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우리나라 남해 초대형저서동물의 종 조성 및 분포에 관한 연구

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Abstract

우리나라 남해, 제주도 및 이어도 해역은 고온, 고염분의 제주난류, 중국의 양쯔강으로부터 흘러나오는 저염수와 황해 저층냉수대의 영향을 받는다. 또한 계절에 따른 다양한 수괴 형성으로 인해 다양한 환경변화가 나타나는 것으로 알려져 있다. 이러한 다양한 환경 변화가 나타나는 제주도 주변 해역은 높은 생물다양성을 나타내며, 따라서 본 연구 지역의 생물다양성도 높을것으로 생각되어진다. 그러나, 본 연구지역의 저서동물에 관한 연구는 대형저서동물의 종 조성과 군집에 한정되었으며, 초대형저서동물에 관한 연구는 매우 제한적이다. 따라서 본 연구에서는 우리나라 남해 및 인근 해역의 초대형저서동물의 종 조성 및 분포를 분석하였다. 초대형저서동물은 2015년 6월, 11월 2016년 4월 17개 정점에서 Beam trawl (width:1.0m)을 10분 동안 예인하여 채집되었다. 초대형저서동물은 총 301종이 출현하였으며, 평균서식밀도는 $28.7 \text{ ind}/100 \text{ m}^2$, 평균 생체량은 $81.1 \text{ g}/100 \text{ m}^2$ 으로 나타났다.

주요 우점종은(> 1 % of the total density) 지붕거미불가사리(*Stegophiura sterea*), 버선조개(*Macrinula dolabrata*), 호두조개(*Acila divaricata*), 고등끈말미잘(*Hormathia andersoni*)순으로 나타났다. 초대형저서동물의 군집구조는 깊이에 따라 2015년 6월 3개의 그룹, 2015년 11월 두 개의 그룹으로 나뉘었으며, 2016년 4월 초대형저서동물의 군집구조는 퇴적물 구성에 따라 두 개의 그룹으로 나뉘었다. 총 종수, 종다양도, 평균 생체량은 남해에 위치한 정점 C3에서 각각 116종, 3.7, 1173 g/100 m²으로 높게 나타났으며, 총 종수, 종다양도, 평균서식밀도는 제주도 남쪽에 위치한 정점 H12에서 각각 5종, 1.3, 1.4 g/100 m²으로 낮게 나타났다. 생물다양성의 차이는 환경요인 중 수심, 자갈 함유량, 분급도에 영향을 받는것으로 나타났다. 이러한 결과는 남해 해역의 해양환경의 변동이 초대형저서동물의 종 구성과 분포 및 다양도에 영향을 주는 것으로 보인다.

KEY WORDS: 남해전선역; 동중국해; 저서군집; 조하대; 환경요인;

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Abstract

The South Sea of Korea is affected by three systems of currents: the high-temperature, high-salinity Jeju Warm Current; the low-salinity Yangtze River discharge flow from China; and the cold-water bottom currents of the Yellow Sea. In addition, seasonal flow differences from various water flows drive environmental variability in these regions. As a result, biodiversity in this study area is assumed to be very high. However, there is no information on the diversity and distribution of the megabenthos. Therefore, in this study, we analyzed the diversity and distribution of the megabenthos in the South Sea based on environmental factors.

Sampling of megabenthos were collected using a Beam trawl for 10 minutes towed at 17 stations in June 2015, November 2015, April 2016. The total number of species, density (ind/100 m²), and biomass (g/100 m²) of megabenthos were 301 species/9900 m², 28.7 ind/100 m², and 81.1 g/100 m², respectively. The dominant species (> 1% of the total density) were *Stegophiura sterea* (10.4%), and two subtropical species *Macrinula dolabrata* (9.0%), and *Acila divaricate* (8.3%) (bivalve mollusks). Megabenthic community structures in June and November 2015 were divided into three groups and two groups, respectively, which were affected by water depth. However, in April 2016, megabenthic community was divided into two groups according to sediment grain size and sorting value (σ). The total numbers of species, diversity and biomass were highest in st. C3 (116 species, 3.7 and 1173 g/100 m² respectively) and lowest in st. H12 (5 species, 1.3 and 1.4 g/100 m² respectively). According to the environmental factor analysis, the differences in megabenthos community were found to be related to depth, gravel contents, and sorting value (σ). This study suggests that variations in sediment conditions and depth in the South Sea of Korea are important factors controlling at the megabenthos species composition and diversity.

KEY WORDS: Benthic community, East China Sea, Environmental variable, Frontal zone of South Sea, Subtidal

1. Introduction

1.1 Megabenthos

Benthic animals live on the bottom of the ocean, including soft bottom such as muddy and sandy sediments and hard bottom such as rocks. Depending on their size, benthic animals are divided into megabenthos ($> 1\text{cm}$ in size), macrobenthos ($> 1\text{ mm}$ in size), and meiobenthos ($0.063 - 1\text{mm}$ in size). They play a decisive role in marine ecology as secondary producers and have an important role in the recycling of nutrients because they resuspend nutrient-rich bottom sediments into the water mass (Daan 1973; Rhoads 1974; Bilyard 1987; Snelgrove 1998). In addition, macrobenthic animals can be an important means of understanding ecosystem changes and environmental characteristics because of their slow mobility and long lifecycle (Sanders 1968; Pearson and Rosenberg 1978; Reiss and Kröncke 2005; Burd et al. 2008). Species composition varies depending on the grain size and sorting values of sedimentary facies, among other environmental factors (Weston, 1988). Macrobenthic communities appear diversely according to sediment characteristics within a sediment type and adaptations of organisms in response to various environmental changes (Gray, 1981; Rakocinski et al., 1997; Paik et al., 2007).

Megabenthos are larger than 1 cm in size and include as starfish, sea cucumbers, crabs, and shrimp, and have value as a resource for fisheries. Megabenthos have greater mobility than macrobenthos, and they can respond to the habitats environment. Therefore, the megabenthos community structure and distribution pattern may vary greatly. In addition, megabenthos are important for the transfer of organic matter, which adjust the habitats so that macrofauna can detect ecological niches. Until now, research on megabenthos is

mainly carried out using visible in bottom photographs, scuba diving, trawls, and fishing nets. Especially as their greater mobility, the quantitative investigations on megabenthos were difficult. Previous studies on Megabenthos have been conducted mostly in the deep sea using a deep sea camera and ROV. (Hecker, 1990; Yu et al., 2014). Rodrigues et al. (2001) found that megabenthos plays a role in abyssal ecosystems as they comprise a major fraction of the deep-sea benthic biomass. Amon et al. (2016) reported that megafauna showed a positive correlation to nodule abundance in the abyssal seafloor of the Clarion-Clipperton Zone. Several studies reported that density and distribution of megabenthos is related with depth (Hecker, 1990; Jones, 2007; Linse, 2013). Distribution of megabenthic fauna community is related with topography, substratum, sediment conditions and food resources (Hecker, 1990; Jones, 2007; Ramirez-Llodra et al., 2010; Yu et al., 2014). Diversity of megabenthos is affected by benthic disturbance (Rodrigues et al., 2001). Consequently, study of the megabenthos community structure according to the environmental variables of a surveyed area can facilitate understanding of their biodiversity and distribution.

1.2 Information of study area

The South Sea of Korea is affected by three currents: the high-temperature, high-salinity Jeju Warm Current; the low-salinity Yangtze River discharge flow from China; and the bottom cold-water of the Yellow Sea. Changes in the environment such as particle organic matter and low salinity from the Yangtze River have a great impact on the pelagic ecosystem in the East China Sea and the South Sea of Korea (Chen et al., 1999; MOF, 2006; Kim et al., 2006). Seasonal flow differences from various water flows drive environmental variability in these regions. As a result, the study area has been reported high biodiversity (Hur et al. 1999; Jang et al. 2011). The East China Sea, Jeju Island, Jeodo coast and South Sea of Korea are known as a fisheries for variety fishery

resources (MLTL, 2011; MLTL, 2012; Yoon, 2013). In addition, the East China Sea is an important area for understanding the impacts of the subtropical ecosystem on global warming (Yu et al., 2008; MLTL, 2010). However, studies of the distribution and diversity on benthic ecosystem in that area have been very limited (Aller and Aller, 1986; Yu et al., 2008). Previous studies have been conducted only on the species composition and community structure of macrobenthos in the East China Sea and the Korea Strait affected by pelagic organisms (Rhoads et al., 1985; Yu et al., 2008). However, there is no study on the megabenthos in the South Sea of Korea.

