Introduction to current work and key achievements and challenges

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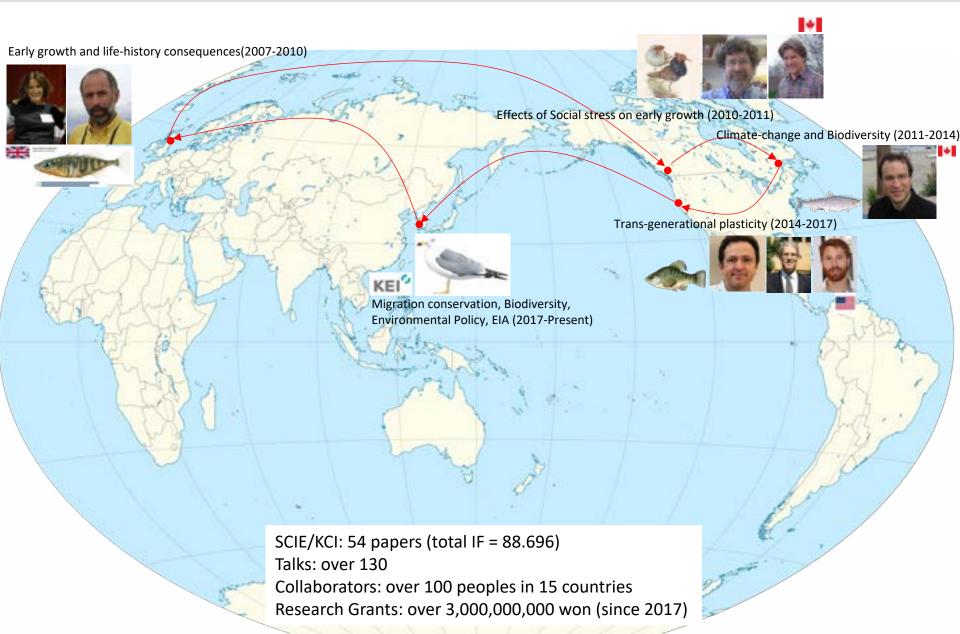


- Korea Environment Institute (KEI)
 - The KEI is a government-funded research institute under the Prime Minster's Office
 - KEI was initially established as the only research institute dedicated to environmental policy research in South Korea
 - In 1997, we became the KEI following the revision of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act, which led us to undertake Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) in addition to policy research
 - Our research areas cover a wide range of topics, including climate, water, air, land, biodiversity, marine ecosystems, governance, economy, energy, health, environmental planning, international cooperation, and EIA



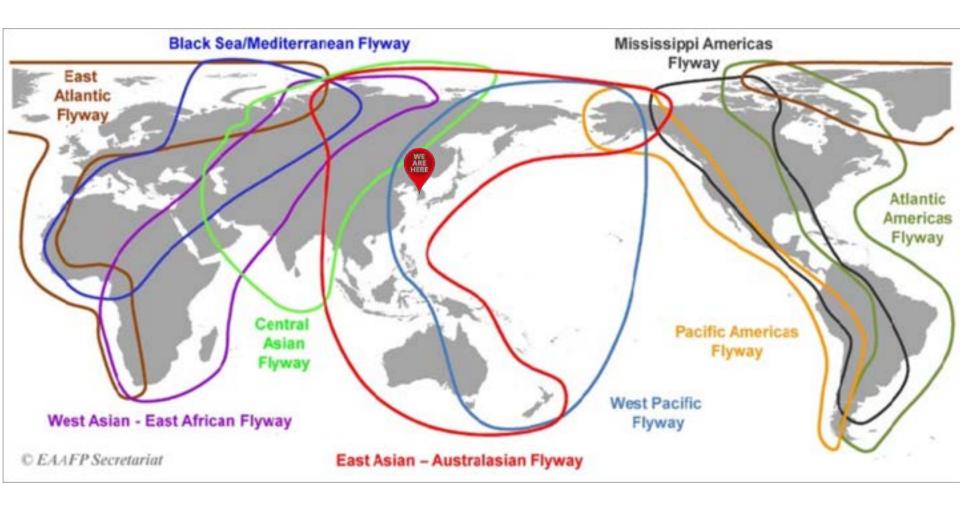
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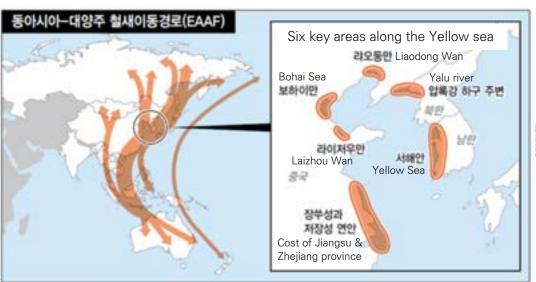


