

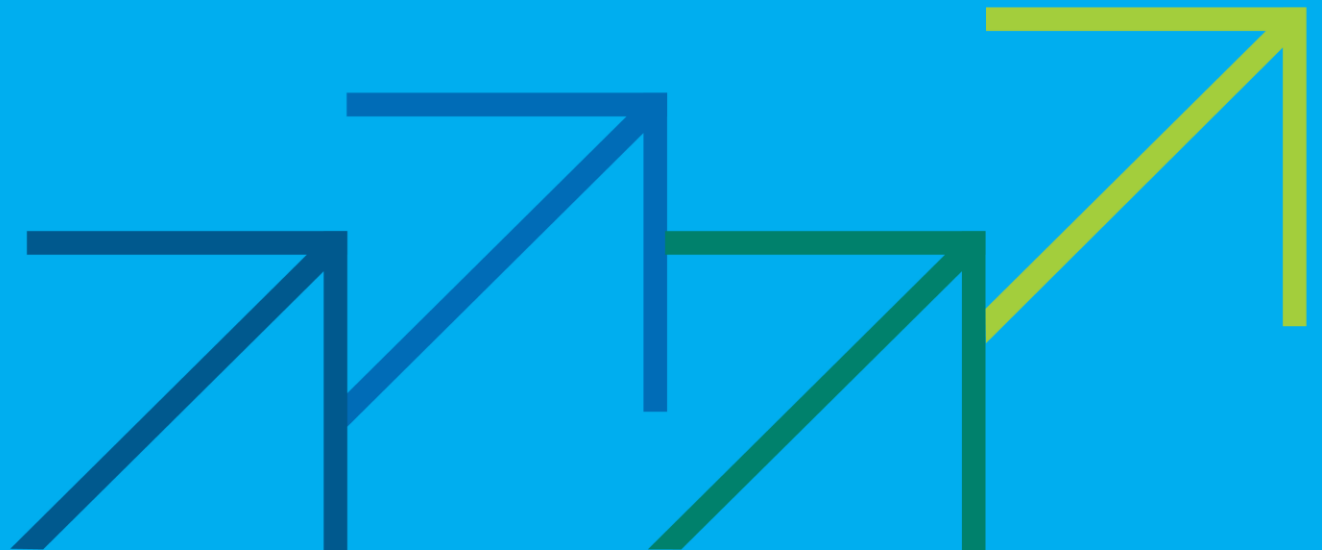


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Revitalizing Declining Fishing Communities in Korea: Government Strategies and FIPA Initiatives

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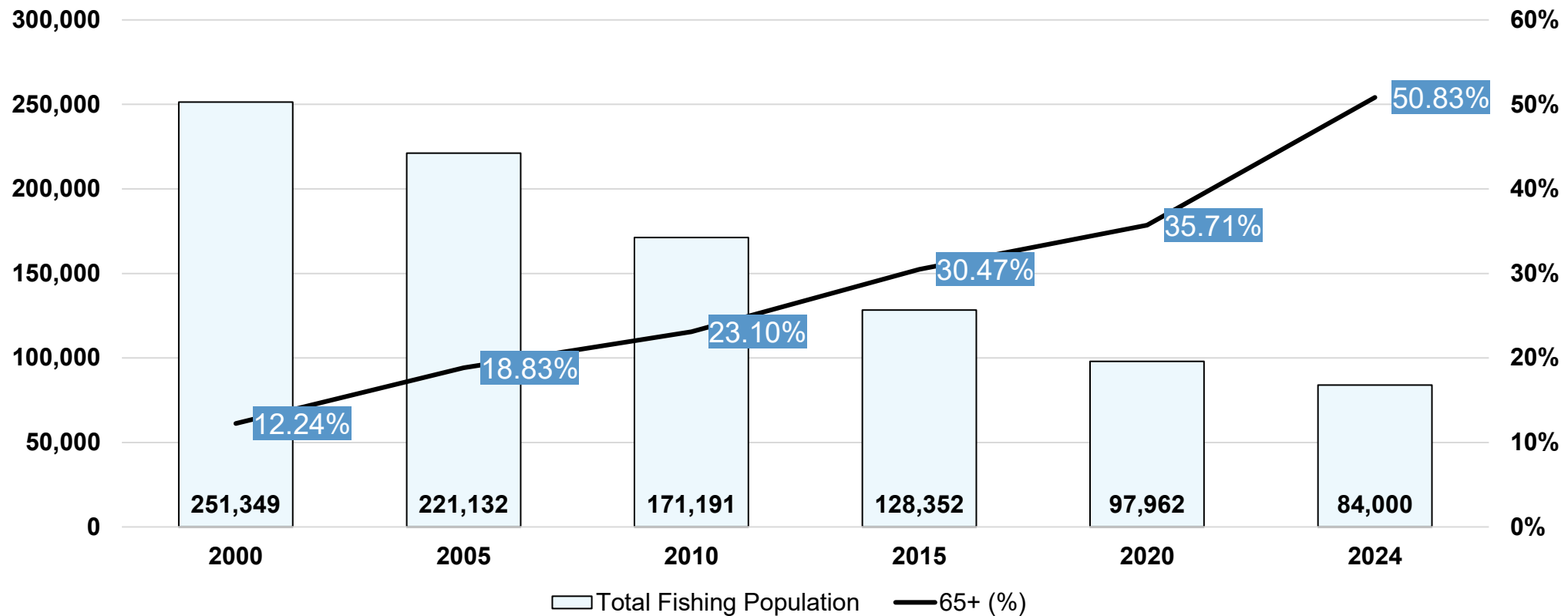
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Fishing Village, 2020s: Aging, abandoned, and forgotten

