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NATIONAL MARINE BIODIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF KOREA



Information Note for Participants

General Information

The Inception workshop of the Sustainable Seabed Knowledge Initiative is being convened by the International Seabed Authority (ISA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea (MOF), from 29 November – 1 December 2022.

Venue & Opening

The meeting will be held at:

National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea

75, Jangsan-ro 101beon-gil, Janghang-eup, Seocheon-gun,
Chungcheongnam-do, Republic of Korea

Tel: +82 41-950-0600

Web site: <https://www.mabik.re.kr/html/enhttp://matthieueosu.com/>

A map of the area is available in Annex A below.

The workshop will commence at 8:00 a.m. (Korea Standard Time; GMT+9) on Day I with Registration. On subsequent days, the workshop proceedings begin at 9:00 a.m. Please consult the agenda for details.

Working Language

The workshop will be conducted in English.

Meeting Documents

Documents and materials relevant to the workshop, including agendas and background documents, are and will continue to be made available on the following workshop webpage:

<https://www.isa.org.jm/event/inception-workshop-sustainable-seabed-knowledge-initiative>

Access to the online meeting platform

For Part II: Hybrid Public Session, the workshop will be accessible online via the Zoom platform and will only be open to those who have been officially invited by the ISA secretariat. Participants will receive a link to join the meeting, via email, and are encouraged to use your full name in English for ease of admission to the meeting.

Contact

Should you have any inquiries related to the workshop arrangements, documents, and meeting platform, please contact the following officers of the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority (ISA):

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Recording policy

The ISA secretariat will record Part II: Hybrid Public Session of the workshop through the online meeting platform (i.e. Zoom). By participating in this component of the workshop, participants are deemed giving their consent for the recording. The full recording will not be made public or otherwise circulated and will be used by ISA only to support the preparation of the workshop report. However, clips of the discussion will be extracted and assembled for a short video report, which may be published to showcase key highlights of the workshop activities. In case any participants do not want to appear in these video clips, they are expected to inform the secretariat before the start of the workshop.

Recording of the workshop proceeding by participants is strictly prohibited. No participant may electronically record or broadcast any portion of the workshop. Those who do not comply with the present recording policy may be asked to leave the workshop without prior notice.

Social Media

The ISA secretariat will post key highlights of the workshop discussions and outcomes on Twitter and Facebook, using the following hashtags:

- **#ISBAHQ**
- **#SDG14**
- **#UNOceanDecade @ISBAHQ**
- **#SSKI @ISBAHQ**
- **#OceanGovernance @ISBAHQ**

If you wish to share postings related to the workshop on social media, please make sure you include the hashtags above. While you are not permitted to take screenshots of the presentation contents without prior consent of the presenter, you may take screenshots during the discussions for posting on social media.

Health Requirements – COVID-19

At the time of writing of this document (3 November 2022), anyone can enter Korea regardless of their vaccination status. Pre-departure and after-entry COVID-19 tests are no longer required.

Travelers are still required to register their information into the Quarantine Information Pre-Entry System (Q-code) in advance of their flight to streamline the process upon arrival. Go to <https://cov19ent.kdca.go.kr/>, select “Input”, and complete the subsequent steps. After completion, a QR-Code will be issued, which you will then present to the quarantine officer upon arrival in Korea.

Visa Requirements

Participants requiring an entry visa to the Republic of Korea are strongly advised to contact the nearest Korean diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea at: <https://visa.go.kr/main/openMain.do>.

A list of relevant Korean diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the same web site at: https://visa.go.kr/openPage.do?MENU_ID=10106.

Please note that nationals of visa waiver countries or designated visa-free countries must obtain the Korean Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA) before entering the Republic of Korea. If that is your case, please proceed to apply for K-ETA here: <https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/index.do>. The K-ETA process may take up to 72 hours and the result will be sent to your email address. Please have the printed copy ready for your trip. If you have a valid visa to enter Korea, you do not need K-ETA.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will liaise with MABIK on the dissemination of visa support letters to be submitted with visa applications.

Disclaimer

The ISA Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Electricity Supply

In the Republic of Korea, the power plugs and sockets are of type C and F. The standard voltage is 220v and the standard frequency is 60 Hz.

Weather

The average temperature in Seochon in November for a typical day, ranges from a high of 55°F (13°C) and a low of 42°F (5°C).