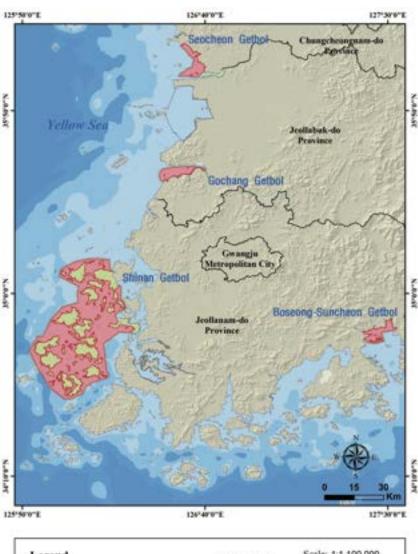


Value of the Korean Peninsula as a habitat for migratory birds



- Major habitats
 - Wintering sites for waterbirds, Raptors, etc.
 - Stopover site for shorebirds, etc.
 - Breeding site for Passerines, waterbirds, etc.
 - Birds with various life-history use the Korean
 Peninsula throughout the year
- Korea's mudflats (Getbol) as UNESCO World
 Heritage sites for endangered migratory birds







Urgency of promoting Offshore Wind Power for carbon neutrality



- \bigcirc Joint announcement by relative Ministries of Offshore Wind Power Plan (2020.7.16)
 - Establish information map for the wind power by integrating and analyzing wind condition,
 regulatory information, and fishing boat activity, etc.
 - Developing 'consideration zone' for Offshore Wind Power in ROK



Major wind power facilities in ROK

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 - Operating: 5 sites
 - Planning: over 80 sites





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Roadmap for long-term monitoring seabirds and waterbirds



- (Suggested) National offshore boat and/or aerial surveys in ROK
 - Extension of the Winter Waterbird Census and Ecological Survey on Specific Islands, etc.
 - But there are limitation of time, budget and experts, etc.
- (Working on) Monitoring Endangered species and dominants by using GPS trackers
 - Monitoring at least over 2 years (two breeding seasons and two non-breeding seasons)



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Far Estern Curlew / 1981 / Red List EN



Eurasian Curlew / Red List NT



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Bar-tailed Godwit / Red List NT