1.3 Aim of this study

Under the influence of the subtropical current, the South Sea of Korea is expected to appear tropical or subtropical megafaunal species. However, study of the benthic animals inhabiting this study area, where various environmental changes occur, is very limited. Therefore, this study aim to analyze the species diversity and distribution of megabenthos in the South Sea and Jeju Island region which have various water masses and dynamic changes in the environment. Our specific objectives are to (1) identify species of the megabenthos, (2) analyse the distribution and community structure of the megabenthos and (3) find out the significant environmental variables on the distribution and species composition of the megabenthos.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 Collecting samples

sampling was conducted at 17 stations in the South Sea, Jeju Island and Jeodo coast in June and November 2015 and April 2016 and around the frontal zone of the South Sea of Korea in April 2016, to identify the impact of environmental variables on the diversity and distribution of the megabenthos in this study area (Fig. 1, Table1). Megabenthos (> 1 cm in size) samples were collected using a beam trawl (width: 1.0 m) for 10 minutes at each site. The samples were immediately refrigerated on the research vessel, and transferred them to the laboratory. The megabenthos samples were sorted under a stereomicroscope (Leica MZ16A), counted and, identified to the lowest possible taxonomic level, and then fixed in 70 % ethanol. The samples were recalculated to 100 m², and the number of species, density, and amount of biomass were determined.

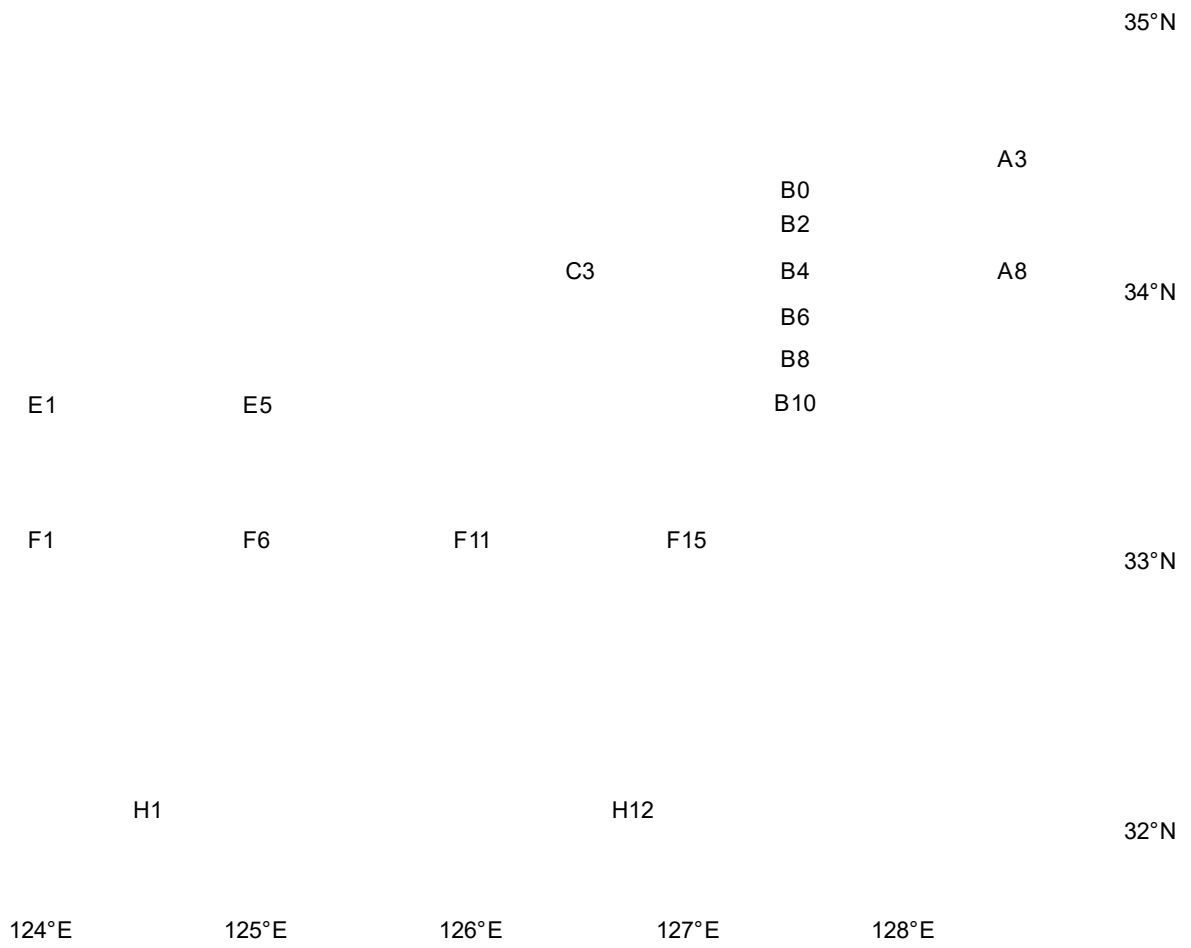


Fig. 1 Sampling sites in southern sea and Jeju island · Ieodo coast of Korea

Table 1 Sampling sites and information of the study area

Station No.	Longitude	Latitude	Depth(m)	Sampling times		
				Jun 2015	Nov 2015	Apr 2016
A3	128.50	34.42	68	1		
A8	128.50	34.00	104	1	1	
B0	127.50	34.30	24			1
B2	127.50	34.17	38			1
B4	127.50	34.00	75	1	1	1
B6	127.50	33.83	88			1
B8	127.50	33.67	94			1
B10	127.50	33.51	90	1	1	
C3	126.50	34.00	48	1	1	
E1	124.00	33.50	66	1	1	
E5	125.00	33.50	78	1		
F1	124.00	33.00	48	1	1	
F6	125.00	33.00	80	1		
F11	126.00	33.00	109	1	1	
F15	127.00	33.00	103	1	1	
H1	124.50	32.00	37	1	1	
H12	126.75	32.00	109	1	1	

2.2 Environment analysis

The environmental factors such as, temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen (DO) were measured with a CTD instrument at each sampling site, and surface sediment samples were collected in a 50mL conical tube for analysis of sediment grain size. The sediment samples were classified into coarse-grained sediment and fine-grained sediment after removal of organic matter and CaCO₃. Sediment samples were dried for 48 hours at 50°C before applying 10 % hydrogen peroxide on 1 g of samples to get rid of carbon with 0.1 N of hydrochloric acid, and heated to more than 100°C to evaporate the hydrogen peroxide, and then washed 3 times with distilled water to remove organic matter and salts. Sediment grain size composition was determined using a dry sieving method with a Ro-Tap sieve shaker (< 4 phi; W.S. Tyler) along with a laser

diffraction method, and mean grain size was calculated according to Folk and Ward (1957).

2.3 Making images

The megabenthic fauna were photographed with a Nikon D5500 camera, and multifocal images were made using a Helicon remote with the Helicon Focus 6 program (Helicon Soft Ltd.) to compensate for the shortcomings of existing two-dimensional images (Fig. 2).

