

Introduction to GEO Blue Planet Asian Secretariat

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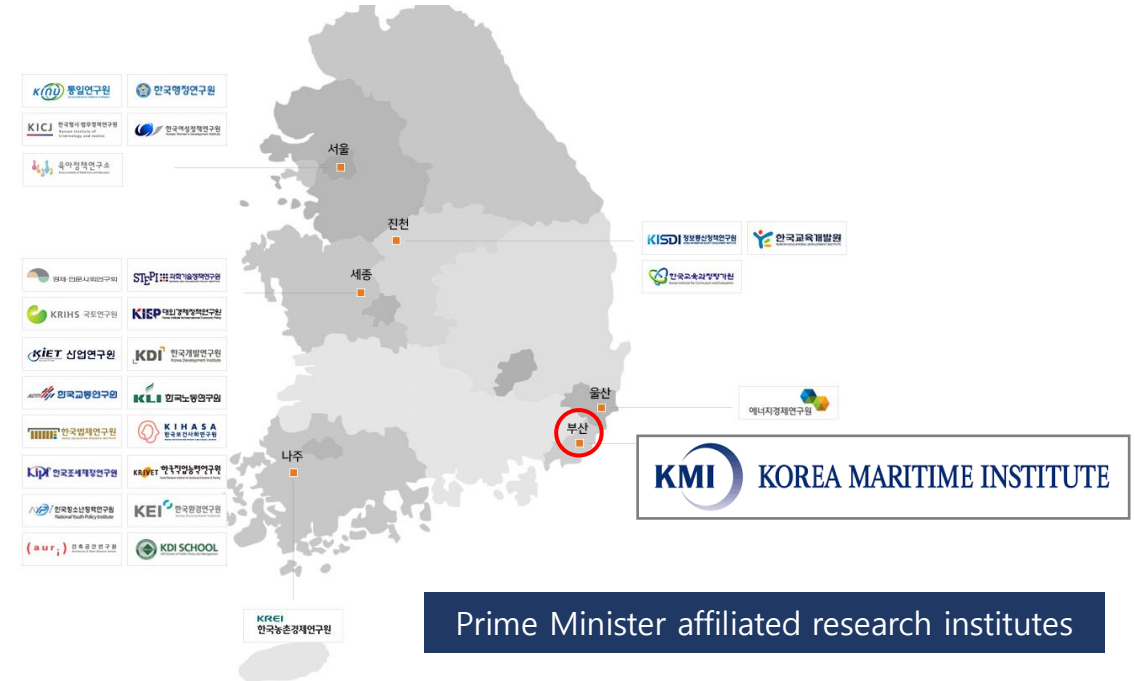
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Korea Maritime Institute as National Research Institute

- KMI is one of 26 government-funded research institutes affiliated the Prime Minister in Korea.
- It is to contribute to the formulation of national policies in maritime and fisheries affairs to boost the national economy.
- KMI aims to conduct innovative and preemptive research as a policy think-tank.

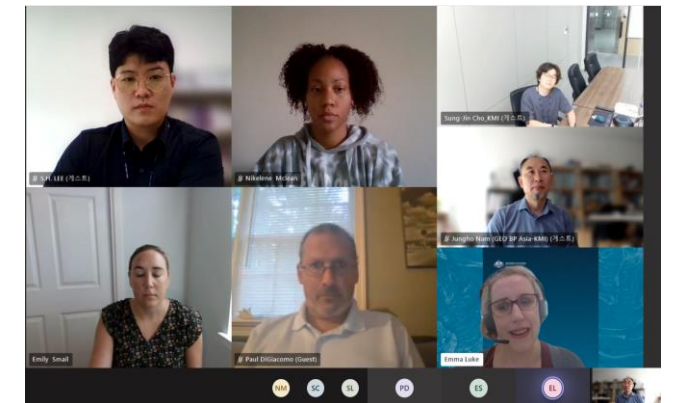


Overview of the Asian Secretariat

- **Background of the Secretariat establishment**
 - KMI's hosting of the GEO Blue Planet Asian Secretariat will contribute to addressing global marine issues, and strengthening the global marine management network.
- **History of the Secretariat establishment**
 - Communications to host Asian Secretariat: May, 2021
 - Confirmed to host Asian Secretariat: July, 2021
 - Opening of the Secretariat office
 - and Appointment of the director: May, 2022

Roles of The Asian Secretariat are to

- Raise awareness on data-based marine conservation and utilization policies
- Establish Cooperation System and Expert Network in Asia
- Support capacity building for linking data & information to polices



The Regional network of the Asian Secretariat (Draft)

- **Coastal countries**

Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Singapore, East Timor, Sri Lanka

- **International bodies**

UNESCO-IOC, UNEP, UNESCAP, PEMSEA, IUCN Asia, WESTPAC-IOC, COBSEA, RRC-EA etc.

- **Aim of the regional network**

Development and joint implementation of projects to enhance awareness and capacity for establishing data-based marine management in Asia



Plan of the Korea Symposium in 2023

- Date : June 2023 (for 3 days)
- Place: Jeju island in S. Korea
- Participants:
 - Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and related agencies
 - International organizations in Asia, including AOGEO
 - Domestic and international experts
- Goal (draft) :
Engineering data & information-based decision-making toward coastal and ocean SDGs



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