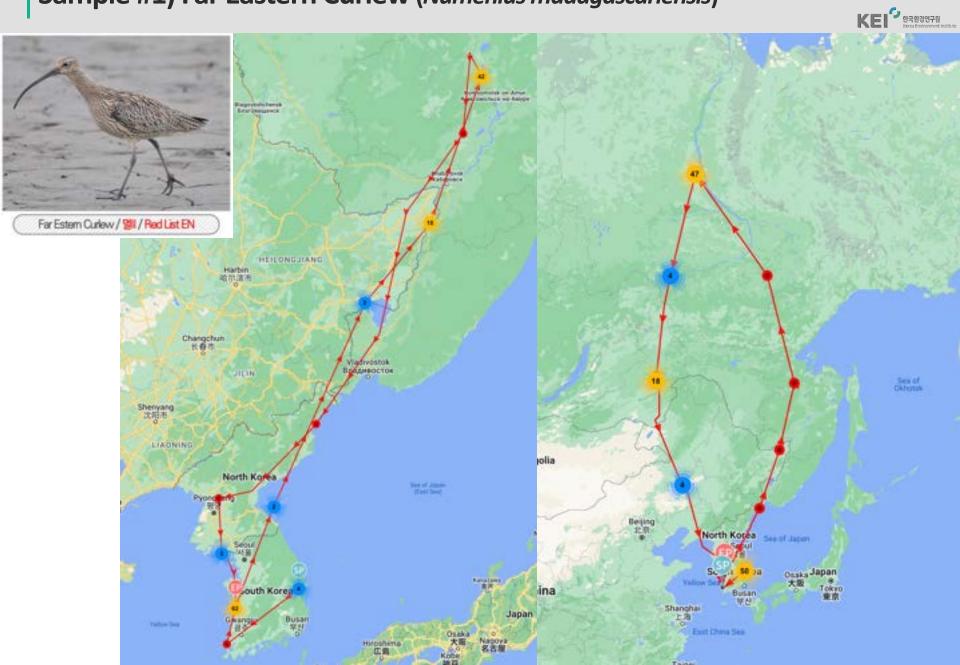
Peregrine Falcon / 21 / Red List LC



Black-tailed Gulls / Red List LC



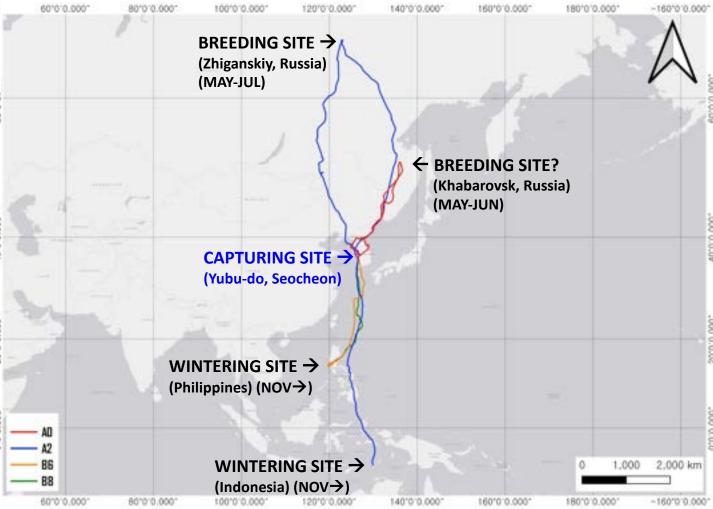
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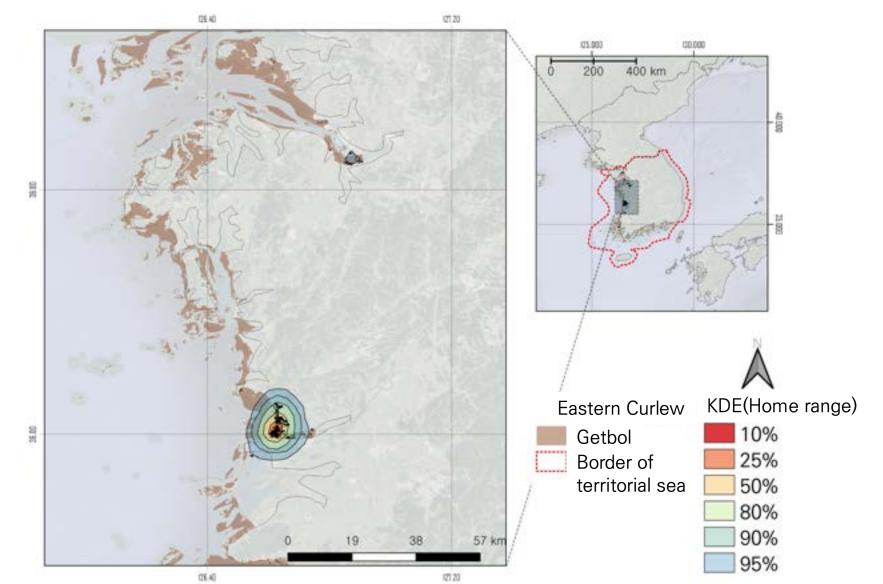






