapping. We suggest a mapping method to spatial distribution and quantity of eelgrass beds using a digital echosounder. Echosounding data were collected from the northeast part of Kwangyang Bay, on the south of Korea, in March, 2007. A transducer was attached to a boat equipped with a DGPS. The boat completed a transect survey scanning whole eelgrass beds of 11.7 km ² with a speed of 1.5–2 m s ⁻¹ (3–4 knot). The acoustic reflectivity of eelgrass allowed for detection and explicit measurements of canopy cover and height. The results showed that eelgrass bed was distributed in depth from 1.19 to 3.6 m (below MSL) and total dry weight biomass of 4.1 ton with a vegetation area of 4.05 km ² . This technique was found to be an effective way to undertake the patch size and biomass of eelgrass over large areas as nondestructive sampling.	Paper (in korean and English abstract)	Algae	23(1)	83-90	<i>Zostera marina</i>	Namhae Is.	N34.929631	E127.856422	Yes	Land reclamation, Construction	Yes

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Jung-Im Park, Jae-Yeong Park, Min Ho Son	2012	Seagrass distribution in Jeju and Chuja Island	To survey the seagrass distribution in Jeju and Chuja Islands, we directly observed seagrass beds using SCUBA in July, 2011. Distributional area, species composition, morphology, density, and biomass of seagrasses and environmental characteristics were examined in investigationsites. In particular, three protected seagrass species (Zostera marina, Z. caulescens and Z. caespitosa) were found in the investigation areas. While the three species were found in Chuja Island, only Z. marina was distributed in Jeju Island. Z. marina was distributed only north-eastern coast of Jeju Island, and the total coverage was 238,572m ² . Total seagrass coverage of Chuja Island was 23,584m ² . In detail, Z. caulescens Z. caespitosa and Z. marina were 21,216, 1,870 and 498m ² , respectively. Of these, Z. marina was found from the intertidal to subtidal zones of 5m MSL (mean sealevel) depth. Z. caespitosa and Z. caulescens were found in subtidal zones of 3-4 m and 4-6m MSL depth, respectively.	Paper (in Korean and English abstract)	Korean Journal of Environmental Biology	30(4)	339-348	Zostera marina, Zostera caulescens, Zostera caespitosa	1. Jeju Is. 2. Chuja Is.	1. N33.955203 2. N33.4786	1. E126.331383 2. E126.921719	No		Yes
Jong-Hyeob Kim, Sang Hoon Park, Young Kyun Kim, Seung Hyeon Kim, Jung-Im Park, and Kun-Seop Lee	2014	Seasonal Growth Dynamics of the Seagrass Zostera caulescens on the Eastern Coast of Korea	Zostera caulescens is an endemic seagrass species in Northeastern Asia. Estimated distributional area of this species is approximately 1-5 km ² on the coasts of Korea. Because Z. caulescens has a very limited distribution, the growth dynamics of Z. caulescens is little known in the coastal waters of Korea. In the present study, we investigated the growth dynamics of Z. caulescens in relation to coincident measurements of environmental factors, such as underwater irradiance, water temperature, and nutrient availability. The study was conducted on a monotypic meadow of Z. caulescens in Ulsin on the eastern coast of Korea from September 2011 to September 2012. Shoot density and biomass of Z. caulescens showed distinct seasonal variations, and exhibited strong correlations with water temperature suggesting that the seasonal growth of this species was regulated by water temperature. Shoot density and biomass rapidly decreased during the high water temperature period in summer, and thus Z. caulescens is considered a cold water adapted species like other temperate seagrass species on coasts of Korea. Biomass of photosynthetic leaf tissues on reproductive shoots was approximately 4 times higher than that on vegetative shoots. The height of reproductive shoots ranged from 1.2 m in February 2012 to 3.2 m in August 2012, whereas the height of vegetative shoots was usually less than 1.0 m. Leaf tissues on reproductive shoots probably received much more light for photosynthesis than those on vegetative shoots. Thus, reproductive shoots may play an important role in total production of Z. caulescens.	paper	Ocean Science Journal	49(4)	391-402	Zostera caulescens, Zostera marina, Zostera asiatica	Ulsin	N37.054825	E129.417992	No		No
Hyeong-Seok Ji, Hee-Jeong Seo, Myeong-Won Kim, Moon Ock Lee, Jongkyu Kim	2014	Marine Environmental Characteristics of Seagrass Habitat in Seomjin River Estuary	This study considered a seagrass habitat in order to analyze the characteristics of a marine environment of seagrass located in the Seomjin river estuary, through an analysis of the distribution of the water depth, field observation, and three-dimensional numerical experiments using an EFDC model. The seagrass habitat was usually distributed at D.L(-) 0.5-0.0 m, and was hardly seen in the intertidal zone higher than that range. The distribution of the water temperature was within the range of , and the seagrass was demonstrated to have a strong tolerance to changes in the water temperature. In addition, the salinity distribution was found to be 27.2-31.0 psu, with suspended solids of 32.1 mg/L, which were higher than the previous research results (Huh et al., 1998), implying that there may be a reduction in the amount of deposits caused by the suspended solids. As for the sedimentary facies, they were comprised of 62.7% sand, 19.1% silt, and 18.2% clay, indicating that the arenaceous was superior and the sedimentary facies were similar to that of Dadae Bay. According to a numerical experiment, the maximum tidal current was 75 cm/s, while the tidal residual current was 10 cm/s, confirming that it sufficiently adapted to strong tidal currents. The erosion and deposition are predicted to be less than 1.0 cm/year. Thus, it is judged that the resuspension of sediments due to tidal currents and the changes in sedimentary facies are insignificant.	Paper (in Korean and English abstract)	Journal of Ocean Engineering and Technology	28(3)	236-244	Zostera marina	Seomjin river estuary	N34.909547	E127.7913	No		Yes