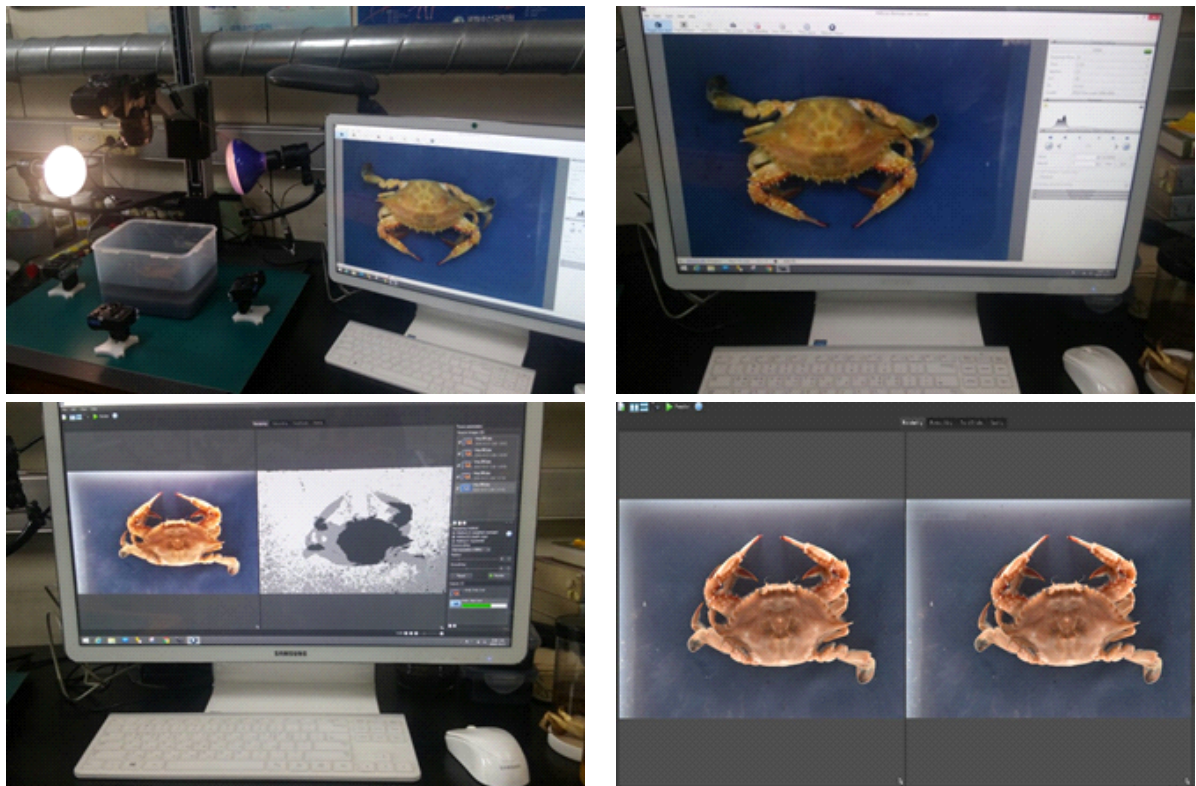


Fig. 2 Multifocal images using Helicon remote and Helicon Focus6 program

2.4 Data analysis

The species diversity index (H') (Shannon and Wiener 1963) was calculated based on the density. Cluster analysis was carried out using the Bray–Curtis similarity measure (Sommerfield, 2008) based on fourth root-transformed density data and group average linkage. Multidimensional scaling analysis was also performed. Similarity percentage (SIMPER) analysis was conducted to quantify the contribution of each species to the similarity/dissimilarity of those groups. The BIO-ENV test was performed to determine the environmental factors influencing the megabenthos community structure with 95% or higher correlations when analyzing. Spearman rank correlation analysis was conducted to determine the correlations between environmental variables and the benthic community. This analysis was performed in PRIMER v.6 (Plymouth Routines in Multivariate Ecological Research-e) (Clarke and Warwick, 2001).

3. Result

3.1 Environmental conditions

The study area had an average depth of 74 m, depth range of 24 to 109 m, and the maximal depths deeper than 100 m in the southern of Jeju Island (Table 1). In June 2015, the average bottom temperature was 13.8°C (range: 10.5–14.8°C). In November 2015 and April 2016, the mean bottom temperatures were 16.9°C (range: 12.0–22.1°C) and 14.5°C (range: 13.8–15.4°C), respectively (Fig. 3). The bottom temperatures of E1 and E5 in the northwest of Jeju Island were 10.4°C and 11.4°C, respectively, which were lower than the average temperature in June 2015. The temperatures of F1 and H1 southwest of Jeju Island were 20.8°C and 22.1°C, respectively, which were about 4°C higher than the average and 10°C higher than E1 in November 2015. The mean salinity of the bottom water was 33.7 psu (range: 32.0–34.5 psu) in June 2015, 33.8 psu (range: 32.3–34.6 psu) in November 2015, and 34.2 psu (range: 33.8–34.6 psu) in April 2016. There were no significant differences in salinity, but the frontal zone of the South Sea had higher salinity than other stations. Bottom dissolved oxygen (DO) was in the range of 5.1–7.5 mg/L in June 2015, 4.0–6.8 mg/L in November 2015, and 6.4–8.8 mg/L in April 2016.

Sediment grain size averaged 4.6 ϕ and varied within 2.3–8.1 ϕ among the stations. B0, B2, and B4 in the South Sea had very fine-grained sediment that was mainly muddy. The sorting value (ϕ) of sediment ranged from 1.8 ϕ to 3.7 ϕ , poorly sorted and very poorly sorted. The average total organic carbon (TOC) in sediment was 0.9% (range: 0.54–1.40%) in April 2016.

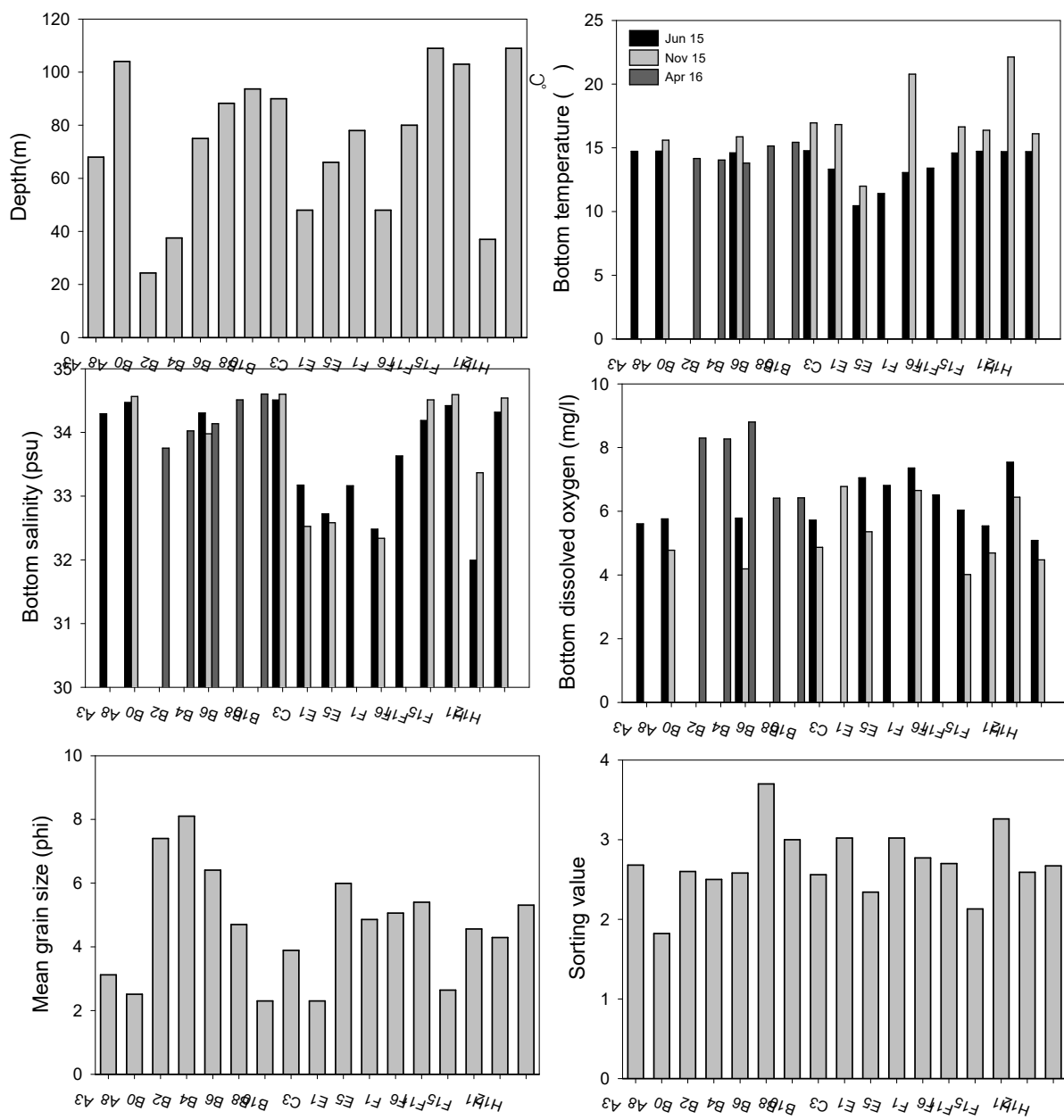


Fig. 3 Environmental variables at each station

3.2 Diversity of megabenthos

In this study, 301 species of megabenthos were sorted, of which 187 species belonging to 187 genera of 116 families in 8 phyla were identified. Some of species were provided distributions, habitats, and particular remarks.

