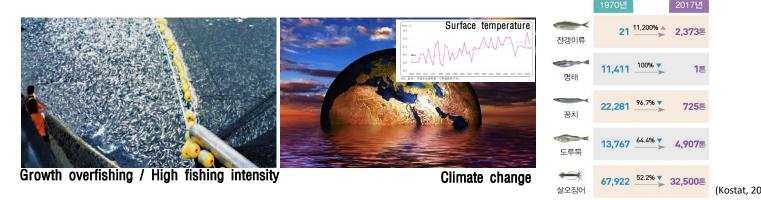
#### Major field of study

# Marine Animal Taxonomics for Smart Fishery Resource Management

# Due to overfishing and climate change, fishery production continues to decline



Paradigm shift in fisheries

Quantitative Growth of Fisheries

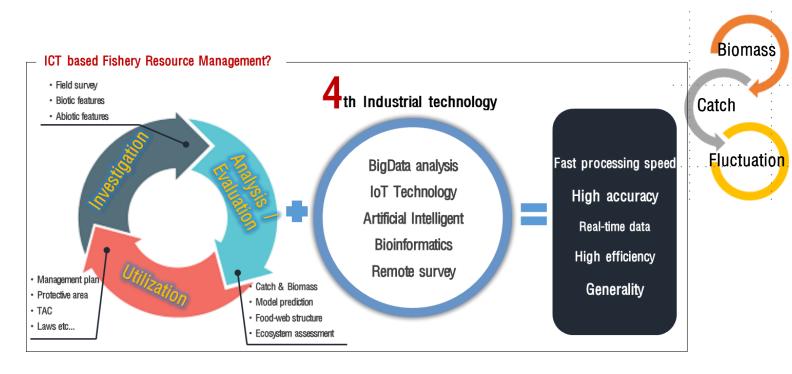
Management Considering Ecosystems

Prepare countermeasures after specific issues

Prediction and prevention

#### Background

#### What we need to know for Fishery Resource Management



# Background

#### Problems in traditional fishery resource management

#### **Biomass**



Problems for each part

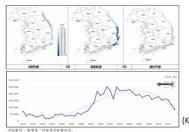
- · Time consuming 🕏
- High cost
- Need specialists
- Local / temporary survey

Catch



- Inaccurate data
- high labor force
- illegal fishing

Fluctuations & Prediction



(Kostat, 2018)

- No standardized data
- No Big Data
- Use only limited factors (temp. / Chl a / Catch etc..)

Previous problems: local scale, inaccurate and insufficient data

→ Large-scale, precise, and automated analysis

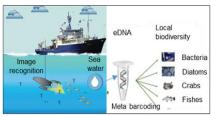
ICT is suitable for producing large and accurate data.

<sup>\*</sup> ICT = Information and communication technology

## Background

#### How does smart technology apply to the fisheries?

#### **Biomass**



Zooscan, LOPC, eDNA...

# Catch Observer Recognition Program (III) Program Data-based model prediction

#### Step1

- Species specific Image data
- Species specific DNA data
- Species specific ecological data (Distribution, food, development...)
- Comprehensive Data library

#### Step2

- Solve labor problems
- Produce accurate catch data (location, species, amount...)
- Real-time data transmission (5G)

#### Step3

- Broad, accurate and large data
- Meaningful pattern analysis (relation between factors without bias)
- Improvement in prediction accuracy

Basic process is important to produce large and accurate data

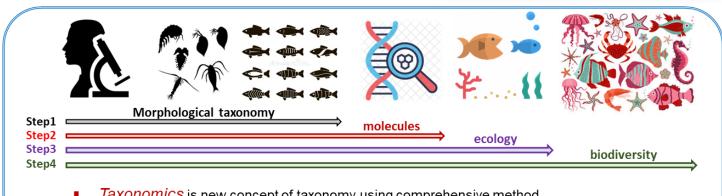
The fist step "Biomass" = directly related to "Marine animal **Taxonomics**"

#### Definition of Marine Animal Taxonomics

#### What is the Marine Animal Taxonomics?

: Next generation taxonomists for marine animals





- Taxonomics is new concept of taxonomy using comprehensive method
- Taxonomy + omics(various information of species, including molecules, ecology, and diversity)

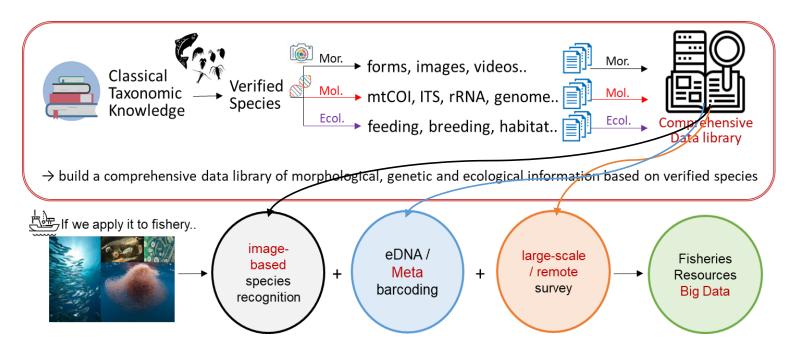
Past taxonomy = limited information for identification

Recently the diversity of biological data has become important

Toxonomics can play a key role in fishery management ( = various & accurate data)

#### Features of Marine Animal Taxonomics

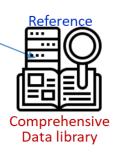
#### What can we do with Marine Animal Taxonomics?