Why Revitalization?

Aging in Fishing Villages



Why Revitalization?

Challenges in Korean Fishing Villages

- Significant population decline and aging in fishing communities
- Economic difficulties affecting livelihoods
- Social cohesion under pressure

Government Response

- Targeted revitalization programs
- Infrastructure investment and community support
- Policies promoting sustainable fisheries and local employment

FIPA in Action



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- Established in June. 1987
- Public Institution(Supervising Authority: MOF)
- 245 Employees
- USD 460 million Budget

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Enhancing Fishing Village Competitiveness

- Promotion of fishing village tourism
- National important fisheries heritage
- Encouragement of returning to fishing villages
- Advancement of the fishing industry
- Education for public direct payment system in fisheries
- Development of human resources in seafood and fisheries
- Support for specialized development of fishing villages



Maintenance and Management of National Fishing Ports

- Safety inspection of fishing ports
- Maintenance and repair of fishing ports
- Operation of fishing port management vessels
- Establishment of management systems



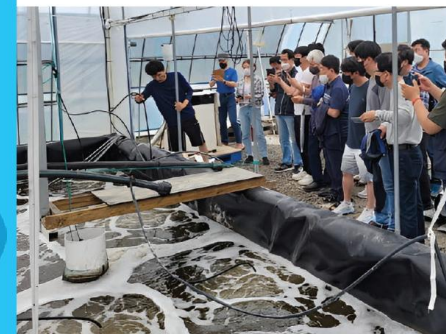
Fishing Ground Environment Improvement Projects

- Restoration of clean fishing grounds
- Improvement of coastal and offshore fishing grounds
- Statistics and surveys on fisheries by-products
- Surveys on aquaculture farms
- Eco-friendly and smart aquaculture



Integrated Development of Fishing Villages and Ports

- Fishing village and port regeneration projects
- Fishing village development



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1. Fishing Villages

1. Fishing village and port regeneration projects

Fishing Village New Deal

Of 300 Fishing Village New Deal Project affiliate sites, 130 sites have been consigned and are being implemented, and △common △specialized △regional competency reinforcement projects are being promoted in harmony

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Subtotal of Consigned Project Affiliates (sites)	34	55	25	16	130
Budget Size (100 million won, based on the total project cost)	3,375	4,944	2,109	1,238	11,666



① New Deal Project for Fishing Village at Jangpo Port, Namhae-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do
② New Deal Project for Fishing Village at Namseong Port, Haenam-gun, Jeollanam-do



③ New Deal Project for Fishing Village at Biyangdo Port, Jeju-si, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
④ New Deal Project for Fishing Village at Oido Port, Siheung-si, Gyeonggi-do