List of Megafauna in this study

* First reported from Korea in this study

Phylum Porifera

Class Demospongiae

Order Poecilosclerida

Family Microcionidae

Echinoclathria arborea (Tanita, 1968)

Class Homoscleromorpha

Order Homosclerophorida

Family Oscarellidae

Oscarella lobularis (Schmidt, 1862)

Phylum Cnidaria

Class Anthozoa

Order Actiniaria

Family Hormathiidae

Hormathia andersoni Haddon, 1888 고동끈말미잘

Order Alcyonacea

Family Alcyoniidae

Bellonella rigida Pütter, 1900 곤봉바다말기

Bellonella rubra Brundin, 1896 바다말기

Family Nephtheidae

Umbellulifera hirotai (Utinomi, 1951) 빨강해면맨드라미

Umbellulifera spiculosa (Küenthal, 1906) 칙해면맨드라미

Order Pennatulacea

Family Echinoptilidae

Echinoptilum macintoshi Hubrecht, 1885 가시선인장

Order Scleractinia

Family Flabellidae

Flabellum (Flabellum) pavoninum Lesson, 1831 부채돌산호

Flabellum (Ulocyathus) deludens Marenzeller, 1904

Distribution: Philippines, Vietnam, China, Japan, South Korea

Habitat: Depth range 106-1035 m; 5.3-18.4°C; mostly sand and mud shell fragments.

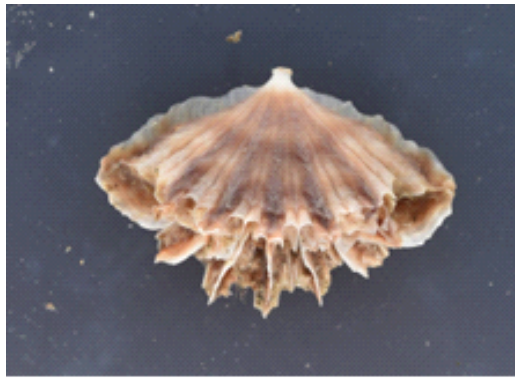


Fig. 4 *Flabellum (Ulocyathus) deludens*

Phylum Annelida

Class Polychaeta

Order Eunicida

Family Eunicidae

Eunice indica Kinberg, 1865 자주색털갯지렁이

Marphysa bellii (Audouin & Milne Edwards, 1833)

Family Oeonidae

Arabella iricolor (Montagu, 1804) 홍점갯지렁이

Order Phyllodocida

Family Aphroditidae

Aphrodita talpa Quatrefages, 1866

Family Glyceridae

Glycera nicobarica Grube, 1868

Family Iphionidae

***Iphione ovata* Kinberg, 1855**

Family Nephtyidae

***Nereis longior* Chlebovitsch & Wu, 1962 길쪽참갯지렁이**

Family Polynoidae

***Eunoe shirikishinai* Imajima & Hartman, 1964**

***Lepidonotus spiculus* (Treadwell, 1906)**

Family Sigalionidae

***Neoleanira areolata* (McIntosh, 1885)**

Order Terebellida

Family Acrocirridae

***Amphicteis gunneri* (M. Sars, 1835) 큰사슴갯지렁이**

Family Pectinariidae

***Lagis bocki* (Hessle, 1917) 앞빛갯지렁이**

Family Sternaspidae

***Sternaspis chinensis* Wu, Salazar-Vallejo & Xu, 2015**

Family Trichobranchidae

***Terebellides horikoshii* Imajima & Williams, 1985**

Phylum Sipuncula

Class Phascolosomatidea

Order Phascolosomatida

Family Phascolosomatidae

***Phascolosoma* (*Phascolosoma*) *agassizii* kurilense Keferstein, 1866 쿠릴별벌레**

Phylum Arthropoda

Class Malacostraca

Order Amphipoda

Family Ampeliscidae

***Ampelisca miharaensis* Nagata, 1959 미하라안경옆새우**

Family Corophiidae

***Pareurystheus latipes* Tzvetkova, 1977 큰손북방육질꼬리옆새우**

***Protomedeia crudoliops* Hirayama, 1984**

Family Kamakidae

Aorcho nanus Hirayama, 1984

Family Liljeborgiidae

Liljeborgia japonica Nagata, 1965

Family Melitidae

Melita denticulata

Family Photidae

Gammaropsis japonica (Nagata, 1961) 극동육질꼬리옆새우

Order Decapoda

Family Alpheidae

Alpheus brevicristatus De Haan, 1844 딱총새우

Alpheus japonicus Miers, 1879 긴발딱총새우

Betaeus granulimanus Yokoya, 1927 음발딱총새우

Family Calappidae

Mursia trispinosa Parisi, 1914 세가시금게붙이

Family Callianassidae

Nihonotrypaea japonica (Ortmann, 1891) 쪽붙이

Family Cancridae

Romaleon gibbosulum (De Haan, 1833) 두드러기은행게

Family Crangonidae

Aegaeon lacazei (Bate, 1888) 톱등자주새우

**Aegaeon rathbuni* de Man, 1918

Distribution: Southwestern Australia, New caledonia, Madagascar, Hawaii, Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan.

Habitat: Depth range 11-809 m; Deep water, Tropical and subtropical.



Fig. 5 *Aegaeon rathbuni*

Crangon affinis De Haan, 1849 자주새우

Crangon hakodatei Rathbun, 1902 마른자주새우

Metacrangon sinensis Fujino & Miyake, 1970 가시자주새우

Paracrangon abei Kubo, 1937 꼬마가시투성어리새우

Family Cyclodorippidae

Tymolus japonicus Stimpson, 1858 꼬마조개치레

Family Diogenidae

Areopaguristes japonicus (Miyake, 1961) 작은꼬마긴눈집게

Dardanus arrosor (Herbst, 1796) 털줄원손집게

Diogenes edwardsii (De Haan, 1849) 넓적원손집게

Paguristes digitalis Stimpson, 1858 갈색털보긴눈집게

Paguristes ortmanni Miyake, 1961 털보긴눈집게

Family Dromiidae

Tunedromia yamashitai (Takeda & Miyake, 1970)

Family Epiplatidae

Pugettia incisa (De Haan, 1837) 오늬이마물맞이게

Pugettia vulgaris Ohtsuchi, Kawamura & Takeda, 2014 잔털빨물맞이게

Family Ethusidae

**Ethusa quadrata* Sakai, 1937

Distribution: New Caledonia, Philippines, China, Japan, South Korea

Habitat: Depth range 35-393 m; fine sand, muddy or shelly bottoms.



Fig. 6 *Ethusa quadrata*

Family Galatheidae

Galathea orientalis Stimpson, 1858 새우붙이

Family Goneplacidae

Carcinoplax longimana (De Haan, 1833) 원숭이게

Carcinoplax purpurea Rathbun, 1914

Entricoplax vestita (De Haan, 1835) 털보원숭이게

Pycnoplax suruguensis (Rathbun, 1932)

**Singhaplax danielae* Takeda & Komatsu, 2010

Family Heptacarpus

Heptacarpus acuticarinatus Komai & Ivanov, 2008 북방좁은빨꼬마새우

Family Hippolytidae

Latreutes anoplonyx Kemp, 1914 매끈둥꼬마새우

Family Homolidae

Latreillopsis bispinosa Henderson, 1888

Family Inachidae

Achaeus japonicus (De Haan, 1839) 아케우스게

Achaeus tuberculatus Miers, 1879 가는다리아케우스게

Platymaia alcocki Rathbun, 1918

Platymaia wyvillethomsoni Miers, 1885 거미다리게

Family Latreilliidae

Eplumula phalangium (De Haan, 1839) 사슴게

Family Leucosiidae

Euclosiana obtusifrons (De Haan, 1841) 둥근무늬밤게

***Tokoyo eburnea (Alcock, 1896)**

Randallia eburnea Alcock, 1896: 197; Serène & Vadon, 1981: 124; Chen, 1989: 212, Figs. 12, 13.
(cited from Galil & Ng 2007);

Tokoyo eburnea, Galil, 2003: 408, Figs. 1f, 4d-f

Tokoyo trilobata Komatsu, Manuel & Takeda, 2005: 116, Figs. 5, 6, 7a-c, g, 8C, D.