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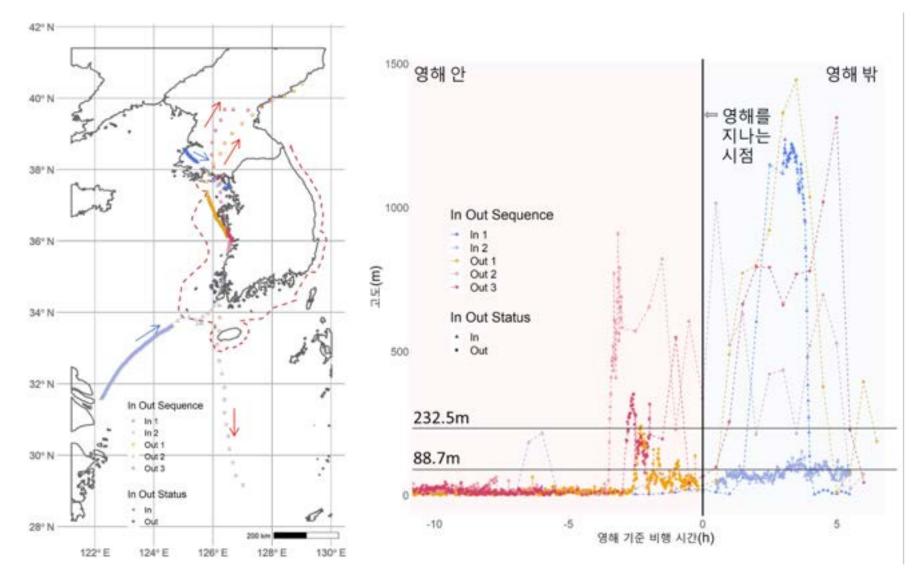
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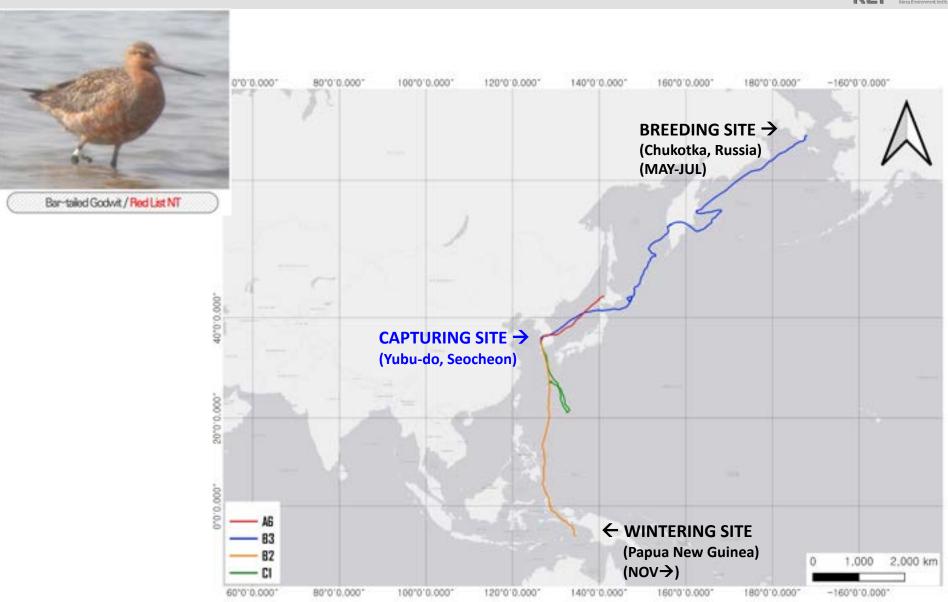