Keunyoung Kim, Jong-Kuk Choi, Joo-Hyung Ryu, Hae Jin Jeong, Kitack Lee, Myung Gil Park, Kwang Young Kim	2015	Observation of typhoon-induced seagrass die-off using remote sensing	Satellite remote sensing has been used as an effective tool to monitor and manage seagrass beds, but this tool is not appropriate to use in highly turbid waters along the coast of Korea. In this study, satellite data were used to identify the method for detecting seagrass beds in turbid bay waters and describing temporal changes over the past 24 years. Moreover, we found the cause of seagrass die-off phenomenon by observing the long-term satellite images and evaluating the impact of the typhoon on seagrass beds. All seagrass spectra from different sensors (Landsat TMETM+, Aster, Spot-4, and Kompsat-2) have low reflectance in green and high in NIR regions, whereas unvegetated seawater has the opposite spectrum features. A training area in the green band and Mahalanobis Distance Classification algorithm was adopted for classification and mapping of seagrass beds. The error matrix using the in situ reference data for Kompsat-2 image classification was 72.9% accurate. The average area of seagrass beds was 4.6 km ² from May 1990 to January 2012, and it was consistently >4.0 km ² . A die-off of seagrass beds was observed in September 2012 after Typhoon Bolaven, Tembin, and Sanba consecutively passed the study site. When Typhoon Sanba passed the study site, it had sustained maximum wind speed (147.6 km h ⁻¹) during low tide, unlike the other typhoons. We found that the water column buffer did not have any effect on resistance of seagrass bed to disturbance, which led to greater damage. Additionally, the three sequential typhoons that passed through during the short time probably produced a cumulative effect. These results allow an understanding of past changes, and reveal the sudden and influential changes in seagrass distribution. As seagrass removal might have negative effect on other associated communities, comprehensive monitoring is required to ensure that disturbed seagrass habitats is recovered naturally.	paper	Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science	154	111-121	Zostera marina, Zostera caulescens, Halophila nipponica	Jangheung	N34.436806	E126.906517	Yes	Typhoon	Yes
Jong-Hyeob Kim, Seung Hyeon Kim, Young Kyun Kim, Jung-Im Park, Kun-Seop Lee	2016	Growth dynamics of the seagrass Zostera japonica at its upper and lower distributional limits in the intertidal zone	The seagrass Zostera japonica occurs mainly in the intertidal zone and is thus exposed to widely varying environmental conditions affecting its growth and distribution compared to subtidal seagrasses. The growth dynamics of Z. japonica at its upper and lower distributional limits in the intertidal zone were investigated in Koje Bay on the southern coast of Korea to examine the environmental stresses and limiting factors on the growth of intertidal seagrasses. The shoot density and morphology, biomass, and leaf productivity of Z. japonica were measured in relation to coincident measurements of environmental factors at its upper and lower distributional limits and in an intermediate zone of the intertidal area. The mean exposure time to the atmosphere during low tide in the upper intertidal zone was approximately 1.5- and 1.9-fold longer than that in the intermediate and lower intertidal zones, respectively. Shoot density and biomass were significantly higher in the intermediate zone than at the upper and lower distributional limits. Longer emersion leading to a various of environmental stresses appeared to reduce Z. japonica growth in the upper intertidal zone, whereas interspecific competitive interactions related to irradiance seemed to affect Z. japonica growth in the lower intertidal zone. Shoot size, density, biomass, and leaf productivity were lower in the upper than in the lower zone, implying that emersion-associated stresses in the upper zone had a greater detrimental effect on Z. japonica growth than did stresses occurring in the lower zone. The productivity of Z. japonica showed strong positive correlations with air and water temperature, suggesting enhancement of Z. japonica production at higher temperatures. Thus, the predicted increases in air and water temperature associated with global climate change might have positive effects on the growth and extension in distributional range of this species.	paper	Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science	175	1-9	Zostera japonica	Koje Island	N34.801542	E128.567911	No		No

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Paim eeva L.G.	1973 a	Distribution of Zostera com m unites in Peter the Great Bay	The data on distribution of three species of Zostera in Peter the Great Bay (Amur and Ussuriysk) are given. The largest areas occupied by thickets of Zostera, as well as with high concentrations of Zostera per unit area and the areas free of vegetation have been allocated. The features of the Zostera cover on the ground, thickness intensity and their distribution in depth are described.	paper (in Russian)	Искусства ТИИПО Ivestia TNRO	87	145-148	Zostera n arina Zostera asiatica Zostera japonica	Peschanaya bay Nava bay Nomonosk bay Sevemaya bay Bovarha bay	43.203773 42.99487 42.60942 42.93046 42.98912	131.728668 131.50645 130.8646 131.40003 131.74942	No No No No No	No No No No No
Paim eeva L.G.	1973 b	Characteristics and state of stocks of Zostera in the south eastern portion of Peter the Great Bay from the Boisan bay to Sauchaya bay	The paper presents the results of biological researches carried out in 1971-1973 in the south eastern portion of Peter the Great Bay, including data on distribution and ecology of Zostera, its areas and stocks in this region.	paper (in Russian)	Искусства ТИИПО Ivestia TNRO	92	153-157	Zostera n arina Zostera asiatica Zostera japonica	Ekspeditsiibay Novgomdskaya bay Kakvakh bay Imryibay ReiPallda bay Banzoznaya bay Bosvan bay	42.65813 42.64789 42.52339 42.66331 42.59439 42.54804 42.76438	130.73486 130.88576 130.84492 131.10657 130.78608 130.84377 131.26552	No No No No No No No	No No No No No No No
Paim eeva L.G.	1974 a	Some features of biology of Zostera in Peter the Great Bay	The paper presents the features of the growth of leaves and thrones of Zostera in the course of a year. Some features of its vegetative and sexual reproduction.	paper (in Russian)	Studies of fish biology and fisheries oceanography	5	35-45	Zostera n arina	Novgomdskaya bay	42.64789	130.88576	No	No
Paim eeva L.G.	1974 b	Epiphytes of Zostera (The Sea of Japan)	The article provides the data on plankton and algae on Zostera n arina and Zostera asiatica seasonally. A list of algae accreting on two species of Zostera, their occurrence and epiphytes belonging to a particular geographical group are given.	paper (in Russian)	Искусства ТИИПО Ivestia TNRO	98	193-201	Zostera n arina Zostera asiatica	Peter the Great Gulf Valentia bay Inokentaya bay	42.78242 42.11665 48.60468	131.67788 134.3151 140.17745	No No No	No No No
Paim eeva L.G.	1979	Distribution and stocks of Zostera in Primorye from Cape Povoryntz to Cape Bekin	For the first time, the article presents data on distribution and ecology of two species of Zostera (Zostera n arina, Z. asiatica) in northern Primorye from Cape Povoryntz to Cape Bekin (The Sea of Japan). The areas and stocks of Zostera, its fishing grounds have been defined.	paper (in Russian)	Studies of fish biology and fisheries oceanography	10	149-154	Zostera n arina Zostera asiatica	Oka Bay Rynda bay Khozov Rebrn bay Golub khnaya bay Temy bay	43.70586 43.02559 44.56663 44.90114 45.0361	135.23448 131.79605 136.19883 136.5287 136.63977	No No No No No	No No No No No