Distribution: Australia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, China, Japan, South Korea

Habitat: Depth range 35-366 m

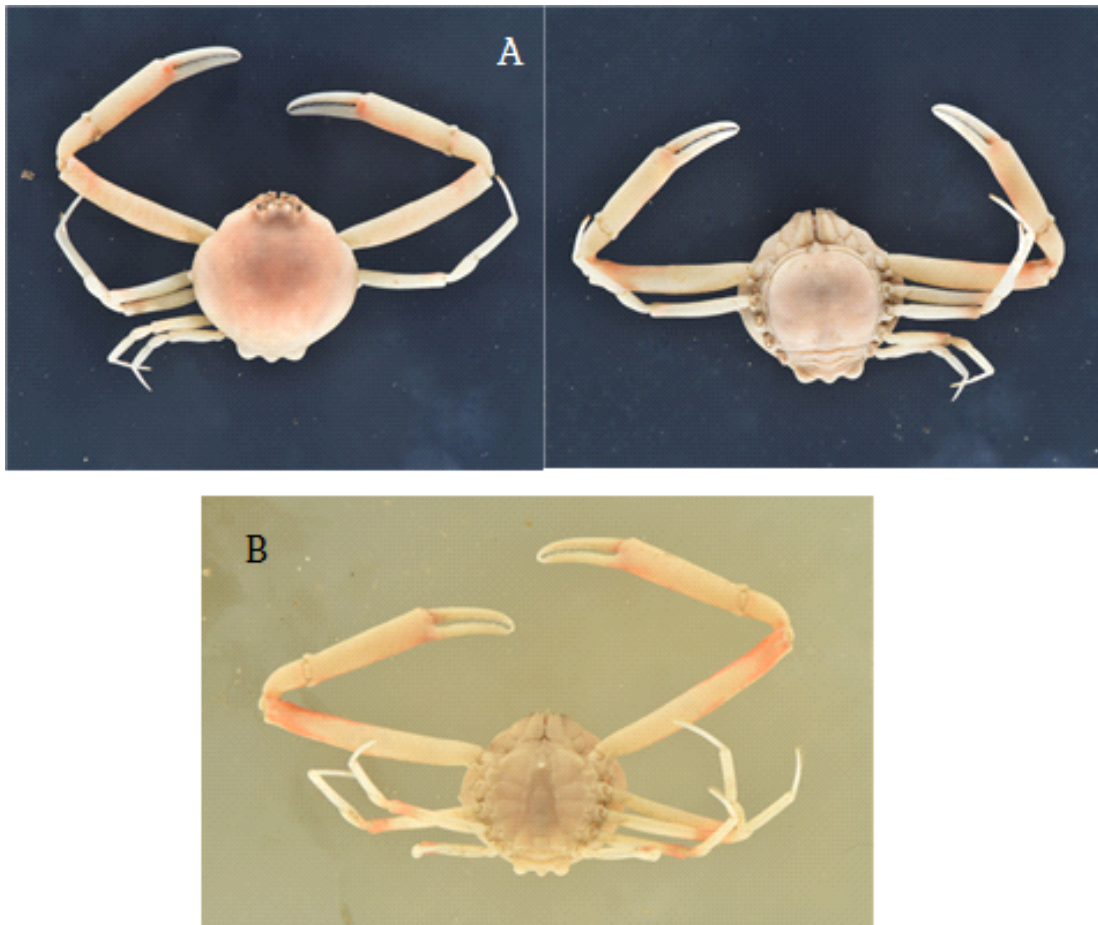


Fig. 7 *Tokoyo eburnea* (A: female, B: male)

Family Majidae

****Choniognathus reini* (Balss, 1924)**

Choniognathus koreensis Rathbun, 1932: 33

Eurynome reini Balss, 1924: 31, pl. 1, fig. 3; Yokoya, 1933: 158, fig. 57; Sakai, 1936: 92, pl. 22, fig. 1. (cited from Takeda & Miyake 19697);

Distribution: Japan, South Korea

Habitat: Depth range 80-120 m.



Fig. 8 *Choniognathus reini*

Entomonyx spinosus Miers, 1884 가시빨게

Leptomithrax bifidus (Ortmann, 1893) 가시두드럭게

Leptomithrax edwardsii (De Haan, 1835) 두드럭게

****Sakaija japonica* (Rathbun, 1932)**

Maja japonica Rathbun, 1932: 33; Takeda & Miyake, 1969: 512, pl. 17, fig. A, B, pl. 18, fig. B.

Distribution: Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Japan, South Korea (In this study)

Habitat: Depth range 85-120 m



Fig. 9 *Sakaija japonica*

Family Munididae

Munida japonica Stimpson, 1858 바늘이마새우붙이

Paramunida scabra (Henderson, 1885)

Family Oregoniidae

Pleistacantha sanctijohannis Miers, 1879 삼천가시게

Family Ovalipidae

Ovalipes punctatus (De Haan, 1833) 깨다시꽃게

Family Paguridae

Boninpagurus pilosipes (Stimpson, 1858) 줄무늬참집게

Ceratopagurus pilosimanus Yokoya, 1933

Lophopagurus (Australeremus) triserratus (Ortmann, 1892) 꼬마참집게

Pagurus brachiomastus (Thallwiz, 1891) 털손참집게

Pagurus minutus Hess, 1865 긴발가락참집게

Pagurus gracilipes (Stimpson, 1858) 납작손참집게

Pagurus pectinatus (Stimpson, 1858) 빗참집게

Pagurus proximus Komai, 2000 검은손참집게

Pagurus similis (Ortmann, 1892) 주황얼룩참집게

Family Palaemonidae

Palaemon gravieri (Yu, 1930) 그라비새우

Palaemon ortmanni Rathbun, 1902 긴발줄새우

Family Palinuridae

Plesionika ortmanni Doflien, 1902 긴줄꼬마도화새우

Family Pandalidae

Pandalus gracilis Stimpson, 1860 남방도화새우

Family Pasiphaeidae

Leptochela (*Leptochela*) *gracilis* Stimpson, 1860 돛대기새우

Leptochela (*Leptochela*) *sydniensis* Dakin & Colefax, 1940 둥근돛대기새우

Family Penaeidae

Metapenaeopsis dalei (Rathbun, 1902) 산모양깔깔새우

Parapenaeopsis hardwickii (Miers, 1878) 긴빨민새우

Trachysalambria curvirostris (Stimpson, 1860) 꽃새우

Family Pilumnidae

**Eumedonus zebra* Alcock, 1895

Distribution: Sri Lanka, Philippine, Japan, South Korea



Fig. 10 *Eumedonus zebra*

Pilumnus minutus De Haan, 1833 애기털보부채게

Family Pinnotheridae

Pinnotheres pholadis De Haan, 1835 섭속살이게

Family Polybiidae

Liocarcinus corrugatus (Pennant, 1777) 주름꽃게

Family Portunidae

Charybdis (Gonioneptunus) bimaculata Miers, 1886 두점박이민꽃게

Charybdis riversandersoni

Portunus (Monomia) gladiator Fabricius, 1798 두드리기꽃게

Portunus (Portunus) trituberculatus (Miers, 1876) 꽃게

Portunus (Portunus) pelagicus (Linnaeus, 1758) 청색꽃게

Family Scalopidiidae

Scalopidia spinosipes Stimpson, 1858

Family Scyllaridae

Petrarctus brevicornis 흑등매미새우

Family Solenoceridae

Hadropenaeus lucasii (Bate, 1888) 매끈대롱수염새우

Charybdis riversandersoni 꼬마대롱수염새우

Portunus (Monomia) gladiator Fabricius, 1798 대롱수염새우

Family Thoridae

Birulia kishinouyei (Yokoya, 1930) 어리꼬마새우

Family Pinnotheridae

Pinnotheres pholadis De Haan, 1835 빨밤송이게

Family Hemigrapsus

Liocarcinus corrugatus (Pennant, 1777) 풀게

Order Isopoda

Family Sphaeromatidae

Cymodoce acuta Richardson, 1904 두드리기잔벌레

Cymodoce japonica Richardson, 1904 두혹잔벌레

Order Stomatopoda

Family Squillidae

Oratosquilla oratoria (De Haan, 1844) 갯가재

Class Pycnogonida

Order Pantopoda

Family Ascorhynchidae

Ascorhynchus glaberrimus Schimkewitsch, 1913 매끈코바다거미

Family Nymphonidae

Nymphon kodanii (Hedgpeth, 1949) 고다니기생바다거미

Phylum Mollusca

Class Bivalvia

Order Arcida

Family Glycymerididae

Glycymeris imperialis Kuroda, 1934 이랑줄조개

Family Noetiidae

Striarca symmetrica (Reeve, 1844) 흑인대복털조개

Order Arcoida

Family Arcidae

Hawaiarca uwaensis (Yokoyama, 1928) 외줄돌조개

Order Cardiida

Family Tellinidae

Hanleyanus vestalioides (Yokoyama, 1920) 은백색접시조개

Order Limida

Family Limidae

Ctenoides annulatus (Lamarck, 1819) 좁은개加里비

Lima fujitai Oyama, 1943 삼태기개加里비

Order Nerculida

Family Nerculidae

Acila divaricata (Hinds, 1843) 호두조개

Acila mirabilis (A. Adams & Reeve, 1850)

Ennucula tenuis (Montagu, 1808) 북방호두조개

Order Pectinida

Family Pectinidae

Cryptopecten vesiculosus (Dunker, 1877) 예쁜加里비

Laevichlamys cuneata (Reeve, 1853) 짝귀비단加里비

Scaeoichlamys squamata (Gmelin, 1791) 비늘加里비

Order Venerida

Family Mactridae

Genus *Mactrinula* Gray, 1853

***Mactrinula dolabrata* (Reeve, 1854) 버선조개**

Distribution: Australia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand, China, Japan, South Korea

Habitat: Depth range 25-250 m; Silty sand and mud.