Improving Accessibility to Fishing Villages

Improving aging infrastructure such as fish farms, marinas, and ferry terminals

- Passenger ferry ridership increased by 38.5% on average
- Reduced travel time to Taeon Gado by 30 minutes

Improving Safety in Fishing Villages

Expansion of basic safety facilities such as breakwaters, wave breaker, offshore breakwater, etc

- Reducing the number of inland farming and fishing boats during typhoons
- Reduced typhoon damage restoration costs

Creating Economic Infrastructure for Fishing Villages

Creation of Hanjin Complex Center

- Creation of a seafood sales space (44 rooms)
- Secured additional parking spaces (46 spaces)

Strengthening the Competitiveness of Fishing Villages

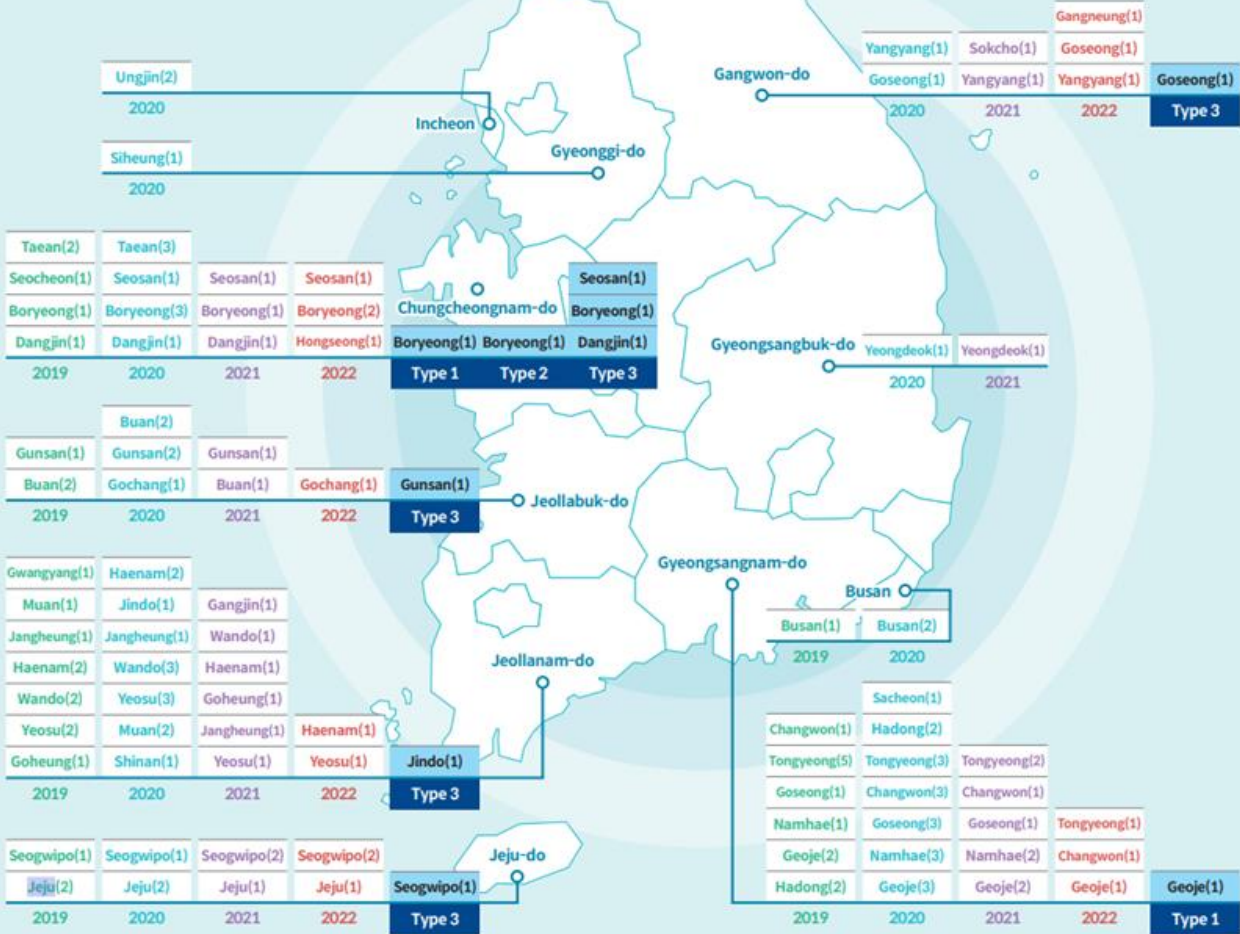
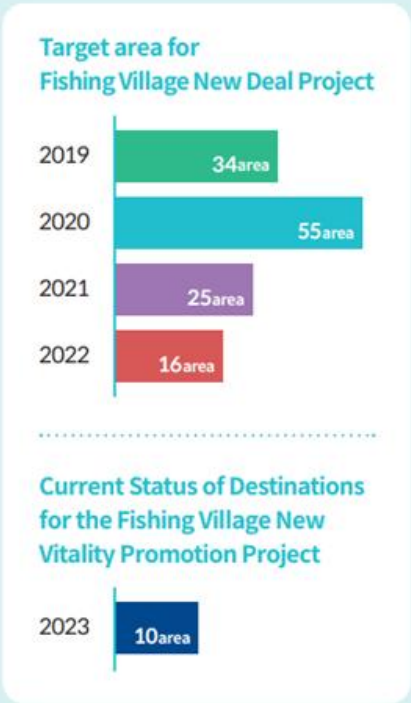
Creating representative landmarks that reflect local characteristics, such as theme parks, perimeter paths, and complex centers