Transportation & Hotel

Overview

Participants should arrive at the Incheon International Airport in Seoul. Thereafter, a bus should be taken to Gunsan, where lodging is recommended (Please see Annex B). Details on the bus route and schedule are provided on page 5. There will be a complementary shuttle bus service daily, offering participants transportation between Gunsan City and Seochon for the meetings. The bus will be parked at the Avon Hotel, Gunsan City.

Air Travel: Incheon International Airport (ICN), Seoul

Incheon International Airport is the largest and main airport which serves the Seoul area.

The airport has two terminals. It is important that travellers are mindful of this.

- Terminal 1: 272, Gonghang-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon
- Terminal 2: 446, Je2terminal-daero, Jung-gu, Incheon

The Incheon Airport Information Centre, which is situated in Terminal 1, is located on the 1st floor (in front of Gate B or E).



Languages: English, Japanese, Chinese

Business Hours: 24 hours

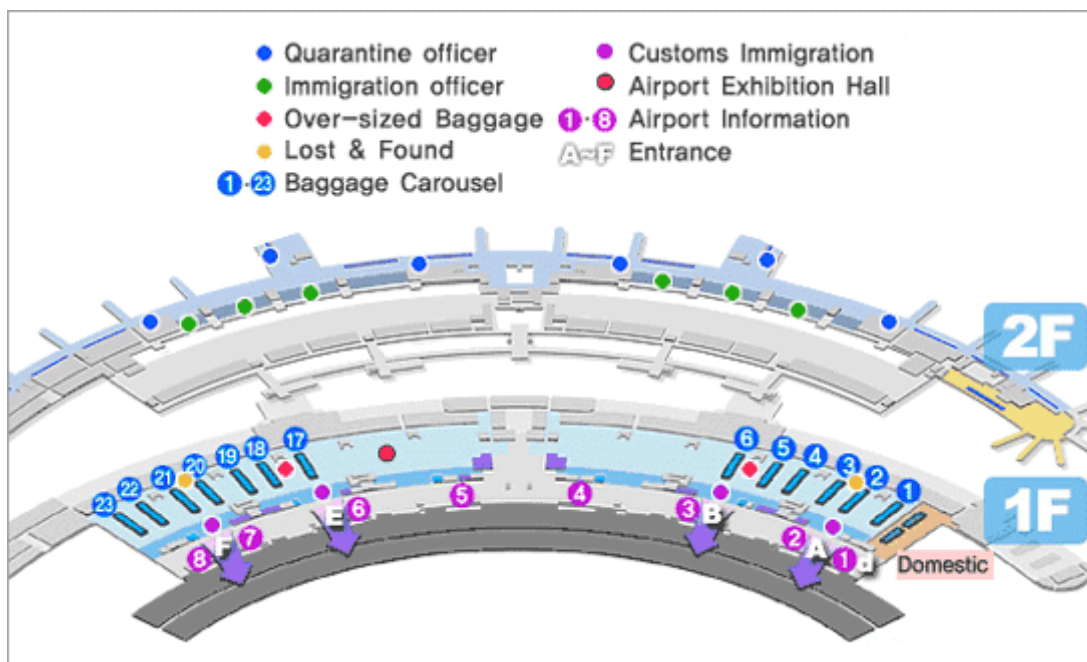
Tel: +82-1577-2600 or +82-32-741-0114

Website: <https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/index.do>

Airport Procedures

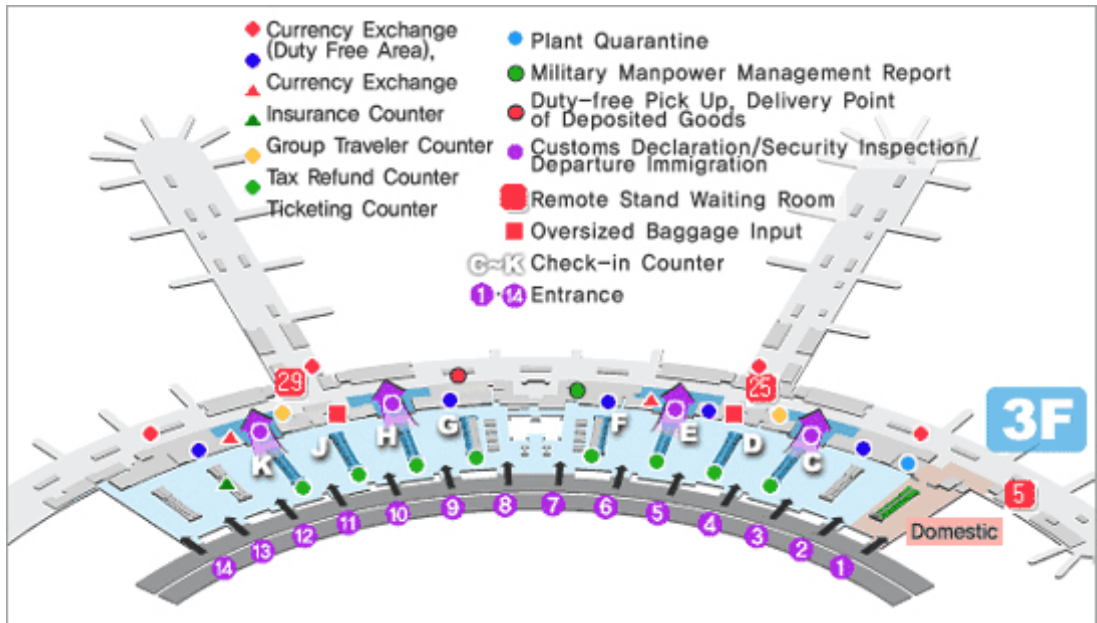
Arrival:

Arrival→ Quarantine Regulations→ Arrival Immigration→ Baggage Claim→ Customs Immigration→ Meet and Greet Hall



Departure:

Check-in with Baggage→ Complete the E/D Card and Pay Airport Departure Tax→ Quarantine Regulations→ Customs Declaration→ Security Inspection→ Departure Immigration→ Boarding



Transportation to Gunsan from Seoul, Republic of Korea

From Incheon International Airport, participants are encouraged to travel by bus from the bus station located on the 1st floor of the passenger terminal. Please disembark at the Gunsan City Bus Station.

Route Information



Bus Schedule

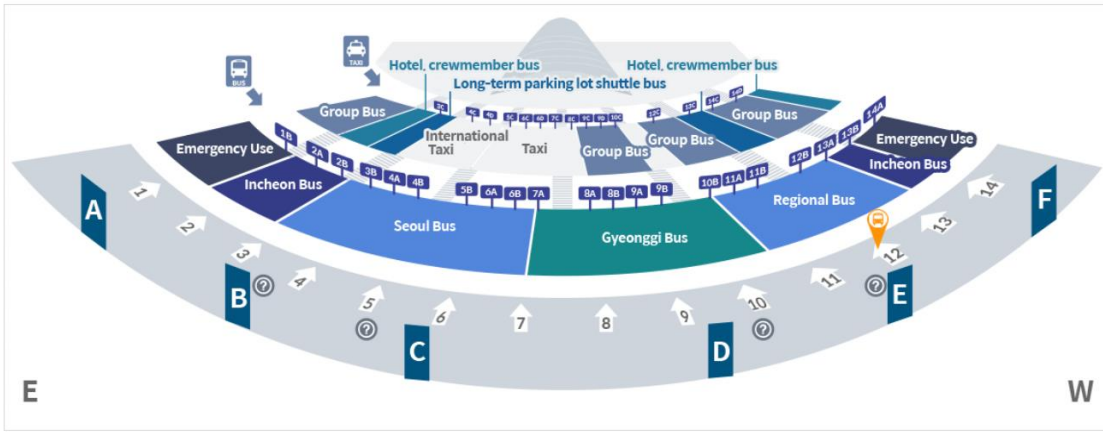
Terminal 1	08:45	10:25	11:50	14:45	18:45	19:45
Terminal 2	08:20	10:00	11:30	14:20	18:15	19:20