Paim eeva L.G.	1980	Dynamic of stocks of Zostera in Peter the Great Bay	The article describes the causes of fluctuations of Zostera stocks in Peter the Great Bay; hydrobiological in e of waters, massive development of generative shoots, increases in space and density of the plankton com unites.	paper (in Russian)	The Fisheries research of temperate waters of Pacific ocean	book	127-130	Zostera n arina	Novgomdskaya bay Ekspeditsiibay Kakvakh bay Imryibay Nava bay Sevemaya bay Peschanaya bay Novgomdskaya bay ReiPallda bay	42.64789 42.65813 42.52339 42.66331 42.99487 42.93046 43.203773 42.64789 42.59439	130.88576 130.73486 130.84492 131.10657 131.50645 131.40003 131.728668 130.88576 130.78608	No No No No No No No No No	No No No No No No No No No
Paim eeva L.G.	1981	The production of Zostera (Zostera n arina and Zostera asiatica) in Peter the Great Bay	In result of the studies of production of two species of Zostera from April to October in 1976-1978, it was found that its production depends on the hydrobiological features of a year and the plants habitats. The distinctive feature of increasing of the production from spring to summer with maximum values in May-July was traced. The productivity of Z. n arina reached its maximum values in cold years in shallow areas of shallow bays when the total biomass growth from April to October was 2943 g / m ² . Open coastal areas are characterized by the highest productivity in warm years: up to 2335 g / m ² for Zostera n arina and up to 4297 g / m ² for Zostera asiatica.	paper (in Russian)	Com mercial seaweeds and their utilization	book	68-73	Zostera n arina Zostera asiatica	Novgomdskaya bay ReiPallda bay	42.64789 42.59439	130.88576 130.78608	No No	No No
Vyskhvartsev D.L. Peshchodko V.M.	1982	Mapping of the dominant species of aquatic vegetation and analysis of their role in the ecosystem of the shallow inlets of Posiet Bay of the Sea of Japan	It was revealed that in the semi-enclosed inlets of Novgomdskaya and Expeditsiibay in the upper horizons (up to 7 m) of open sea ReiPallda Bay the dominant position by the area (68, 48 and 75%) and in total biomass 61, 63 and 41%, respectively) the sea grasses take, including Zostera n arina. The share of sea grasses accounts for 60, 36 and 13% respectively of the total recorded synthesis of organic matter by primary producers in the course of a year. The organic matter synthesized by sea grasses gradually reaches through detrital pool from dead leaves and becomes an important factor of supporting a high trophic level in semi-enclosed inlets of Posiet Bay.	paper (in Russian)	Underwater hydrobiological studies	book	120-130	Zostera n arina Zostera japonica Phyllospadix watanisii	Novgomdskaya bay ReiPallda bay	42.64789 42.59439	130.88576 130.78608	No No	No No
Kafinov A.I. Lysenko V.N.	1988	Biology of the seagrass Zostera n arina	A brief literature review. Examined life cycle, distribution, morphology, ecological features, abundance, production characteristics and practical value of Zostera - the most important representative of seagrasses in the Northern Hemisphere.	Paper (in Russian)	Biota and com munities of the Far-Eastern seas lagoons and bays of Kamchatka and Sakhalin	93-113		Zostera n arina	Sea of Japan			No	No
Kharin enko V.I. Lysenko V.N.	1991	Productional processes and the role of microheterotrophs in Zostera com unites	The values of microheterotrophs in production and destruction of organic matter in the com munity of Zostera n arina in Vityezh Inlet of the Sea of Japan were estimated. A distinctive feature of the phytoplankton in the Zostera com munity is absence of summer peak of production. There are two peaks in density of the dispersed bacterioplankton (the spring one - in April and the summer one - in June and July) and one density peak (in June) of the bacterioplankton aggregated on suspended particles. In com parison with open areas in thickets, the com position of phytoplankton is changing and its annual production is reducing by a third. The bulk of the phytoplankton production is created in the autumn-winter period. Its annual production is 12.5 g C m ⁻² year ⁻¹ . The production of bacterioplankton is 2.64 g C m ⁻² year ⁻¹ , it reaches a maximum in September. The annual production of bacteria and yeast on Zostera leaves is 348 mg C g C ⁻¹ . Epiphytic microorganisms can consume one-third of the organic matter synthesized by Zostera.	Paper (in Russian)	Ecosystem research: coastal com munities of Peter the Great bay	6-16		Zostera n arina	Vityezh Bay	42.60064	131.1771	No	No
Kharin enko V.I. Lysenko V.N.	1991	Primary production and decomposition of organic matter by epiphytic organisms in Zostera ecosystem of the Sea of Japan	Based on the year-round research of the primary production and destruction, it was found that diatoms Coscinodiscus scutellum and red algae Porphyrillum kishikami are the permanent com ponents of the epiphytic com munity of Zostera n arina seagrass. In sum, they give more than 17% of the total annual production of Zostera and epiphytic algae. In January colonial diatom Navicula gmelini is of great importance (up to 40% of the total primary production). By abundance of epiphytic algae, Kom munita zosterae com munita, which production in February-March exceeds the production of Zostera. The production of microheterotrophic com munita (bacteria, yeast) makes 8.9% of the production of Zostera. Epiphytic com munita can consume up to 35.5% of Zostera production.	Paper (in Russian)	Ecosystem research: coastal com munities of Peter the Great bay	17-30		Zostera n arina	Vityezh Bay	42.60064	131.1771	No	No
Galyshcheva T.U.A.	2004	Subtidal acenbenthos com munities of Vostok Bay (The Sea of Japan) under conditions of anthropogenic impact	The studies were carried out in May, July and October-November of 2000-2002 in Vostok Bay of the Sea of Japan. The com munity of Zostera n arina com munita in the inner part of the bay and in Tkhaiya Zavod inlet. The plants biomass in this com munita makes 2150.0 g m ⁻² . The calculated biomass showed that the environmental state of Vostok Bay deteriorated. In the 1970's the value of the biomass was 2.3-2.7, then at present it reaches 3.3, which allows us to characterize the waters of Vostok Bay as of average level of anthropogenic pollution.	Paper (in Russian)	Russian Journal of Marine Biology	v. 30 № 6	423-431	Zostera n arina,	Tkhaya Zavod bay	42.89341	132.72823	No	No