- Won the Red Dot Award for 'Oido Red Lighthouse'
- Visitors increased by 3.6% after project completion

1. Fishing village and port regeneration projects

Fishing Village New Deal

Current Status of the Fishing Port Regeneration Project by the Korea Fisheries Infrastructure Public Agency



1. Fishing village and port regeneration projects

Fishing Village New Deal



Before



After

2. Boosting the Fishing Village Economy

Diversifying Content

Diversify the income of fishing villages by developing various content and identifying cooperative models tailored to tourism demand and consumption trends

- Revitalize fishing village workcations, develop business models based on private cooperative structures, and support crowdfunding initiatives for fishing Villages
- Operate fishing village tourism smart models that foster collaboration between youth and local communities, while expanding tourist engagement through stamp tours and leisure platforms



① Jeju Gimnyeong Village fishcation



② Village-Linked Bicycle Tour



③ Sea Village Stamp Tour

Improving Tourism Quality

Based on the evaluation of fishing village tourism projects, customized support is provided step-by-step according to operational capabilities, enhancing service levels with initiatives such as specialized accommodations

- The fishing village experience and recreation villages are categorized into entry, growth, and stability stages, with the customized support system enhanced through initial operation consulting and program diversification
- Standardize design and service by implementing an integrated accommodation brand, and improve operational capabilities and service quality through facility upgrades and customer management training



① Evaluation of Fishing Village Tourism Business Grades



② Specialized Accommodation Facilities



③ Fishing Village Advancement Competition

Discovery of Specialized Products

Develop specialized products that represent the uniqueness of each fishing village by converging and integrating its tangible and intangible resources, while enhancing management capabilities

- Promote commercialization through private capital, such as crowdfunding
- Aim to advance to the level of a fishing corporation by specializing and transforming Fishing association corporations into corporate entities



① Gyeongnam fishing village specialized support center - specialized product: Gyeonyu black sea bream soup meal kit