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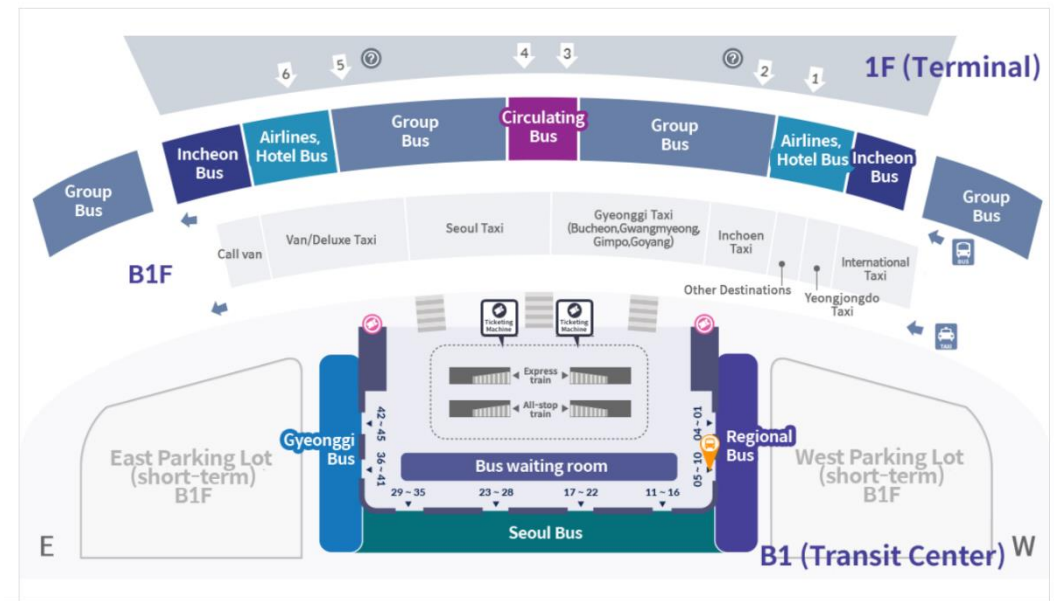
Bus Information to Gunsan

- Bus stop** 9C (Bus stop may change)
- Fare (cost)** KRW 26,900 per adult (approx. US\$20)
Cash or credit card payments are accepted
- Ticket Booth** Ticket booth located in the passenger terminal, 1F between exit #8 and #9, exit #4 and #5 or located in the outside of arrival hall, 1F between terminal 9C and 9D.
Please consult the airport bus guide as shown in the illustrations below.
- Hours of Operation** From 8:20 a.m. to 21:20 p.m.
- Travelling Time** 2 hrs. 45 min.

Terminal 1 Bus Stop Location (1st Floor, No. 12)



Terminal 2, Bus Stop Location (Transportation Centre Basement 1, No.9)