Fig. 11 *Mactrinula dolabrata*

Family Glauconomidae

***Meiocardia samarangiae* Bernard, Cai & Morton, 1993 능선조개**

Class Gastropoda

Order Cephalaspidea

Family Haminoeidae

***Bullacta exarata* (Philippi, 1849) 민챙이**

Family Mnestiidae

***Adamnestia japonica* (A. Adams, 1862) 흰민챙이**

Family Philinidae

***Philine orientalis* A. Adams, 1855 큰관고둥**

Order Lepetellida

Family Fissurellidae

***Emarginula crassicostata* Sowerby in Adams & Sowerby, 1863 넓은이랑삿갓조개**

Order Littorinimorpha

Family Cymatiidae

***Monoplex parthenopeus* (Salis Marschlins, 1793) 각시수염고둥**

Family Cypraeidae

***Lyncina vitellus* (Linnaeus, 1758) 제주개오지**

Family Ovulidae

***Primovula frumentum* (Sowerby, 1828) 어깨토끼고둥**

Order Neogastropoda

Family Buccinidae

Siphonalia fuscolineata (Pease, 1860) 갈색고리돼지고등

Siphonalia fusoides (Reeve, 1846) 민허리돼지고등

Family Fasciolariidae

Fusinus ferrugineus (Kuroda & Habe in Habe, 1961) 매끈이긴빨고등

Family Muricidae

Boreotrophon candelabrum (Reeve, (1848 in 1843-65) 지느러미빨고등

Chicoreus aculeatus (Lamarck, 1822) 세줄분홍꽃빨소라

Vokesimurex rectirostris (G. B. Sowerby II, 1841)

Family Nassariidae

Nassarius variciferus (A. Adams, (1852 in 1852-53)) 언덕좁쌀무늬고등

Zeuxis siquijorensis (A. Adams, 1852 in 1852-53) 고랑좁쌀무늬고등

Family Pseudomelatomidae

Brachytoma tuberosa (E. A. Smith, 1875) 띠줄언청이고등

Funa jeffreysii (E. A. Smith, 1875) 담풍고등

Inquisitor nudivaricosus Kuroda & Oyama in Kuroda et al., 1971 잔줄무늬단풍고등

Family Turridae

Gemmula kieneri (Doumet, 1840) 염주고등

Unedogemmula deshayesii (Doumet, 1840)

Order Trochida

Family Calliostomatidae

Tristichotrochus aculeatus Sowerby III, 1912 가시방석고등

Tristichotrochus haliarchus (Melvill, 1889) 매끈이방석고등

Tristichotrochus consors (Lischke, 1872) 주홍방석고등

Calliostoma koma (Shikama & Habe, 1965) 팽이방석고등

Family Turbinidae

Guildfordia triumphans (Philippi, 1841) 월계관납작소라

Phylum Echinodermata

Class Asteroidea

Order Paxillosida

Family Astropectinidae

Astropecten kagoshimensis de Loriol, 1899 가고시마불가사리

Astropecten polyacanthus Müller & Troschel, 1842 가시불가사리

Ctenopleura fisheri Hayashi, 1957 피셀촉불가사리

Dipsacaster pretiosus (Döderlein, 1902) 마른불가사리

Leptychaster anomalus Fisher, 1906 울투작은불가사리

Family Luidiidae

Luidia quinaria von Martens, 1865 검은띠 불가사리

Class Asteroidea

Order Arbacioida

Family Arbaciidae

Coelopleurus undulatus Mortensen, 1934 파동측강성게

Order Camarodonta

Family Strongylocentrotidae

Mesocentrotus nudus (A. Agassiz, 1864) 등근성게

Family Temnopleuridae

Temnotrema rubrum (Döderlein, 1885) 빨강작은성게

Order Cidaroida

Family Cidaridae

Phalacrocidaris japonica (Döderlein, 1885) 가는관극성게

Order Spatangoida

Family Schizasteridae

Schizaster lacunosus (Linnaeus, 1758) 염통성게

Class Holothuroidea

Order Dendrochirotida

Family Cucumariidae

Pentacta doliolum (Pallas, 1766) 오각해삼

Order Molpadida

Family Molpadiidae

Molpadia oolitica (Pourtalès, 1851)

Class Ophiuroidea

Order Euryalida

Family Euryalidae

Ophiocreas caudatus Lyman, 1879

Family Gorgonocephalidae

Astrocladus coniferus (Döderlein, 1902) 흑가지거미불가사리

Astroboa arctos Matsumoto, 1915 곰거미불가사리

Order Ophiurida

Family Amphiuridae

Amphiura koreae Duncan, 1879 턱뱀거미불가사리

Family Ophiactidae

Ophiopholis mirabilis (Duncan, 1879) 뿔거미불가사리

Family Ophiidermatidae

Ophiopsammus anchista H.L. Clark, 1911 빛거미불가사리

Family Ophionereididae

Ophionereis eurybrachioplax H.L. Clark, 1911 둥근따기거미불가사리

Ophionereis variegata Duncan, 1879

Family Ophiotrichidae

Ophiothrix (*Ophiothrix*) *koreana* Duncan, 1879 고려가시거미불가사리

Family Ophiuridae

Stegophiura sterea (H.L. Clark, 1908) 지붕거미불가사리

Ophioglypha sterea H.L. Clark, 1908: 293

Distribution: Japan, Korea

Habitat: Depth range 150-300m; Warm-temperate species.

Three species (*S. sladeni*, *S. sterea*, *S. vivipara*) in the genus *Stegophiura* were reported from Korea.



Fig. 12 *Stegophiura sterea*

Table 2 The Ecological information of the megabenthos in this study with ecological data for dominant species and several described species (*: first recorded in this study area)

Taxon	Ecological data		
	Depth range (m)	Substratum	Temperature (°C)
Polychaeta			
<i>Neoleanira areolata</i>	66-104	sM, mS, S	10.5-15.6
Mollusca			
<i>Acila divaricata</i>	38-90	sM, mS, (g)mS	10.5-15.2
<i>Macrinula dolabrata</i>	38-109	M, sM, mS, (g)mS, S, sZ	10.5-20.8
<i>Siphonalia fuscolineata</i>	38-104	sM, mS, (g)mS, S	10.5-20.8
<i>Zeuxis siquijorensis</i>	24-75	M, sM, (g)mS	13.8-14.2
Crustacea			
* <i>Aegaeon rathbuni</i>	88	(g)mS	15.2
<i>Charybdis bimaculata</i>	37-109	M, sM, mS, (g)mS, zS	11.4-22.1
* <i>Choniognathus reini</i>	104	S	15.6
* <i>Ethusa quadrata</i>	109	mS	14.6
* <i>Eumedonus zebra</i>	75	M	14.6
<i>Paguristes digitalis</i>	48-94	mS, (g)mS	15.4-16.8
<i>Paguristes ortmanni</i>	75-109	M, mS, (g)mS, S	14.6-15.6
<i>Palaemon gravieri</i>	37-109	sM, mS, zS	11.4-22.1
<i>Pandalus gracilis</i>	48	(g)mS	16.8
<i>Parapenaeopsis hardwickii</i>	37-48	sM, zS	20.8-22.1
* <i>Sakaija japonica</i>	104	S	15.6
* <i>Tokoyo eburnea</i>	75-109	sM	14.6-16.6
Echinodermata			
<i>Coelopleurus undulatus</i>	75	M	14.6-15.9
<i>Pentacta doliolum</i>	48	(g)mS	13.3-16.8
<i>Pseudocnus</i> sp.	66-109	sM, mS	10.5-14.7
<i>Stegophiura sterea</i>	48-104	sM, (g)mS, S,	10.5-20.8
Others			
<i>Flabellum distinctum</i>	48-109	M, sM, mS, (g)mS, S	13.3-16.8
<i>Hormathia andersoni</i>	38-104	M, sM, mS, (g)mS, S	10.5-20.8