Altitude for migration



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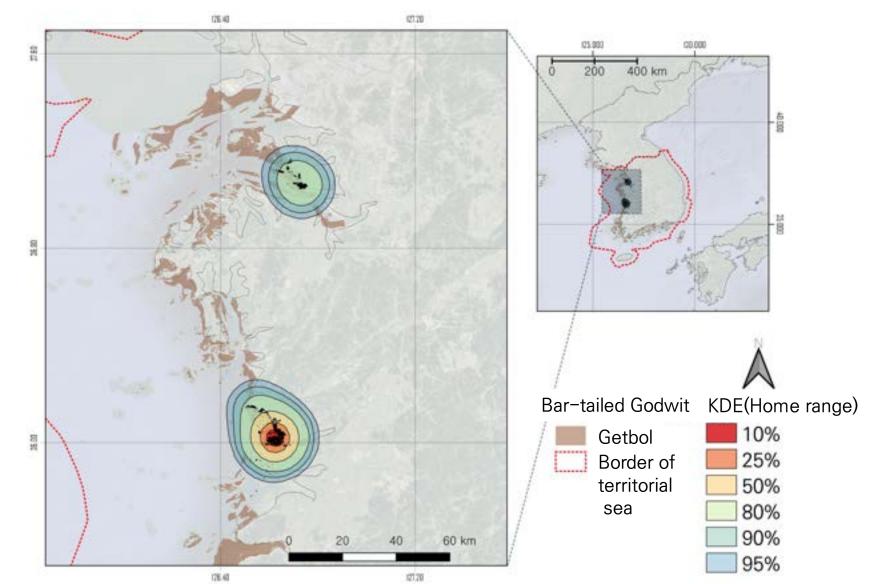




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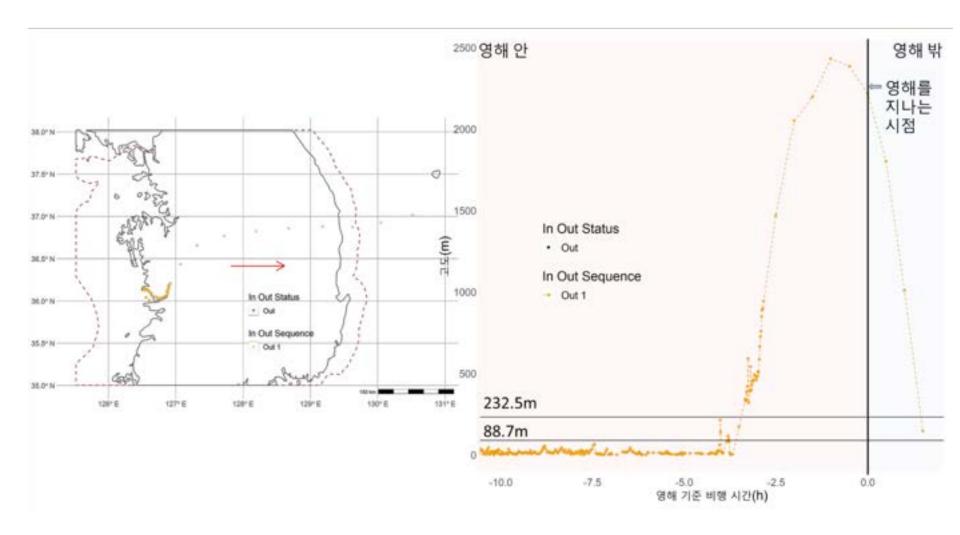
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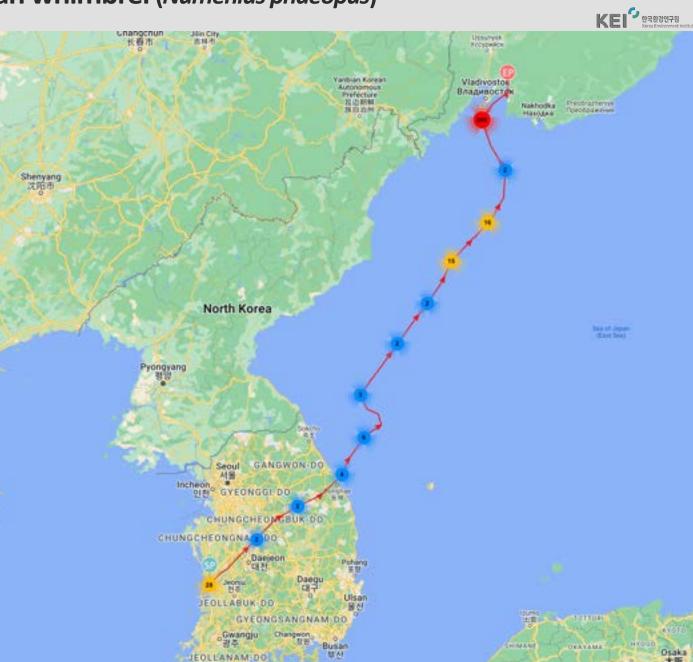
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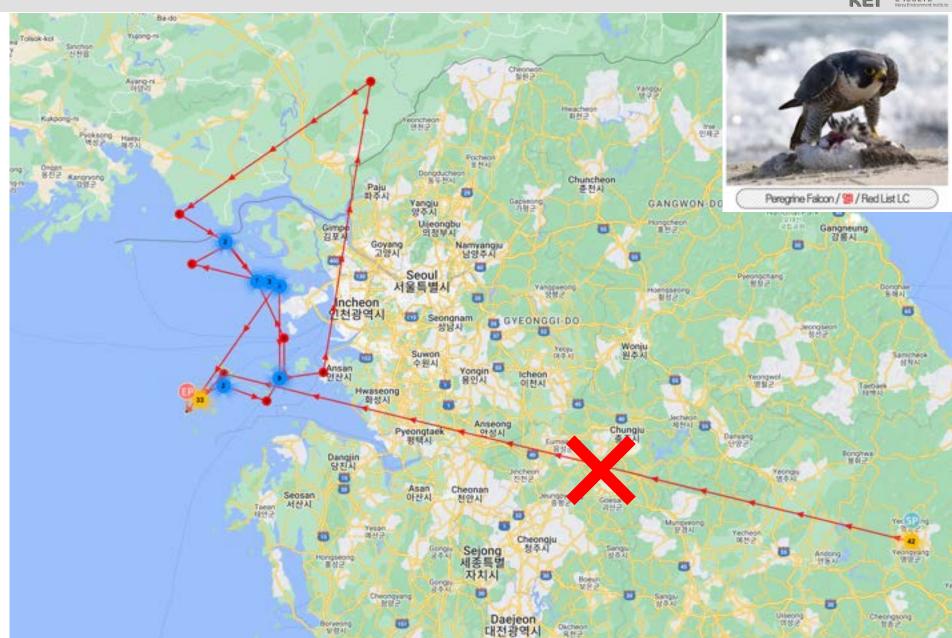