→ These core technologies enable high capacity & efficiency, and fast speed analysis

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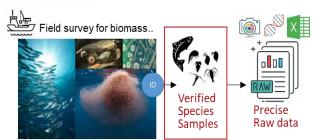


# Importance of morphological experts and verified species sample

#### Who's who? – species complex



Similar species are difficult to distinguish at species level



Without morphology, precise raw data could not exist

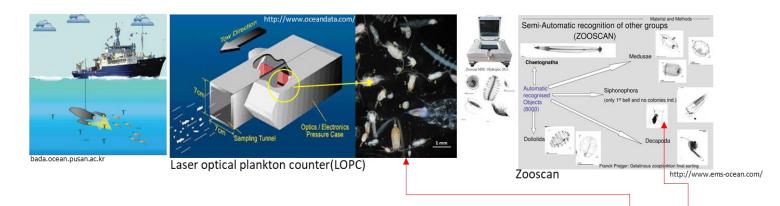
For precise raw data, we need morphologists (copepods, shrimps, fishes...)

Morphological verification = very essential, but time consuming

Reference DBs (morphology → molecules → ecology)

#### Recent issue in morphological methods? Image based species recognition

Large-scale image analysis (LOPC / Zooscan): effective for biomass estimation



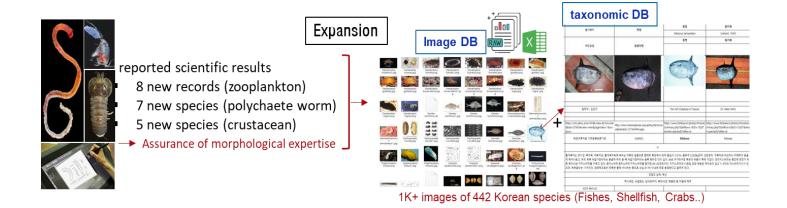
Accuracy of current image recognition systems = order level (80-95%)

+ optimized for European species (No Korean reference DB)

Species-level image DB → speed and accuracy will be improved



#### My expertise in building a reliable reference database



Reported 20 new marine species → expanding research subject

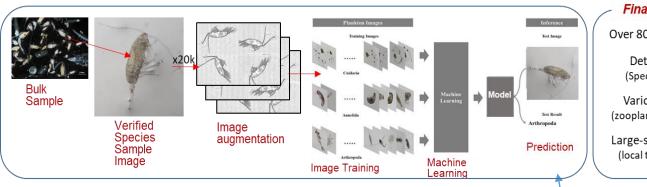
Collected 1.2 K images of Korean species → image DB

Identification key, images, and distribution patterns → taxonomic DB

→ Goal: Use Korean image DB to the automated counting system



#### Ongoing work: Deep learning based Image recognition



#### Final Goals

Over 80% accuracy

Detailed ID (Species-level)

Various taxon (zooplankton to fish)

Large-scale survey (local to national)

Early stage research: image analysis on major copepods in Korea

System recognizes a species based on machine learning process (CNN)

**Problems:** low accuracy (20-40%) & time consuming (10-20 hours)

- → Goals: 80% ↑ accuracy, species-level identification etc...
- → Extra results: automated ID, abundance, distribution, length...

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#### Molecular methods

#### **DNA barcoding**, "global bio-identification system"



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Johnius grypotus

Terapon theraps

Tarphops elegans

Sirembo imberbis

Pleuronichthys cornutus

Acropoma japonicum

Thunnus orientalis

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**DNA barcoding**: use of specific genes to identify species

Target: Mega fauna such as birds, mammals and fishes

Usage: Distribution and biodiversity research

[North Sea] Most crustaceans can be identified (97%)

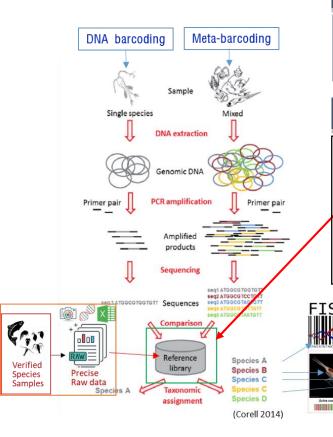
Limited DNA barcodes for Korean species

Available barcodes: only 4K in 36K species (11%)