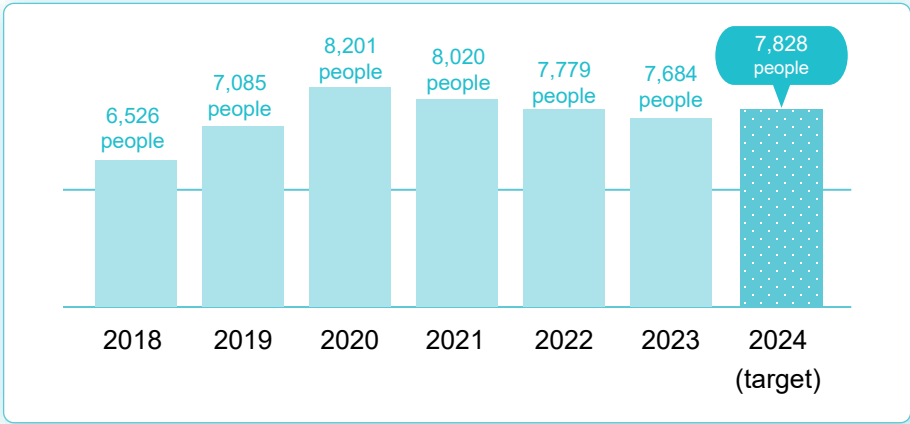


② Incheon fishing village specialized support center - specialized product: KKotsaeda broth pack set

3. Capacity Building Program

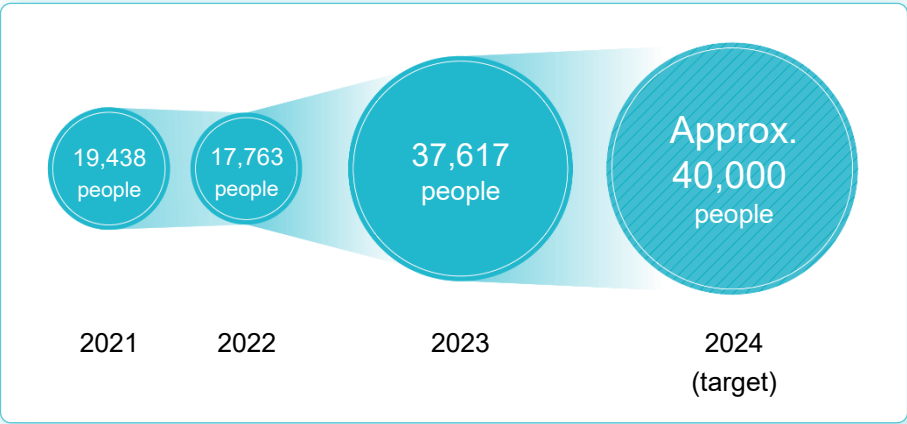
Specialized Training Program For Fishing

Statutory Compulsory Education for fishing operators and fishing vessel operators to ensure fishing safety and protect fishery resources (for regular, new, or returning operators)



Training Program for the Public Welfare Subsidy System for Fisheries

Educate approximately 40,000 individuals eligible for direct payments about the role of fishermen and important guidelines to enhance the public interest functions of fisheries and fishing villages



Fostering manpower in aquatic foods

Support for Professional Education and Establishment of Contract Departments to cultivate key talents who will lead the listing of the fishery food industry



- ① Fishing Professional Training
- Training on the Use of Life-Saving Equipment
- ② Fisheries Public Interest Direct Payment System Education
- Fisheries Education Portal
- ③ Human Resources Development Project in Fisheries Food Processing

4. Promoting Return to Fishing Villages

Information Provision and Public Relations

Provide customized, consumer-focused services by integrating the distributed information offered by various institutions

- Operation of the Comprehensive Information Platform for returning to the fishing villages (www.sealife.go.kr)
- Operation of the Returning to the Fishing Village Center YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/@귀어귀촌종합센터) to share insights about the initiative, success stories, and information about fishing villages

Major Event for Returning to Fishing Villages and Promoting Tourism in Fishing Villages

Provide comprehensive information on policies to supporting return to fishing villages, job opportunities, and settlement conditions, through collaboration with relevant organizations (including local governments) nationwide

Education and Consulting

Operate a comprehensive center to support the phased settlement of urban residents wishing to return to fishing villages

- Provide consultation and advice, including guidance on government support policies, specialized technology consultations by industry and item, and assistance in preparing start-up plans
- Offer various educational formats, including theoretical education at the general center, short-term practice at support centers, mid- to long-term practice at greeting schools, and online education
- Promote stable settlement through 1:1 on-site consulting support tailored to specific regions and fields, facilitated by fishing village settlement counselors

Strengthen Policy Support

Facilitate the expansion of returnees by enhancing policies through customized management at each stage of their journey (interest → preparation → settlement → return)



