# Big Questions in East/Japan Sea Research?

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## East (Japan) Sea







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#### **Nobel Peace Prize 2007**



#### **El Gore, IPCC Scientists**





#### The IPCC is honored with the Nobel Peace Prize

for 2007

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Oslo, 10 December 07 - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr. were awarded of the Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change".

Speech of the IPCC Chairman at the Award Ceremony

More information

#### Fourth Assessment Report "The Physical Science Basis"





**Summary for Policymakers** 

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## Chapter 5 Observations: Oceanic Climate Change and Sea Level

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# East/Japan Sea In Dramatic Changes!!!

#### Important studies on the East/Japan Sea

- \* '30s : Prof. Uda
- '50s : Russian Vytias Expedition
- \* '70s : Prof. Horibe
- ✤ '80s : Prof. Tsunogai
- '90s : CREAMS studies

(Japan-Korea-Russia Co-operative Researches)

**\* 2000s: EAST(East Asian Sea Time-series)-I studies** 

#### <sup>30s</sup> : Prof. Uda East Sea Proper Water



#### **'50s: Russian Vytias Expedition**





#### East Sea Proper Water



# 1970's: International Decade of Ocean Exploration





#### CTD Rosette system

#### <sup>'</sup>70s : Prof. Horibe (The first CTD studies)



## 1993 CREAMS International (Japan-Korea-Russia) Co-operative Researches

Circulation Research of East Asian Marginal Seas





CREAMS Finding: I East Sea is a miniature ocean

#### Vertical profiles : T, S, Dissolved O<sub>2</sub>







#### **Oceanic Conveyor Belt**



#### C-14 years of waters at 4000 m depth



#### **CFCs in the East/Japan Sea**



CREAMS Finding: II East Sea is in Rapid Changes





#### Changes in conveyor belt



#### CW(Central), DW(Deep), BW(Bottom)





#### Moving-Boundary Box Model (MBBM)





Water Mass	CFC-11 (pmol/kg)	CFC-12 (pmol/kg)
CW	2.551 (0.710- 5.375)	1.192 (0.329- 2.633)
DW	0.424 (0.150- 0.969)	0.202 (0.074– 0.454)
BW	0.163 (0.143- 0.224)	0.076 (0.052– 0.124)

#### **Tritium in the East/Japan Sea**











Kim, K., Kim, K.-R., Min, D., Volkov, Y., Yoon, J. -H. & Takematsu, M. (2001)

Warming and Structural Changes in the East Sea (Japan Sea): A Clue to the future Changes in Global Oceans?

Geophys. Res. Lett., 28, 3293-3296.

Kang, D.-J., Park. S., Kim, Y.-G., Kim, K., Kim K.-R. (2003)

A Moving-Boundary Box Model(MBBM) for oceans in change: An application to the East/Japan Sea

Geophysical Research Letters, 30(6), 1229, doi:10.1029/2002GL016486.

a. Winter Air Temperature Anomaly (Dec-Feb), NOAA



b. Vladivostak Winter Air Temperature (Dec-Feb)



#### Winter Temperature Anomalies

#### Winter 2001-2002

Formation



Winter 2001-2002

Kim, K.-R., Kim, G., Kim, K., Lobanov, V., Ponomarev, V., Salyuk, A.

A sudden bottom-water formation during the severe winter 2000-2001: the case of the East/Japan Sea

*Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 29 (8), 10.1029/2001GL014498, 2002.

# **IPCC 4<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report**

The marginal seas of the Pacific Ocean are also subject to climate variability and change. Like the Mediterranean in the North Atlantic, the Japan (or East) Sea is nearly completely isolated from the adjacent ocean basin, and forms all of its own waters beneath the shallow pycnocline.

Because of this sea's limited size, it responds quickly through its entire depth to surface forcing changes. The warming evident through the global ocean is clearly apparent in this isolated basin, which warmed by 0.1°C at 1,000 m and 0.05°C below 2,500 m since the 1960s. Salinity at these depths also changed, by 0.06 psu per century for depths of 300 to 1,000 m and by -0.02 psu per century below 1,500 m (Kwon et al., 2004).

These changes have been attributed to reduced surface heat loss and increased surface salinity, which have changed the mode of ventilation (Kim et al., 2004). Deep water production in the Japan (East) Sea slowed for many decades, with a marked decrease in dissolved oxygen from the 1930s to 2000 at a rate of about 0.8 µmol kg-1 yr-1 (Gamo et al., 1986; Minami et al., 1998).

However, possibly because of weakened vertical stratification at mid-depths associated with the decades-long warming, deepwater production reappeared after the 2000–2001 severe winter (e.g., Kim et al., 2002; Senjyu et al., 2002; Talley et al., 2003b).

Nevertheless, the overall trend has continued with lower deepwater production in subsequent years.

#### **Ocean Acidification**



CREAMS/PICES Symposium on Recent progress in studies of physical and chemical processes in the East/Japan Sea and their impact to its ecosystem

> 22-23, August 2002 the Hoam Faculty Club Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

Organized by OCEAN Laboratory, Research Institute of Oceanography, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences (BK21), Seoul National University

Sponsored by National Fisheries Research and Development Institute Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute

#### EAST-I 추진 경위



- > 2004 PICES Report: Marine Ecosystems of the North Pacific
- 2005 PICES Approved Official CREAMS/PICES program:
  EAST (East Asian Sea Time-series) -I
- > 2005 International Conference on EAST-I
- > 2006 Korea EAST-I Project initiated.

#### CREAMS/PICES Korean EAST-I program



#### **Super Station**



**Ulleung Basin Integrated Mooring** 

## **E-RAP operation**





(EAST-I)

## **E-RAP operation**





(EAST-I)

## E-RAP data

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2012 MAY ~ SEPTEMBER Dissolved Oxygen (ml/l)



2012 MAY ~ SEPTEMBER Salinity (PSU) 34.45 34.3 -50-34.15 -100-34 33.85 -150-Debth (m) 33.7 33.55 33.4 33.25 -250 -33.1 32.95 -300 -32.8 32.65 -350-. 📫 9월 ,1 6월 .1<sup>\*\*</sup>. 15 7월 1111 15 8월 30 30 30 30 5월 DAY



4.8 4.5 3.9 3.6 3.3 2.4 2.1 1.8 1.5 1.2 0.9 0.6 0.3 0 -0.3 -0.6 -0.9 -1.2 -1.5

# OceanSITE





#### **International Co-operations**



#### **Korea-Russia Program**



Jul. 9- 20 R/V Akademik M. A. Lavrentyev Korean 15; Russian 18 37 stations 2270 L-km

CTD, chemistry, plankton study, continuous surface measurement

## Hakuho Maru International Researches, 2010



#### **Capacity Building Activities**





# EAST-II over Yellow Sea and East China Sea is under discussion



# Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Prof. Fridtjov Nansen Institute of Oceanology BSA

# Thank you very much 감사합니다