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2008	Distribution of a map on spawning grounds of Pacific herring ニシン産卵産場マップが配布される	Wakkanai Fisheries Research Institute published a map on seagrass and seaweed distributions where Pacific herring, <i>Clupea pallasii</i> spawn around Cape Noshappu near Wakkanai, northern Hokkaido Island, Japan by analyzing aerial photography.	report	Current progress of research Marinets (試験研究)	627	NA	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Fujimi, Cape Noshappu, Hokkaido Island	45.43558 141.63778	No		No
1998	Searching spawning grounds of Pacific herring ニシンの産卵場所を探す	Researchers of Wakkanai Fisheries Research Institute found eggs of Pacific herring, <i>Clupea pallasii</i> on one seagrass species, <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> and one <i>Sargassum</i> species, <i>Sargassum confusum</i> O. Agardh 1824 around Rumei in northern Hokkaido Island, Japan in March 1998.	report	Current progress of research Marinets (試験研究)	347	NA	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Estuary of Rumeizawa River, Hokkaido Island	43.96056 141.64083	No		No
1987	Relation between shoot and seed distributions of eelgrass bed	Distribution of shoot and seed of eelgrass <i>Zostera marina</i> , were compared in an eelgrass bed in Okayama Prefecture, the Seto Inland Sea. The former was observed by SCUBA diving on June 4th, 1981 and the latter was surveyed by collecting mud samples with a grab-type bottom-sampler on August 17th, 1981. The distribution of shoot and seed were closely related with each other, the points of denser distribution of shoot showing denser distribution of seed. The results suggest that the distribution of seed is an important factor for existence of eelgrass bed. It will be possible to create eelgrass bed artificially by sowing eelgrass seeds at the place where surrounding conditions are suitable.	paper	Nippon Suisan Gakkaishi	53 (10)	1755-1758	<i>Zostera marina</i>	Ushimado, Okayama	34.608328 134.1357911	No		No
2005	Effects of light reduction by sediment deposition on leaves and sand movement on eelgrass distribution (<i>Zostera marina</i> L.) at Hiroshima Bay in the Seto Inland Sea, Japan. (In Japanese)	The objective of this study is to clarify the effect of light reduction by sediment deposition on leaves and sand movement on eelgrass distribution for obtaining fundamental knowledge on the formation of the eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina</i> L.) habitat. We investigated light regime and sediment deposition on leaves near the lower edge of an eelgrass bed, and monitored sand movement and transplanted eelgrass in an unvegetated site near the higher edge. The average light intensity through sediment deposition on eelgrass leaves was estimated to be approximately $3 \text{ E m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$. Sand movement at the unvegetated site ranged from -10 cm to 12 cm and was more unstable than that at a natural site. Scouring for two months reached up to 10 cm, and seedlings disappeared at the unvegetated site near the higher edge. However, the number of vegetative shoots in the unvegetated site steadily increased. These results suggest that vegetative shoots can survive within 10 cm washouts and the growth of eelgrass near the higher edge of an eelgrass bed is restricted to vegetative reproduction.	paper	Journal of Japan Society on Water Environment	28 (4)	257-261	<i>Zostera marina</i>	Iwakuni, Yamauchi Prefecture	34.1277352 132.2360866	No		No
1997	Technology development experiment for creating spawning grounds of Pacific herring ニシン産卵産場造成技術開発試験について	Central Fisheries Institute of Hokkaido conducted surveys on seagrass and seaweed distributions by 10 line from the shore to 100 m offshore and quadrat sampling at 200 stations along the lines around Atsuta Village northwest coast of Hokkaido Island, Japan. Three dominant plants were kelp, <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> and <i>Stephanocystis hakodatensis</i> in order of standing crop.	report	Hokkaido Fisheries Experimental Station Newsletter	38	13-16	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Ishikari	43.39583 141.42806	No		No
2001	Where do Pacific herring spawn? An example of Atsuta Village ニシンはどんな場所に産卵するのかー厚田村の場合ー	Marine plants that Pacific herring, <i>Clupea pallasii</i> spawned were investigated along the coast of Atsuta Village, northwest of Hokkaido Island in 1996 and 1997. They were <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> , <i>Stephanocystis hakodatensis</i> , <i>Sargassum confusum</i> and <i>Mazzaella japonica</i> . However, Pacific herring eggs were mostly attached on fronds of <i>P. iwatensis</i> .	report	Hokkaido Fisheries Experimental Station Newsletter	53	14-17	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Ishikari	43.36167 141.42583	No		No
2004	What is <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> that recently attracts attention as spawning substrate for Pacific herring 最近、ニシンの産卵基質として注目されている海草スガモとは？	Pacific herring, <i>Clupea pallasii</i> spawn their eggs on <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> leaves. It was verified that their spawning grounds around Atsuta Village, Zenbako of Otaru City in 2002 and Yoichi Town in 2004. <i>P. iwatensis</i> is very important for Pacific herring population near Hokkaido. Ecology of <i>P. iwatensis</i> was introduced.	report	Hokkaido Fisheries Experimental Station Newsletter	63	7-10	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Yoichi	43.24444 140.72417	No		No
2006	Present status on geographical distributions of <i>Zostera</i> species along the coast of northern Hokkaido Island 北海道北東部沿岸におけるアマモ類の分布の現状	The authors investigated seagrass distributions in an area of Soya Branch Office of Hokkaido Prefecture by observation with lowered underwater camera and diving in 2005 and 2006. They found 8 locations where seagrass species were distributed and sampled specimens. Species were <i>Zostera marina</i> , <i>Zostera japonica</i> , <i>Zostera caespitosa</i> , <i>Zostera asiatica</i> and <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> .	report	Hokkaido Fisheries Experimental Station Newsletter	73	11-15	<i>Zostera caespitosa</i> <i>Phyllospadix iwatensis</i> <i>Zostera marina</i> <i>Zostera asiatica</i> <i>Zostera japonica</i>	Fujimi Soyai (ryu-jin-riwa) Nishikama (Sakanoshita-kaisyukujou) Kutsugatahminato Funadomari Esanuka Hamatoribetsu Poronuma	45.42583 141.63556 45.49778 141.96722 45.37611 141.65056 45.20333 141.13778 45.44222 141.03528 45.24333 142.31167 45.19194 142.51694 45.28139 142.22889	No No No No No No No No		No

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2007	Surveys on distributions of Zostera species along the Pacific coast in southern Hokkaido. 道南太平洋海域のアマモ類分布調査	Muroran Branch of Hokodate Fisheries Institute surveyed seagrass distributions and their samples for "Research on development of seagrass bed creation techniques considering biodiversity" funded by Fisheries Agency of Japan from 2006 to 2008. The researcher found and sampled seagrass species at 13 locations from southern Hokkaido coast except that from east Buri to west Hidaka.	report	Hokkaido Fisheries Experimental Station Newslett	74	12-14	Phyllospadix iwetensis Zostera marina Zostera caespitosa Zostera asiatica	Hor-Cho	42.01361 143.14667	No		No								