- ① Operation of the comprehensive center for returning to fishing villages
- ② Education Programs on returning to fishing villages
- ③ Practical training for returning to fishing villages (e.g., fishing techniques)
- ④ Major Event for returning to fishing villages and promoting tourism in fishing villages

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2. Fishing Port and Fishing Ground

1. Maintaining Safe Fishing Ports

Safety Inspection

Conduct regular, precise, and emergency safety inspections to detect defects occurring in national fishing port facilities early to prolong the life of the facilities and prevent safety accidents

- Safety inspection target: 115 national fishing ports 1,045 basic facilities
366 basic facilities in 74 ports of priority out of 290 regional fishing ports

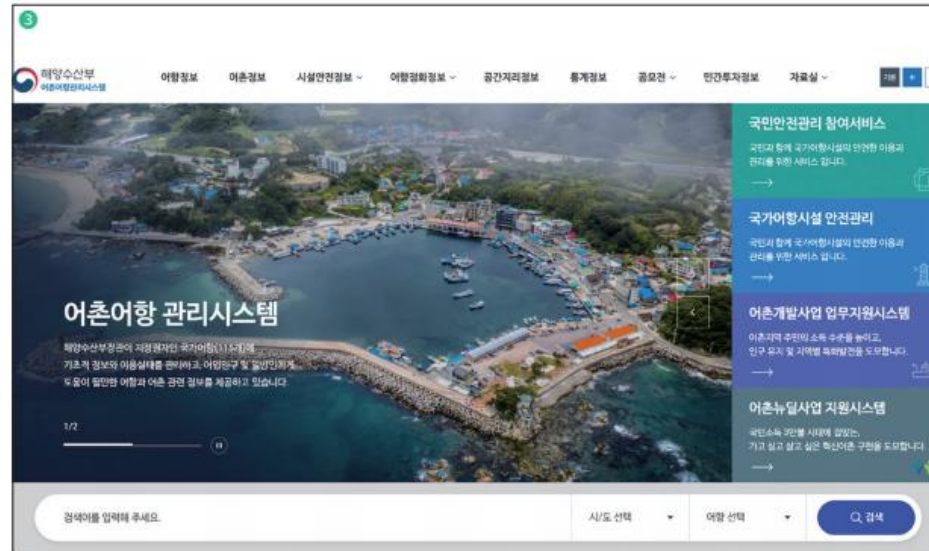
Maintenance

Execution of maintenance of the basic facilities at national fishing ports at all times and expanded installation of safety facilities

- Promotion of a digital fishing port management system pilot project for 3 national fishing ports in island areas for managing aged facilities*
* Hyeonpo Port, Ulleung-gun, Gyeongbuk/U-ido Port, Sinan-gun, Jeonnam/Neungyang Port, Tongyeong-si, Gyeongnam

Information Management

Open information on the operation and management of civil affairs using fishing villages and fishing ports, and support environmental and construction management through the Fishing Village and Fishing Port Management System



- ① Safety inspection of fish port facilities
- ② Maintenance of fish port facilities
- ③ Fishing port management system homepage

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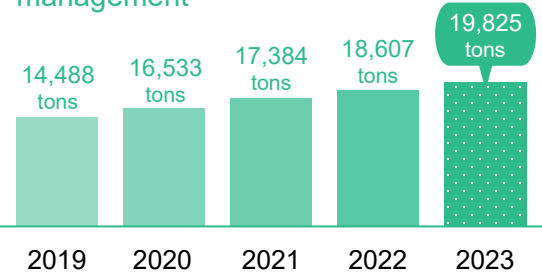
Navigation Safety

Ensure a safe environment in the harbor by removing floating and deposited waste, as well as navigation facilities, in the national (local) fishing port area through the operation of 12 fishing port management vessels



Fishing port management

* Excluding the amount of waste generated by households



- Collaboration with national/local governments and support of fishing port management ships in the event of disasters such as typhoon damages, red tides, jellyfish/sargassum horneri, taking place



2. Create a clean and pleasant fishing environment

Clean Fishing Grounds Regeneration

Develop a sustainable fishing environment by promoting improvements in the fishing grounds, such as the removal of contaminated sediment, for overcrowded fishing areas and surrounding waters