Eurasian whimbrel



Sample #4) Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus)

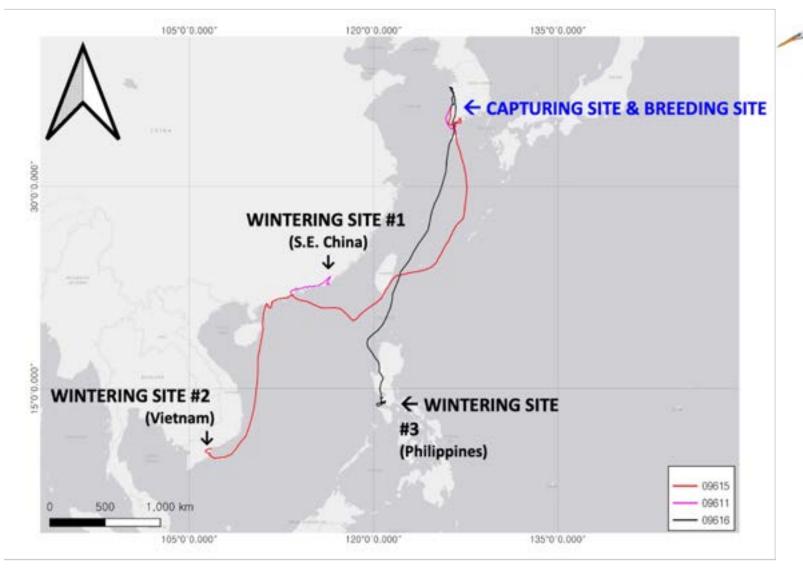




Sample #5) Chinese Egret (Egretta eulophotes)