Table 3 Distribution of the megabenthos collected in this study

Taxon	Station																
	A3	A8	B0	B2	B4	B6	B8	B10	C3	E1	E5	F1	F6	F11	F15	H1	H12
Polychaete																	
<i>Aphrodita</i> sp.	○									○	○						
<i>Aphrodita talpa</i>									○			○					
<i>Arabella iricolor</i>		○							○								
<i>Eunice indica</i>										○							
<i>Eunice</i> sp.1									○					○			
<i>Eunoe shirikishinensis</i>									○								
<i>Glycera nicobarica</i>									○								
<i>Iphione ovata</i>	○					○			○	○		○					
<i>Lagis bocki</i>									○								
<i>Lepidonotus spiculus</i>												○					
<i>Marphysa bellii</i>									○								
<i>Neoleanira areolata</i>									○								
<i>Nereis longior</i>		○								○						○	
<i>Onuphis</i> sp.														○			
<i>Phylo</i> sp.										○			○				
<i>Sabellarte</i> sp.						○											
<i>Sternaspis chinensis</i>																	
<i>Terebellides horikoshii</i>														○			
Pycnogonida																	
<i>Ascorhynchus glaberrimum</i>				○													
<i>Nymphon kodanii</i>									○								
Crustacea Isopoda																	
<i>Cymodoce acuta</i>									○								
<i>Cymodoce japonica</i>									○								
<i>Janira</i> sp.		○															
<i>Pleuroprion</i> sp1									○								
Crustacea Amphipoda																	
<i>Ampelisca miharaensis</i>									○								
<i>Aorcho nanus</i>		○															
<i>Gammaropsis japonicus</i>		○															
<i>Liljeborgia japonica</i>		○															
<i>Melita denticulata</i>									○								
<i>Pareuystheus latipes</i>												○					
<i>Protomedeia crudoliops</i>														○			
Crustacea Decapoda																	
<i>Aegaeon lacazei</i>				○										○			
<i>Aegaeon rathbuni</i>								○									
<i>Alpheus brevicristatus</i>			○														
<i>Alpheus japonicus</i>			○		○	○						○					
<i>Alpheus</i> sp.1					○											○	
<i>Axiopsis consobrina</i>				○													

Taxon	Station																
	A3	A8	B0	B2	B4	B6	B8	B10	C3	E1	E5	F1	F6	F11	F15	H1	H12
<i>Axiopsis consobrina</i>				○													
<i>Betaeus granulimanus</i>												○					
<i>Birulia kishinouyei</i>							○										
<i>Crangon affinis</i>					○	○											
<i>Crangon hakodatei</i>			○		○	○			○	○		○					○
<i>crangon sp.</i>												○					
<i>hadropenaeus lucasii</i>														○			
<i>Heptacarpus acuticarinatus</i>									○			○					
<i>Hippolyte sp.</i>									○								
<i>Latretus anoplonyx</i>									○								
<i>Latreutes sp.</i>									○								
<i>Leptochela gracilis</i>									○								○
<i>Leptochela sp.</i>												○					
<i>Leptochela sydniensis</i>						○											○
<i>Metacrangon sinensis</i>									○								
<i>Metapenaepsis dalei</i>						○											
<i>Palaemon gravieri</i>										○	○	○	○		○	○	
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<i>Pandalus gracilis</i>									○								
<i>Paracrangon abei</i>									○								
<i>Parapenaepsis hardwickii</i>												○					○
<i>Petrarctus brevicornis</i>														○			
<i>Plesionika ortmanni</i>	○					○			○				○				
<i>solenocera comata</i>														○			
<i>Solenocera melantho</i>						○							○				○
<i>Trachysalambria curvirostris</i>				○	○	○			○			○					○
<i>Callianassa japonica</i>				○													
<i>Boninpagurus pilosipes</i>									○								
<i>Catapagurus sp.</i>		○															
<i>Ceratopagurus pilosimanus</i>							○						○				
<i>Dardanus arrosor</i>		○		○													
<i>Diogenes edwardsii</i>												○					
<i>Diogenes sp.</i>																	○
<i>Paguristes digitalis</i>								○	○								
<i>Paguristes japonicus</i>		○							○								
<i>Paguristes ortmanni</i>		○		○			○							○			
<i>Paguristes sp.</i>				○									○				

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<i>Pagurus brachiomastus</i>				○			○		○								
<i>Pagurus debius</i>		○															
<i>Pagurus gracilipes</i>		○		○													
<i>Pagurus minutus</i>								○	○								
<i>Pagurus pectinatus</i>		○					○										
<i>Pagurus pilosipes</i>		○															
<i>Pagurus proximus</i>		○															
<i>Pagurus similis</i>				○													
<i>pagurus sp.</i>		○		○											○		
<i>Pagurus triserratus</i>		○		○													
<i>Galathea orientalis</i>		○							○								
<i>Munida japonica</i>				○				○							○		
<i>Paramunida scabra</i>		○		○													
<i>Achaeus japonicus</i>									○								
<i>Achaeus tuberculatus</i>		○															
<i>Anatolikos sp.</i>									○								
<i>Cancer gibbulosus</i>											○	○					
<i>Cancer sp.</i>									○	○							
<i>Carcinoplax longimana</i>	○					○											○
<i>Carcinoplax purpurea</i>											○						
<i>Carcinoplax sp.</i>			○														
<i>Carcinoplax surugensis</i>					○	○									○		○
<i>Carcinoplax vestita</i>										○					○		
<i>Charybdis bimaculata</i>	○		○		○	○			○	○	○	○	○			○	
<i>Charybdis riversandersoni</i>															○		
<i>Choniognathus reini</i>		○															
<i>Entomonyx spinosus</i>							○										
<i>Entricoplax vestita</i>			○		○	○											
<i>Eplumula phalangium</i>		○		○											○		
<i>Ethusa quadrata</i>															○		
<i>Eucliosiana obtusifrons</i>		○		○													
<i>Eumedonus zebra</i>				○													
<i>Hemigrapsus penicillatus</i>				○													
<i>Latreillopsis bispinosa</i>		○															
<i>Leptomithrax bifidus</i>							○								○		
<i>Leptomithrax edwardsii</i>				○					○						○		
<i>Liocarcinus corrugatus</i>				○					○								
<i>Maja japonica</i>		○															
<i>Mursia trispinosa</i>		○													○		

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<i>Ovalipes punctatus</i>												○					
<i>Petalomera yamashitai</i>				○													
<i>Pilumnus minutus</i>									○								
<i>Pilumnus</i> sp1.														○			
<i>Pinnotheres pholadis</i>									○								
<i>Platymaia alcocki</i>		○															
<i>Platymaia wyvillethomsoni</i>		○															
<i>Pleistacantha sanctijohannis</i>														○			
<i>Portunus (monomia) gladiator</i>		○															
<i>Portunus (portunus) trituberculatus</i>												○					○
<i>Portunus pelagicus</i>														○			
<i>Pugettia incisa</i>									○		○						
<i>Pugettia vulgaris</i>									○					○			
<i>Pugettia</i> sp.				○													
<i>Randallia eburnea</i>				○									○	○			
<i>Romaleon gibbosulum</i>										○							
<i>Scyra</i> sp.									○								
<i>Trachycarnicus balssi</i>													○				
<i>Tymolus japonicus</i>		○											○				
<i>Singhaplax danielae</i>														○			
<i>Scalopidia spinosipes</i>													○				
Crustacea Stomatopoda																	
<i>Oratosquilla oratoria</i>					○							○	○				○
<i>Squilla</i> sp.														○			
Crinoidea																	
Crinoidea sp.				○													
Asteroidea																	
<i>Aphelasterias</i> sp.		○							○								
<i>Asterina</i> sp.				○													
<i>Astropecten kagoshimensis</i>		○															
<i>Astroboa arctos</i>									○								
<i>astrocladus coniferus</i>									○								
<i>Astropecten polyacanthus</i>									○				○				
<i>Ctenopleura fisheri</i>														○			
<i>Ctenopleura</i> sp.		○								○							
<i>Dipsacater pretiosus</i>								○									
<i>Echiniasteridae</i>				○									○				
<i>Henricia ohshimai</i>														○			