Improvement of low-quality environment in Geunsoman bay, Taeon-gun, Chungnam

Enhanced Productivity of Coastal Fishing Grounds

Collect lost/sank fishing gears from major inshore fishing grounds and promote education/promotion/ghost fishing industry preventive campaigns for fishermen and the public

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2024(target)
Amount of collected lost/sank waste fishing gears (tons)	2,650	3,721	4,238	3,819	4,020
Area of collected lost/sank waste fishing gears (ha)	151,134	175,215	242,533	267,374	244,095



- ① Publicity video for the Private Collaborative Waste Fishing Port Collection Project
- ② “Mudflat: Love and War” Webtoon (Winner of the 2023 Contest)

FIPA in Action

3. Aquaculture Industry

1. Promoting the Aquaculture Industry

Promotion of the recycling of marine by-products

Promotion of the system through the investigation of the actual situation and basic statistics, and support for the growth of the marine byproduct market and the establishment of a circulation system



- ① Briefing session on fishery by-products law
- ② Statistics and survey on fishery by-products



Status survey on aquaculture facilities

Conduct a survey on the use and management of fish farms to ensure their continuous and efficient utilization

*The goal is to expand the total survey to approximately 10,000 marine aquaculture cases nationwide



Survey on the Management of Fish Farms

Lease of Fish Farms

Recruit and select fish farms for customized capacity-building education support projects, offering 50% (up to 27.5 million won per year) of rental fees for existing fish farms and those secured by public institutions to young people, returnees, and others. The process includes estimating appropriate prices, recruiting and selecting business targets, and signing contracts



A Fish Farm Rental Project

2. Support for Eco-friendly and Smart Aquaculture Industry

Project management

Administrative/technical consulting, project monitoring and support for discovering for those subject to the smart aquaculture subsidiary projects (local governments, private sectors)

Start-Up Support

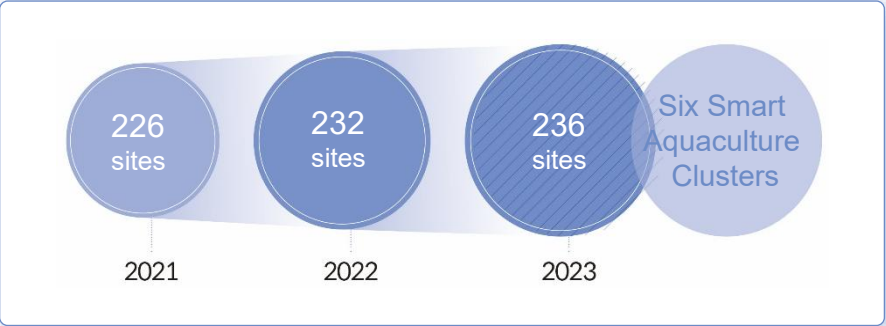
Provide one-stop education and customized consulting for individuals looking to start a fish farming business, from the initial start-up plan to business realization, including technology acquisition and start-up opportunities



- ① Eco-Friendly (Aquaponics) Smart Aquaculture Facilities (Jincheon)
- ② Marine Circulation Filter Food Eco-Friendly Aquaculture Facilities (Taeon)
- ③ Overview of the Project to Create a Smart Aquaculture Cluster for Salmon (Gangwon)

Facility/base creation

Implementation of consigned eco-friendly aquaculture projects for expanding the production base of eco-friendly/high value-added aquaculture breeds and for converting the aquaculture facilities into eco-friendly systems



- Implementation of the consignment of creating smart aquaculture clusters for salmons in Gangwon-do (2021-2024, 40 billion won)
 - Creation of the base for testbeds and background lands (production/processing/distribution/export/support for start-up, etc.)

Looking Ahead

- Shift focus from **infrastructure** to **people and communities**
- Empower **local voices** through **tailored, bottom-up approaches**
- Foster **digital innovation** and **youth participation**
- Strengthen cooperation with **MOF**, **FIPA**, and **global partners**
- Align with **SDGs** for long-term impact and **resilience**

Final Message



“Revitalizing fishing villages is not just a national goal—it is a shared responsibility for inclusive and sustainable growth.”



Together, we envision **resilient, vibrant, and future-ready coastal communities.**

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