								Usu	42.51861 140.28278	No		No								
								Fuyuni(Shiogamuroosobu-riwa)	42.13167 142.89667	No		No								
								Touyo(Touyo-Tonneru)	41.95472 143.20722	No		No								
								Erump-misaki(Shim-koh)	41.93861 143.2425	No		No								
								Usu(Usuwan-kuehi)	42.51611 140.77833	No		No								
								Minamiusu(Entomo-misaki)	42.48444 140.78778	No		No								
								Minamiusu	42.5 140.78983	No		No								
								Jarutori-misaki)	42.495278 140.77361	No		No								
								Charatsunai	42.30722 140.98167	No		No								
								Mitsuishikoshiumi	42.25861 142.52611	No		No								
								Kojouhamal(yoro-iseki)	42.45167 141.1975	No		No								
								Sunahara	42.125 140.64583	No		No								
								Usujiri(Benten-misaki)	41.93694 140.94944	No		No								
								Choushi	41.85278 141.15	No		No								
								Ooma	41.74667 141.07722	No		No								
								Fukuyama	41.4275 140.11056	No		No								
								Mohari-ryokoh	41.75778 140.60611	No		No								
								2002	List of marine plants from the coast of Ishikawa prefecture. (In Japanese)	The present paper deals with the flora of seaweeds and seagrasses on the coast of Ishikawa Prefecture. The fieldwork was carried out during the period from January 1997 to January 2000. The numbers of species collected was 197 including 23 species of Chlorophyceae, 58 species of Phaeophyceae, 111 species of Rhodophyceae and 5 species of marine flowering plants.	paper	Bulletin of Ishikawa Prefecture Fisheries Researc	3	1月11日	Zostera marina Zostera japonica Halophila ovalis Zostera caespitosa Phyllospadix japonicus	Kizori	41.69667 140.48389	No		No
																Memuro, Nanao City	37.0902976 137.0117971	No		No
Memuro, Nanao City	37.0902976 137.0117971	No		No																
Mitsuke, Suzu City	37.3983886 137.245904	No		No																
Mitsuke, Suzu City	37.3982746 137.245993	No		No																
Bentenizaki, Anamizu City	37.2139024 137.065146	No		No																
Hachigasaki, Notojima Island	37.1852618 137.0447451	No		No																
Hachigasaki, Notojima Island	37.1852618 137.0447451	No		No																
Katano, Kaga City	36.3250719 136.2763813	No		No																
Kurozaki, Kaga City	36.3390436 136.2886458	No		No																
Takayamachi, Suzu City	37.5309289 137.2608021	No		No																
Hukanimachi, Wajima City	37.4212373 136.9837239	No		No																
Koura, Notojima Island	37.2970613 137.1944392	No		No																
2001	Distribution of endangered aquatic macrophytes in Lakes Shinji and Nakaumi. (In Japanese)	This paper describes the results of observation on the distribution of endangered aquatic macrophytes in Lake Shinji and Nakaumi, southwestern Honshu, Japan. Distribution of six submerged (Potamogeton pectinatus L., P. panormitanus Siv., Ruppia maritima L., Zostera japonica Ashers et Grabn.) and one emergent macrophyte (Carex rugulosa Kikenthi) are shown and their characteristics features are also shown.	paper	Laguna	8	95-100	Zostera japonica									Lake Nakaumi	35.491171 133.2247188	yes	I will be decreased.	No
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4518626 133.128638	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Shinji	35.4676831 133.0527245	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Shinji	35.4676844 133.056116	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Ohashi River	35.4671046 133.0630715	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Ohashi River	35.4675133 133.0616817	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Ohashi River	35.4625498 133.0878083	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Ohashi River	35.4624773 133.0893396	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Ohashi River	35.4518914 133.1038359	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4601213 133.1263138	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4522416 133.1464709	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4471725 133.1582065	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4362344 133.1758943	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4383788 133.1886021	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4489427 133.2110318	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.450291 133.259220	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.447806 133.2141488	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4861471 133.2296443	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.5123627 133.1870579	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4837698 133.1773216	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.528719 133.195946	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.5080219 133.1674444	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.486788 133.1593393	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4858125 133.1473506	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.4996698 133.1362841	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.5115388 133.1318924	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.5351542 133.1038921	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Nakaumi	35.5362668 133.1002402	yes	I will be decreased.	No								
								Lake Shinji	35.4715115 133.0215102	yes	I will be decreased.	No								

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Sakuno, Y., Soeha, L., Kuni, H.	2009	Estimation of Zostera bed coverage using Balloon with video camera. (In Japanese)	Estimation of Zostera bed coverage using balloon with digital video camera in Lake Nakami, Shimane Prefecture, Japan was tried. The simultaneous field survey was done in Tono water region and in the southeast shore of Moriyama Dike on May 30, 2008. As a result, it was confirmed that the Zostera bed coverage of 200 ~ 250 m scale was distributed in these areas by using the video data. Moreover, the method of classifying the marine forests from RGB data of the video images was shown by applying "Bottom Index (BI)" method. Finally, it was shown that the BI method was effective for the Zostera bed coverage extraction in the lake.	paper	Proceedings of hydraulic engineering	53	1357-1362	Zostera marina	Lake Nakami	35.532439, 133.203161	No		No
									Lake Nakami	35.5174526, 133.1854858	No		No
									Lake Nakami	35.5307051, 133.2007770	No		No