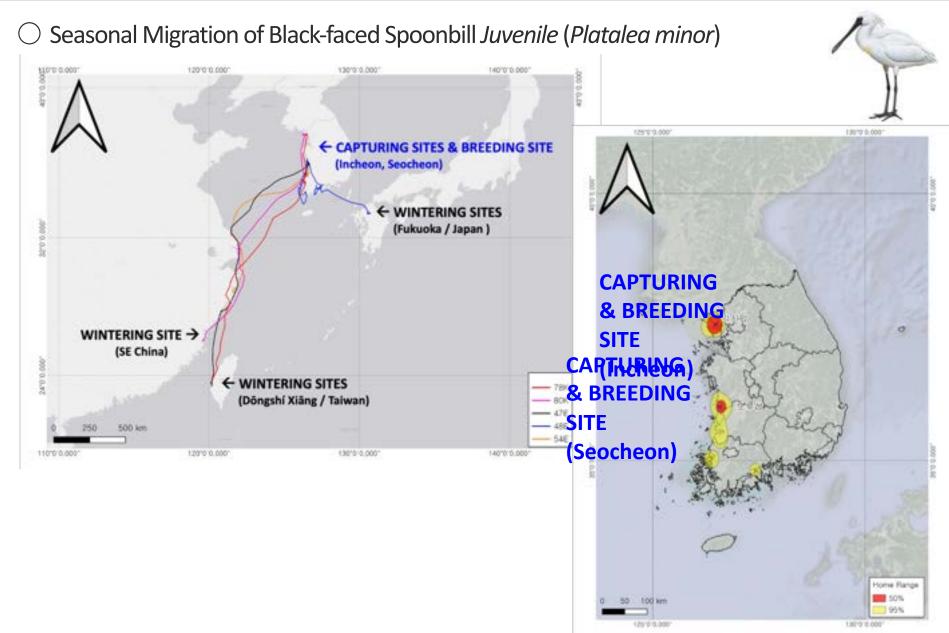


Seasonal Migration of Chinese Egret Juvenile (Egretta eulophotes)



Sample #6) Black-faced Spoonbill (Platalea minor)





Black-tailed Gulls (Larus crassirostris) since 2021

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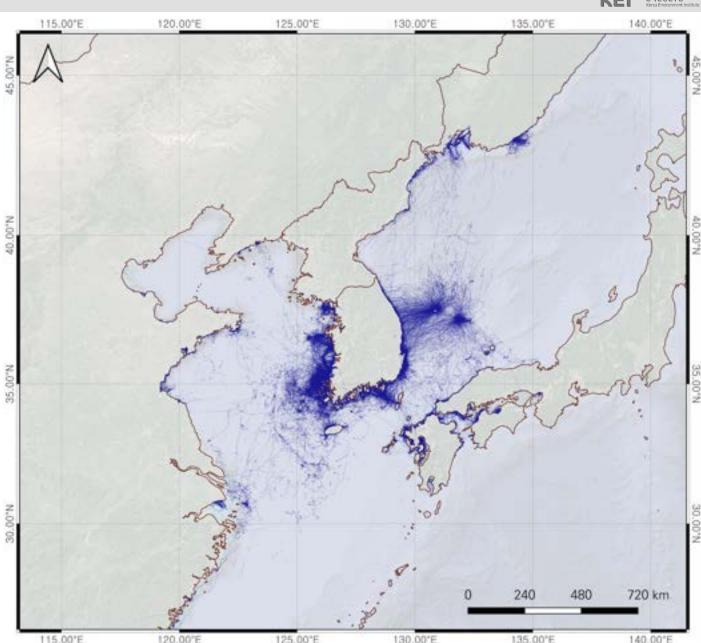
Study sites