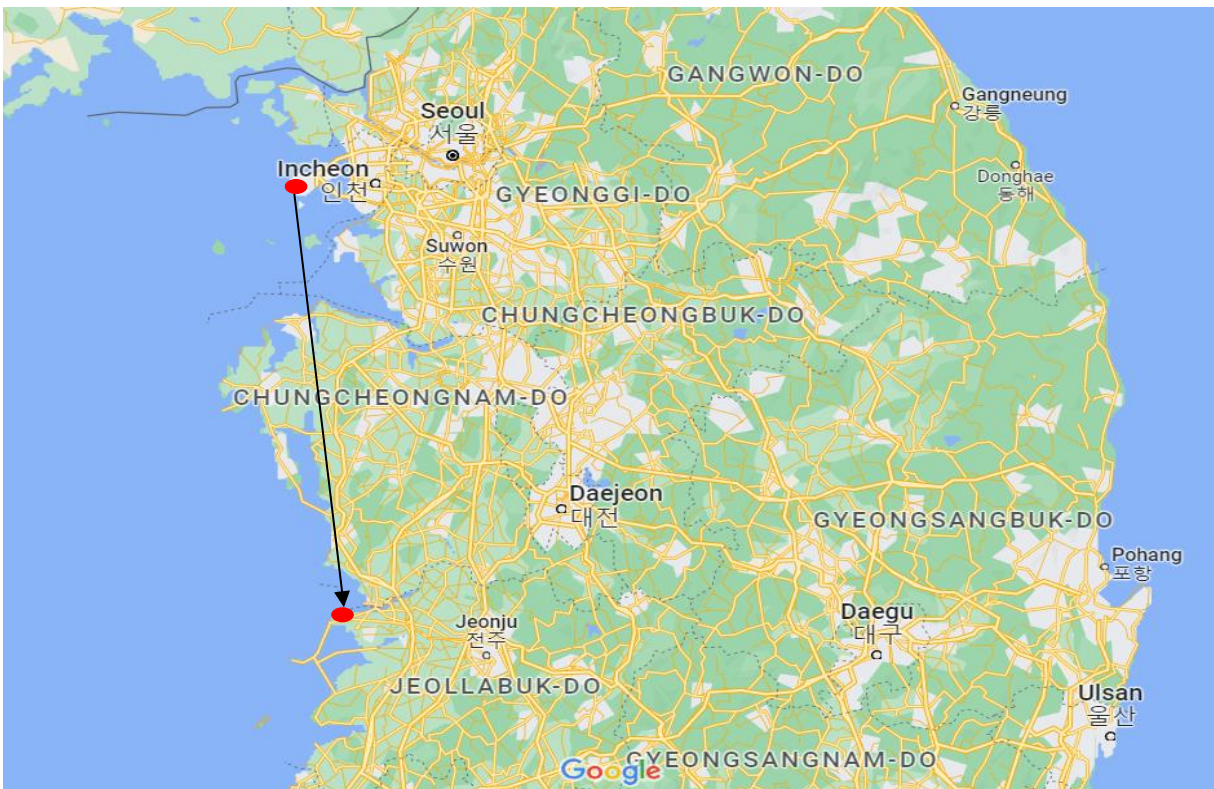


ANNEX A: EVENT VENUE & AREA MAP

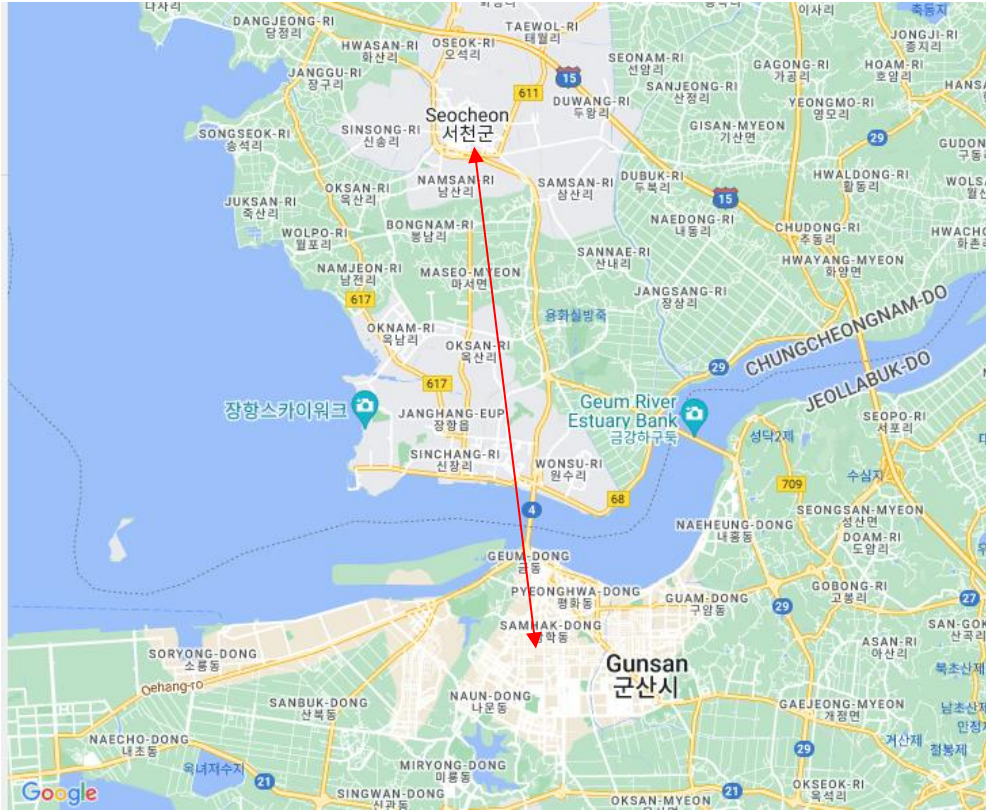
■ National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea



■ Seocheon-gun



▪ Gunsan to Seocheon-gun



ANNEX B: HOTEL INFORMATION

Please note that all participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation. Below please find details on the recommended hotel.

AVON HOTEL

AVON hotel is located in the heart of Gunsan. There are a total of 135 guest rooms on the 1st basement and 9 floors above the ground. As a luxury business & resort hotel, it has a convenient structure, and the beautiful exterior is in harmony.

On the 1st and 2nd floors of the Avon Hotel Gunsan, there is a lounge, fitness center, and restaurants offering exceptional service. From the 3rd to 8th floors, there are rooms that provide complete relaxation. Guests can view the beautiful city of Gunsan. Avon Hotel is only 1 minute away from Gunsan Intercity Bus/Express Bus Terminal and 20 minutes away from Gunsan Airport.



Location

10 Haemang-ro, Gunsan-si, Jeollabuk-do, Republic of Korea

Intercity / Express Bus Terminal to Avon Hotel Gunsan

2-3 minutes on foot (Intercity Bus Terminal 100M / Express Bus Terminal 200M)

Languages

Chinese (Mandarin), English, Japanese, Korean