Nabata, S., Abe, E., Kakuchi, M.	1992	On the "Isopyke" condition in Taisei-cho, southwestern Hokkaido	The authors studied quantitative distributions of animals and plants in barren area off Taisei-cho located in southwest Hokkaido Island and observed formation process of seaweed beds after deployment of substrates from 1985 to 1986.	report	Scientific report of Hokkaido Fisheries Experiment		38	1-14	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Taisei(Nagato)	42.143056, 139.91472	No	No
Agetsuma, Y.	1997	Ecological studies on the Population dynamics of the sea urchin Strongylocentrotus nudus.	Ecological studies on the population dynamics of the sea urchin Strongylocentrotus nudus have been carried out at 13 survey sites off the coast of southern Hokkaido from 1980 to 1995. The reproductive cycle, occurrence of echinopluteus larvae, recruitment of the 0 year-old juveniles, process of somatic and gonadal growth attributable to algal feeding, and the environmental factors leading to annual fluctuations in the number of juvenile recruits and the subsequent commercial catch have been detailed from data collected over this period. In order to form algae communities on coralline flats where only crustose coralline algae occur (termed "Isopyke" in Japanese), the succession of marine algae after the removal of sea urchins was studied. Furthermore, in order to establish the enhanced culture of S. nudus on coralline flats where previously there was no commercial catch, field experiments on gonadal increment have been carried out.	report	Scientific report of Hokkaido Fisheries Experiment	51	1-66	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Mitsuwa-Gemza	42.01917, 140.10028	No	No	
									Esan-Hura	41.72083, 141.09811	No	No	
									Narugami	42.13, 139.95205	No	No	
									Yoshioka	41.44528, 140.23604	No	No	
									Kerimal	42.22278, 142.62528	No	No	
									Fukushima Isabe	41.51472, 140.37111	No	No	
Hoshikawa, H., Tajima, K., Kawa, T.	2002	Effect of vegetation and topography on the spawning bed selection of herring, Clupea pallasii	Pacific herring (Clupea pallasii) spawn in Atsuta, on the west coast of Hokkaido, northern Japan, was surveyed by divers in 1998 and 1999. Some grooves existed on the flat rocky shore developed at Minedomari, Atsuta. Spawning beds of herring were located near the grooves year by year. Herring used seagrass, Phyllospadix iwatensis, as spawning substratum. Maximum egg density was 101,375 per small quadrat (0.25 m x 0.25 m) in 1998. Seagrass biomass affected egg density. Seagrass biomass, leaf density and number of eggs per seagrass biomass unit were significantly higher within grooves outside of them. These surveys showed that egg distribution is dependent on the seagrass density and the groove existence on the rocky shore available for use as a passage to enter the shallower area at Minedomari, Atsuta.	report	Scientific report of Hokkaido Fisheries Experiment	62	105-111	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Minedomari	43.33556, 141.4225	No	No	
											No	No	
Hoshikawa, H., Tajima, K., Kawa, T.	2002	Water temperature and salinity in the spawning bed of herring (Clupea pallasii), and estimating of spawning period based on the water temperature	Water temperature and salinity in herring spawning beds on the rocky shore were surveyed at Minedomari, Atsuta, Hokkaido during the 2000 spawning season. Water temperature was 4° C during mid-March spawning and 7-8° C at the mid-April hatch. Average temperature was 5.2° C in the spawning bed and 4.7° C at deeper bottom off Minedomari. Cumulative temperature from spawn to hatch was 136.5° C in the spawning bed. This value was almost equal to the 136° C obtained in the laboratory where eggs were kept under 8.5° C. Spawning period in field could be estimated based on cumulative temperature for respective developmental stages and water temperatures. Salinity changed very widely from 7 psu to over 30 psu after the end of March due to melting snow. Spawning on the shallow rocky shore at Atsuta adapted to reduce the incubation period through higher temperature and obtain good conditions for development and hatch out through adequate salinity.	report	Scientific report of Hokkaido Fisheries Experiment	62	113-118	Phyllospadix iwatensis	Minedomari	43.33556, 141.4225	No	No	
											No	No	
Akaike, S., Tada, M., Takiya, A.	2002	Natural spawning beds of herring in the Rumoi distinct along the coast of northwestern Hokkaido from 1998 to 2001	Natural spawning beds of herring (Clupea pallasii) were investigated along the Rumoi coast, Hokkaido, Japan from 1998 to 2001. Seven spawning beds were found at seaweed beds shallower than 2 m deep from 1998 to 2001. Milky-white turbidity of the sea surface due to herring spawning was observed in three times (Rumoi in 1998, 2001 and Onshibiki in 2001). Estimated total number of eggs ranged from 84.5x10 ⁶ to 263.1 x10 ⁶ . Average egg density ranged from 10834 to 571000/m ² , and maximum egg density ranged from 176 x10 ³ to 2.5 x10 ⁷ /m ² . Species of seaweeds attached with the large number of eggs were Phyllospadix iwatensis, Sargassum confusum and Coccophora langsdorffii. Daily average of water temperature during spawning periods ranged from 2.8 to 4.7° C. Spawning bed salinity in these periods was diluted and fluctuated due to melting snow. On spawning days, it was calm with the character of low wave height, low wave velocity, easterly winds, and cloudy sky. Spawning herring schools were believed to approach spawning beds from offshore through sea-floor trenches.	report	Scientific report of Hokkaido Fisheries Experiment	62	91-103	Phyllospadix iwatensis	rumoi	43.91472, 141.61583	No	No	

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Author names	Year	Title of publication	Abstract (If English abstract is not available, please copy and past Korean version)	Type of publication/paper	Name of journal	Volume	Pages	Seagrass species	Name of location	Coordinates (latitude and longitude)	Threats of seagrass	Describe details of those threats if	Are GIS polygon
Kaneta, T., Sakurai, I.	2006	Growth and maturation of the perennial brown alga <i>Sargassum confusum</i> adhered on concrete plates	In order to develop a technique for algal bed formation, the growth and maturation of the perennial brown alga <i>Sargassum confusum</i> that adhered to concrete plates were examined. The concrete plates were placed at the ground level in the area with <i>S. confusum</i> vegetation at Minedomari, Atsuta. In July 2000, the plates were then relocated at a depth of 1 m and 3 m in December 2000, at 5 m in January 2001 in the same area, and at 1 m in January 2003 in the southern part of the area where Pacific herring spawn. The length of <i>S. confusum</i> on the plates was measured. The mean length of <i>S. confusum</i> on the plates set under severe wave conditions (depth: 3 m) was lesser than that under calm wave conditions (depth: 1 m and 5 m). The mean length of <i>S. confusum</i> on the plates was lesser than that observed in natural vegetation around the plates at the southern area. The maturation of <i>S. confusum</i> was observed on the plates at the age of three years. These results suggest that algal bed formation should be carried out for three successive years.	report	Scientific report of Hokkaido Fisheries Experiment	70	113-117	<i>Phyllospadix iwatanensis</i>	Minedomari	43.24778, 141.42083	No		No