Major fishery resource Barcodes: only 200 in public DB

\* Fundamental reason = lack of verified marine samples

#### Molecular methods



eDNA / meta-barcoding, high speed and accuracy

eDNA / Meta-barcoding analyze distribution (in large area)
applied to soil, seawater & mixed samples

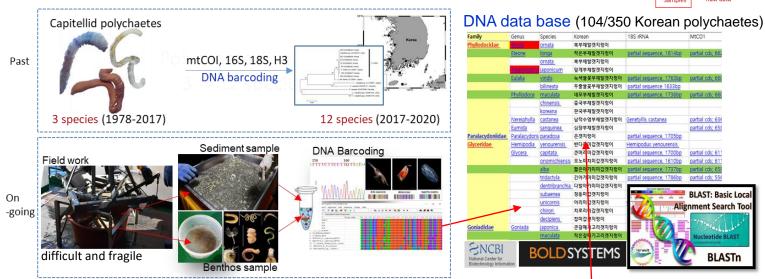
#### **Difficulties** in DNA barcoding

- Precise quantitative analysis (?)
- <u>Errors in DNA database</u> → misidentification
- → Identification & sequencing: performed at the same time for securing reliable database

#### Molecular methods

# Ongoing work: application to benthic ecosystem



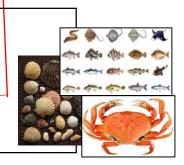


**Problem**: Damaged or lost sample through the washing process

Advantage: applied to damaged samples or sediments

Goal: Building a reference library about verified benthic sample-

Estimate distribution and diversity of benthic species



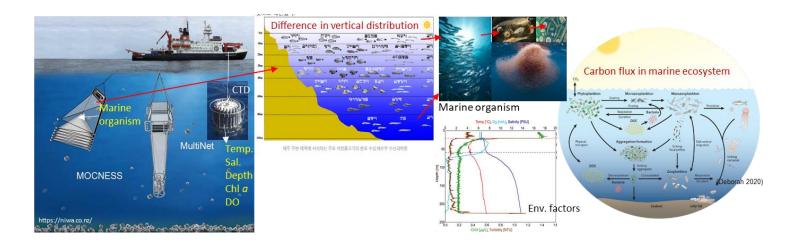
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### **Ecological methods**

#### Biomass estimation based on individual carbon content



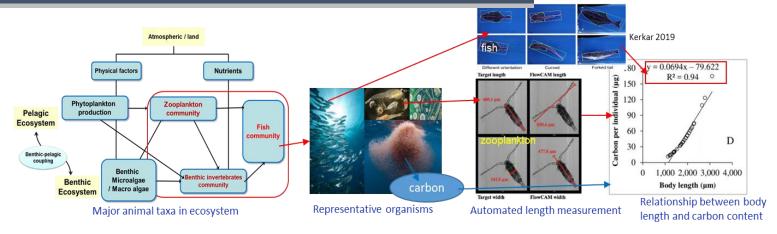
Mentioned image & DNA methods provide large data of abundance and distribution

Measurement of carbon content accurately estimates biomass

→ Abundance of a species X carbon content of a individual = carbon biomass of a species (fishes, shrimps, copepods...)

# **Ecological methods**

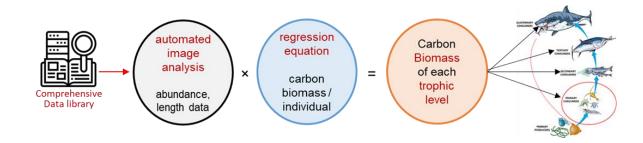
#### Carbon biomass of trophic levels in an ecosystem



Regression: estimated from individual length & individual carbon content

**Goal**: Securing regression equation for each major Korean taxon (by development, season...)

Automated image analysis  $\rightarrow$  large data on abundance and length  $\rightarrow$  determine carbon biomass

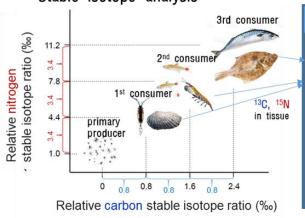


#### **Ecological methods**

#### Estimation of trophic relationship in an ecosystem



#### Stable isotope analysis



#### Biochemical reference database

Stable isotope ratio(13C, 15N) + Carbon contents

- Particle organic matter(POM) in sea water
- Phyto-pl.(nano/micro), benthic phyto-pl.
- 1st consumer(micro zoo-pl., bivalves..)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> consumer(macro zoo-pl., small fishes..)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> consumer(large fishes, top predator..)



Nitrogen and Carbon isotope: tracer of the trophic relationship in an ecosystem

 $\rightarrow$  In the upper trophic level, carbon (13C) = 1‰, nitrogen (15N) = 3-4‰ increased

Understand changes in food of major taxa (by season, development, and environment)

Biochemical DB for major taxa reveals feeding ecology of major fishes

→ Carbon contents : Biomass, C-N Stable isotope ratio : trophic relationship

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