- East: 3 sites

- South: 1 site

- West: 11 sites

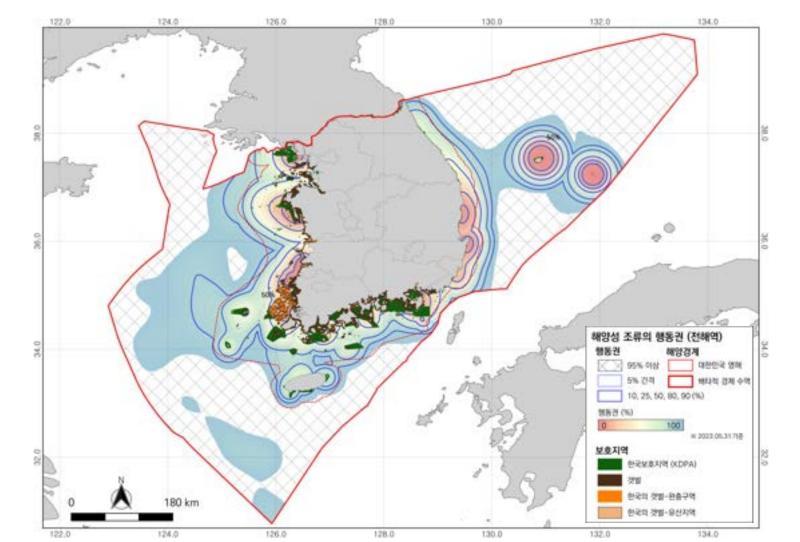
− ~ 300 individuals



Home range in Black-tailed Gulls



 Ministry of Environment and KEI derives important seabirds habitats based on longterm GPS-tracking study



Suggested conservation strategies



- 3-way measures to expand renewable energy and mitigate biodiversity impacts
 - (Conservation) Preservation of the original form of a space with excellent conservation value in terms of biodiversity
 - (Mitigation) Reduction measures to minimize the impact on ecosystems caused by the installation and operation of renewable energy
 - (Compensation) Compensation plan for the target biological image if efforts beyond reduction of inevitable conditions are required



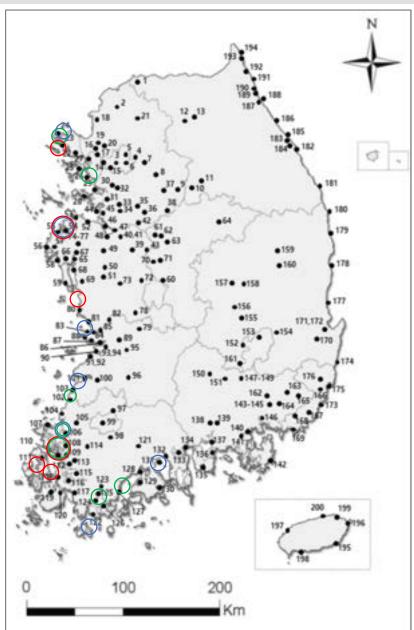




On-going working



- Mid-term plan for restoration of the Tidal Flat ecosystem
 - Three main types of restoration
 - (Tidal Flat regeneration type) Restoration of abandoned salt farms or fish farms disconnected from tidal flats by embankments and etc. Incheon Ganghwa choji-ri, Seosan Gopa Isalnd, Seocheon Yubu Island, Tae-an Nae-ri, Gochang Gojeon-ri, Muan Yuwol-ri, Wando Soan Island, Suncheon Guryeong-ri, Masan-ri, etc.
 - (Seawater flowing type A) Restoration of the area where a single tidal flat is cut off by an open road or bridge
 - ** Ongjin Si-Mo Island, Seosan Ongdo-ri, Boryeong Muchangpo, Shinan Suqi Island, Shinan Jonpo-ri, Shinan Maehwa Island and etc.
 - (Seawater flowing type B) Restoration of areas where seawater flowing in tidal flats is hindered by structures such as abandoned seawalls
 - ※ Incheon Ganghwa Seondu-ri, Gochang Jaryong-ri, Shinan Goyi Island, Muan Seongnae-ri, Gangjin Beoljeong-ri, Boseong Jeonyil-ri and etc.
 - Planned restoration areas are overlapped with major migratory bird habitats in ROK



Future challenges



- Major countries such as UK and US are laying the foundation for impact assessment system focused on breeding sites
 - It is being changed from the existing physical collision-centered influence to the impact on breeding population fluctuations caused by offshore wind power generation operations
 - (Evaluation Method) By predicting and evaluating population fluctuations before and after the project through Population Viability Analysis (P

the project through Population Viability Analysis (PVA), the appropriate size and location will be evaluated, and relevant data will be used for follow-up monitoring and compensation measures

Thanks for your attention