Ueda, S., Chikuchi, Y. and Kondo, S.	2006	Horizontal distribution and natural resource of seagrass in brackish Lake Obuchi, Aomori Prefecture, Japan. (In Japanese)	The horizontal distribution and quantity of natural resources of seagrass (<i>Zostera marina</i> and <i>Zostera japonica</i>) in brackish Lake Obuchi, located in the center of the Shimokita Peninsula in Aomori Prefecture, were observed by image analysis of an aerial photograph and aqualing diving from June 2004 to April 2005. Distributed water depth of <i>Zostera marina</i> and <i>Zostera japonica</i> were approximately 1 ~ 1.5 m and < 0.5 m, respectively. Total area of seagrass in the lake was approximately 0.08 km ² , which the corresponding area to 2% of the surface area of the lake. Maximum and minimum values of total quantity of natural resources (a leaf and root parts) of seagrass in the lake were showed approximately 72 t (June) and 22 t (April), respectively. The total quantity of natural resources of seagrass in this work was approximately similar to that of approximately 30 ~ 40 years ago.	paper	Japanese Journal of Limnology	67	113-121	<i>Zostera marina</i>	Lake Obuchi	40.958005, 141.35672	Yes	spigitation and herb	No
Yoshimura, K., Kaji, M. and Maeda, T.	2007	Surveys on <i>Zostera</i> species along the Pacific coast in southern Hokkaido Island 道南太平洋海域のアマモ類分布調査	Muroran Branch of Hokkaido Fisheries Institute surveyed seagrass distributions and their samples for "Research on development of seagrass bed creation techniques considering biodiversity" funded by Fisheries Agency of Japan from 2003 to 2008. The researcher found and sampled seagrass species at 13 locations from southern Hokkaido coast except that from east Buri to west Hokida.	report	Hokkaido Fisheries Experimental Station Newsletter	74	12-14	<i>Phyllospadix iwatanensis</i>	NA	41.9510709, 143.2917357	No		No
Takayama, Y., Ueno, S., Katsui, H.	2003	HIS model on eel grass beds based on their distributions in Ena Bay 江奈湾の葉床分布データに基づいたアマモのHISモデル	The authors developed a Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) model that quantify habitat environments of <i>Zostera marina</i> . Using radiation on the sea bottom.	paper	Proceedings of Coastal Engineering, JSCE 海岸工学	50	1136-1140	<i>Zostera marina</i> <i>Zostera japonica</i>	Ena Bay	42.2909867, 140.9711308	No		No
Department of Environment and	2006	Outline of environment improvement experimental project in 2005 with useful microorganisms平成17年度 有用微生物による環境改善実験事業(美濃湾浄化調査)の概要	Department of Environment and Forests, Mie Prefecture surveyed seagrass and seaweed beds in Katada and Shinmei areas in Ago Bay, Mie Prefecture from 2003 to 2005 with marine environments.	report	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Zostera marina</i> <i>Zostera japonica</i>	NA	42.4447281, 141.232101	No		No
Yamaki, K., Shirao, Y., Tanaka, M.	2006	Understanding the actual conditions of all grass bed expansion and an experiment to form a new eel grass bed by transplantation アマモ床拡大の実証観察と移植試験による新規群落形成の試み	In order to clarify a mechanism to form a new community of <i>Zostera marina</i> , the authors continued field observation to monitor a <i>Z. marina</i> bed newly formed during three years and also simulated seed supply by a numerical model. The field observations revealed that dynamics of <i>Z. marina</i> community was influenced by a water temperature and a light environment. The numerical simulation showed that seeds were settled on the sand bed under offshore wave with a wave height of 1.5 m and a period of 5 s and seeds were buried in the sand under a wave height of 2.0 m and a period of 7 s. A transplantation experiment of at a site where seeds and seedlings couldn't settle showed that seedlings with a shoot length of 110 mm artificially sown could colonize and form a <i>Z. marina</i> community.	paper	Proceedings of Coastal Engineering, JSCE 海岸工学	53	1006-1010	<i>Zostera marina</i>	NA	42.4905479, 140.7770871	Yes	red in an area where	No
S. T. and Mikami, A., 小松 麗久・佐	2006	Distributions of seagrass beds and their ecological roles in the tidal flat ecosystem 干潟生態系における葉床の分布とその役割	The authors examined relations between seagrass beds and tidal flats distributed in different geomorphological areas: brackish lagoon (tidal flat in Saroma Lake in Hokkaido), the foreshore (tidal flat off Futatabi in Tokyo Bay) and the river mouth (tidal flat of Kushida River in Ise Bay) and discussed the importance of seagrass beds for tidal flats.	paper	Chikyo Kankyo 地球環境	11 (2)	207-213	<i>Zostera marina</i> <i>Zostera japonica</i> <i>Zostera asiatica</i>	Kushida River Estuary, Ise Bay Lake Saroma Lake Saroma Gage Futatabi, Tokyo Bay Gage Futatabi, Tokyo Bay	34.0061779, 136.5795721 44.1874203, 143.6772087 44.1114118, 143.7284708 35.3172898, 139.8037885	Yes	seagrasses grow at	No
K. Iwani, T. and Wada, Y., 西垣友利	2005	Relationship between Underwater Light Condition and Lower Depth Limit of <i>Zostera marina</i> in Coastal Area of Kyoto Prefecture 京都府沿岸における水中の光環境とアマモの分布水深の関係について	The authors measured light environments of PAR in <i>Zostera marina</i> beds off Matsugaki in Mizuru Bay and off Nagae in western Wakasa Bay at	report	refectural Marine Research Center 京都府立海洋	27	35-36	<i>Zostera marina</i>	off Naimatsugaki, Mizuru Bay off Nagae, Wakasa Bay	35.4676284, 136.2892168 35.6593170, 135.8254318	Yes	seagrass leaves lost	No
Akaike, S. and Goda, K., 赤池章一	2006	Present status of <i>Zostera</i> species along the coast of northern Hokkaido Island 北海道北部沿岸におけるアマモ類の分布の現状	The authors investigated seagrass distributions in an area of Soya Branch Office by observation with lowered underwater camera and diving in 2005 and 2006. They found 8 locations where seagrass species were distributed and sampled specimens. Species were <i>Zostera marina</i> , <i>Zostera japonica</i> , <i>Zostera caespitosa</i> , <i>Zostera asiatica</i> and <i>Phyllospadix iwatanensis</i> .	report	Hokkaido Fisheries Experimental Station Newsletter	73	11-15	<i>Zostera marina</i> <i>Phyllospadix iwatanensis</i> <i>Zostera japonica</i> <i>Zostera asiatica</i> <i>Zostera caespitosa</i>	NA	45.4380043, 141.0108507 45.3869383, 141.8296326 45.3809700, 141.6375042 45.4941393, 141.8784758 45.3434013, 142.1622263 45.1322764, 142.4073044 45.2448887, 142.2874242 46.4184796, 141.8103833 46.4364691, 141.0138923 45.3854551, 141.6228908	No		No

There are more information about literature being reviewed in Japan.

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Country	Name of area	Area (km ²)	Sensor name	Aquisition date	Data type	Resolution	Price per km ²	Price	Price in USD based on currency rate of Aug. 2017
China	Swan lake	16 km ²	Landsat MSS	1979/6/12	4 bands	80m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	aerial photography	1984	1 band	2m			
		16 km ²	Landsat MSS	1989/5/1	4 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²		1990/6/2	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Landsat TM	1995/12/9	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	aerial photography	1997	1 band	2m			
		16 km ²	Landsat TM	2001/9/21	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Landsat ETM+	2002/6/11	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Landsat ETM+	2004/8/12	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Landsat ETM+	2005/3/23	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Landsat ETM+	2005/10/17	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Worldview	2006/3/27	7 bands	2m	200 RMB	10000 yuan (RMB)	1450
		16 km ²	Landsat ETM+	2006/8/17	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Landsat ETM+	2007/1/24	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Landsat ETM+	2008/8/7	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
		16 km ²	Landsat ETM+	2009/4/3	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
16 km ²	Worldview-2	2012/10/23	4 bands	2m	200 RMB	10000 yuan (RMB)	1450		
16 km ²	Worldview-2	2016/3/27	4 bands	2m	200 RMB	10000 yuan (RMB)	1450		

Country	Name of area	Area (km ²)	Sensor name	Aquisition date	Data type	Resolution	Price per km ²	Price	Price in USD based on currency rate of Aug, 2017
Japan	Himi (Toyama Bay)	109 km ²	GeoEye-1	2014/11/22	4 bands	2m	3,000円	247,212円 (-30% discount)	2200
		500 km ²	RapidEye	2016/3/17	5 bands	5m	260円	133,380円 (-5% discount)	1200
		35 km ²	Worldview-3	2016/11/13	8 bands	1.6m	3,800円	143,640円	1300
	Nanao Bay	50 km ²	Landsat-8 OLI	2015/6/1	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat-8 OLI	2014/11/21	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat TM	1991/11/22	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat TM	1992/6/1	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat TM	1994/3/3	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat TM	1996/3/24	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat TM	1999/3/1	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat ETM+	2000/3/27	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat TM	2004/2/11	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat TM	2007/2/3	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
Landsat TM	2008/3/12	4bands	30m	Free	Free	Free			

Country	Name of area	Area (km ²)	Sensor name	Aquisition date	Data type	Resolution	Price per km ²	Price	Price in USD based on currency rate of Aug, 2017
Korea	Jangheung Bay	16 km ²	Landsat 5TM	1990/5/21	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	1991/12/2	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	1992/10/2	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	1993/1/5	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	1994/5/16	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	1995/12/27	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	1997/3/5	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	1999/3/11	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	2000/3/13	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	2001/4/1	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 7ETM+	2002/2/7	8 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 5TM	2003/12/3	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Spot-4	2004/2/27	5 bands	10 m	\$1.78	\$1,600	1600
			Landsat 7ETM+	2005/4/4	8 bands	30 m	Free	Free	Free
			Kompsat-2	2007/12/20	4 bands	4 m	\$8	\$800	800
			Aster	2011/3/27	3 bands	15 m	\$0.01	\$223	223
Kompsat-2	2012/1/7	4 bands	4 m	\$8	\$800	800			
Landsat 7ETM+	2013/9/17	8 bands	30 m	Free	Free	Free			

Country	Name of area	Area (km ²)	Sensor name	Aquisition date	Data type	Resolution	Price per km ²	Price	Price in USD based on currency rate of Aug, 2017
Russia	EASTERN SECTION OF THE FAR EASTERN MARINE RESERVE	60 km ²	Landsat 7 ETM+	2001/11/12	8 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat-5 TM	2009/10/9	7 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat 7 ETM+	2011/9/21	8 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat-8 OLI	2013/9/18	9 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
			Landsat-8 OLI	2014/11/8	9 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
	Southern section of the Far Eastern Marine Reserve	40 km ²	Landsat-8 OLI	2013/11/5	9 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
	Gulf of Pos'eta	100 km ²	Landsat-8 OLI	2013/11/5	9 bands	30m	Free	Free	Free
	EASTERN SECTION OF THE FAR EASTERN MARINE RESERVE	20 km ²	SPOT-5	2012/10/23	5 bands	10 m	\$20.00	\$400.00	800
			IKONOS-2	2013/10/15	5 bands	3.2	\$20.00	\$400.00	800
Total									12623

Country	Name of area	Device used	Date	Ship charterage	Ship charterge in USD based on rate of Aug, 2017
China	Swan Lake	Echosounder	2016/5/16, 2016/5/17	US \$ 1500 (\$ 750 per day)	1,500
Japan	Nanao Bay	Under water came	2015/6/1, 2015/6/2, 2015/6/16	60000 JPY (20000 JPY per day)	550
	Himi	Under water came	2015/7/1, 2015/7/15, 2015/7/16	120000 JPY (40000 JPY per day)	1,100
Korea	EASTERN SECTION OF THE FAR EASTERN MARINE RESERVE	Under water camera, echosounder and SCUBA transects	2015/07/21, 2015/07/22, 2015/07/23, 2015/09/18, 2015/09/19	US \$ 350 per day (1750 \$)	1,750
Russia	Jangheung Bay	Echosounder	2016/5/16, 2016/5/17	US \$ 1500 (\$ 750 per day)	1,500
Total					6,400

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