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<i>Leptychaster anomalus</i>				○									○	○			
<i>Luidia quinaria</i>		○															
Ophiuroidea																	
<i>Amphioplus</i> sp.														○			
<i>Amphiura koreae</i>									○								
<i>astrocladus coniferus</i>									○								
<i>Crossaster</i> sp.									○								
<i>Ophiocentrus</i> sp.														○			
<i>Ophiocreas caudatus</i>						○				○				○		○	
<i>Ophiocreas</i> sp.						○											
<i>Ophiogymma</i> sp.			○		○		○										
<i>Ophionereis eurybrachioplax</i>									○								
<i>Ophionereis variegata</i>									○								
<i>Ophiopholis mirabilis</i>				○					○								
<i>Ophiopsammus anchista</i>				○													
<i>Ophiotrix</i> sp.									○								
<i>Ophiura</i> sp.		○								○							
<i>Pectinura</i> sp.				○													
<i>Stegophiura</i> sp.							○		○				○				
<i>Stegophiura sterea</i>		○							○	○		○					
<i>Ophiothrix (Ophiothrix) koreana</i>				○													
Echinoidea																	
<i>Clypeasteroida</i> sp.		○		○													
<i>Coelopleurus undulatus</i>				○													
<i>Phalacrocidaris japonica</i>							○										
<i>Schizaster lacunosus</i>										○							
<i>Stereocidaria japonica</i>		○							○								
<i>Strongylocentrotus nudus</i>									○								
<i>Temnotrema rubrum</i>								○									
Holothuroidea																	
<i>Molpadia oolitica</i>											○						○
<i>Pentacta doliolum</i>									○								
<i>Pseudocnus</i> sp.										○	○			○	○		
Polyplacophora																	
<i>Leidozona andrigiaschevi</i>									○								
Gastropoda																	
<i>Adamnetia japonica</i>														○			
<i>Boreotrophon candelabrum</i>		○															
<i>Brachytoma tuberosa</i>																	○
<i>Bullacta exarata</i>										○							
<i>Calliostoma consors</i>						○	○										
<i>Calliostoma koma</i>									○								

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<i>Calyptreaea</i> sp.									○								
<i>Chicoreus aculeatus</i>				○													
<i>Crepidula</i> sp.		○															
<i>Cymatium parthehopeum</i>				○													
<i>Cyprass vitellus</i>				○													
<i>Dhiline argentata</i>									○								
<i>Emarginula crassicosata</i>									○								
<i>Emarginula</i> sp.									○								
<i>Fascioariidae</i>									○								
<i>Fusinus ferrugineus</i>				○					○								
<i>Gemmula kieneri</i>															○		
<i>Guildfordia triumphans</i>		○															
<i>Inquisitor jeffreysii</i>			○														
<i>Inquisitor nudivaricosus</i>			○														
<i>Macrinula dolabrata</i>													○				
<i>Microfusus magnifica magnifica</i>	○	○															
<i>Nassarius variciferus</i>																	○
<i>Neptunea</i> sp.										○							
<i>Nudibranchia</i>									○								
<i>Primovula frumentum</i>									○								
<i>Siphonalia fuscolineata</i>	○	○			○	○	○		○	○	○	○			○		
<i>Siphonalia fusoides</i>		○			○												
<i>Tristichotrochus aculeatus</i>		○															
<i>Tristichotrochus haliarchus</i>															○		
<i>unedogemmula deshayesi</i>																	○
<i>Vokesimurex rectirostris</i>															○		
<i>Zeuxis siquijorensis</i>			○		○	○				○							
Bivalvia																	
<i>Acila divaricata</i>	○				○	○	○			○							
<i>Acila mirabilis</i>						○				○							
<i>Angulus vestalioides</i>											○						
<i>Chlamys irregularis</i>				○													
<i>Chlamys nobilis</i>				○													
<i>Chlamys squamata</i>									○								
<i>Clycymeris imperialis</i>									○								
<i>Cryptopecten vesiculosus</i>															○		
<i>Enucula tenuis</i>										○							
<i>Hawaiarca uwaensis</i>															○		

Taxon	Station																
	A3	A8	B0	B2	B4	B6	B8	B10	C3	E1	E5	F1	F6	F11	F15	H1	H12
<i>Lima fujitai</i>									○								
<i>Macrinula dolabrata</i>		○		○	○	○				○		○	○		○		○
<i>Meiocardia tetragona</i>													○				
<i>Modiolus elongatus</i>										○							
<i>Nitidotellina nitidula</i>										○							
<i>Portlandia lischkei</i>										○							
<i>Striarca symmetrica</i>												○					
Others																	
<i>Hormathia andersoni</i>	○	○		○	○	○			○	○	○	○			○		
<i>Adeona</i> sp.									○								
<i>Bellonella rigida</i>									○								
<i>Bellonella rubra</i>	○																
<i>Echinoptillum macintoshi</i>	○																
<i>Flabellum distinctum</i>		○		○					○				○	○			
<i>Leioptilus fimbriatus</i>		○											○				
<i>Litaspongia arborea</i>									○								
<i>Maldreporaria</i> sp.								○									
<i>paraspongodes hirotai</i>									○								
<i>Paraspongodes spiculosa</i>									○								
<i>Pennatulacea</i>													○				
<i>Scleractinia</i> sp.		○															
<i>Flabellum (Ulocyathus) deludens</i>		○															
<i>Flabellum pavonium</i>		○															
<i>Phascolosoma agassizii</i>															○		
<i>Ctenoides annulata</i>									○								
<i>Laqueus</i> sp.		○		○					○								
<i>Terebratulina japonica</i>									○								
<i>Ciona</i> sp.																○	
<i>Bryozoa</i>				○					○								
<i>Axinella</i> sp.									○								
<i>Oscarella lobularis</i>				○													
<i>Polyclinidae</i>																	
<i>Aplidium</i> sp.									○								
<i>Polyclinidae</i>									○								
<i>Aglaophenia</i> sp.									○								

3.3 Distribution and species composition of megabenthos

3.3.1 Species composition

In total, 301 species have occurred during the survey period, and 187 species were identified. Arthropod crustaceans represented the most abundant taxon with 118 species (39 %), followed by mollusks with 55 species (18 %), echinoderms with 44 species (14 %), annelid polychaetes with 19 species (6 %), and others phyla with 71 species (23 %) (Fig. 13). An average of 29 species were recorded at site. The highest number of species (116) was found at C3, and the lowest number of species (5) was identified at H12, south of Jeju Island (Fig. 14).

The mean density of megabenthos was 28.7 ind/100 m², with values of 25.1 ind/100 m² in June 2015, 33.0 ind/100 m² in November 2015, and 29.5 ind/100 m² in April 2016. In June 2015, density was highest at C3 (89 ind/100 m²), in the South Sea, and values were less than 5 ind/100 m² at F11, H1, and H12, southwest of Jeju Island. In November 2015, density was highest at E1 (93.6 ind/100 m²), west of Jeju Island, and density was lowest (< 5 ind/100 m²) at F5 and H12, south of Jeju Island. In April 2016, density was highest at B2 (100 ind/100 m²), located at the frontal zone of the South Sea. During the survey period, the density ranking by taxonomic group was mollusks (31 %), arthropod crustaceans (25 %), echinoderms (22 %), other phyla (19 %), and annelid polychaetes (4 %).

During the survey period, the mean biomass of megabenthos was 181.1 g/100 m² (range: 2.2–1422.2 g/100 m²). There were significant differences among stations. The mean biomass values in June 2015, November 2015, and April 2016 were 135.4 g/100 m², 224.3 g/100 m², and 213.4 g/100 m², respectively. In June 2015, biomass was significantly higher at C3 (924.6 g/100

m²) and lower at F11, H1, and H12 (< 5 g/100 m²), off the southwest coast of Jeju Island. In November 2015, biomass was also significantly higher at C3 (1422.2 g/100 m²) and lower at F15 (< 10 g/100 m²), south of Jeju Island. In April 2016, biomass was highest at B2 (704 g/100 m²) and lowest at B0. During the survey period, the biomass ranking of megabenthos by taxonomic group was echinoderms (40 %), mollusks (25 %), other phyla (25 %), and arthropod crustaceans (10 %), respectively.

The diversity (H') value in the study area was 2.0, and higher than 3.0 at C3 and F15 in June 2015, and A8 and C3 in November 2015. The lowest diversity was 0.6 at H12 in June 2015.

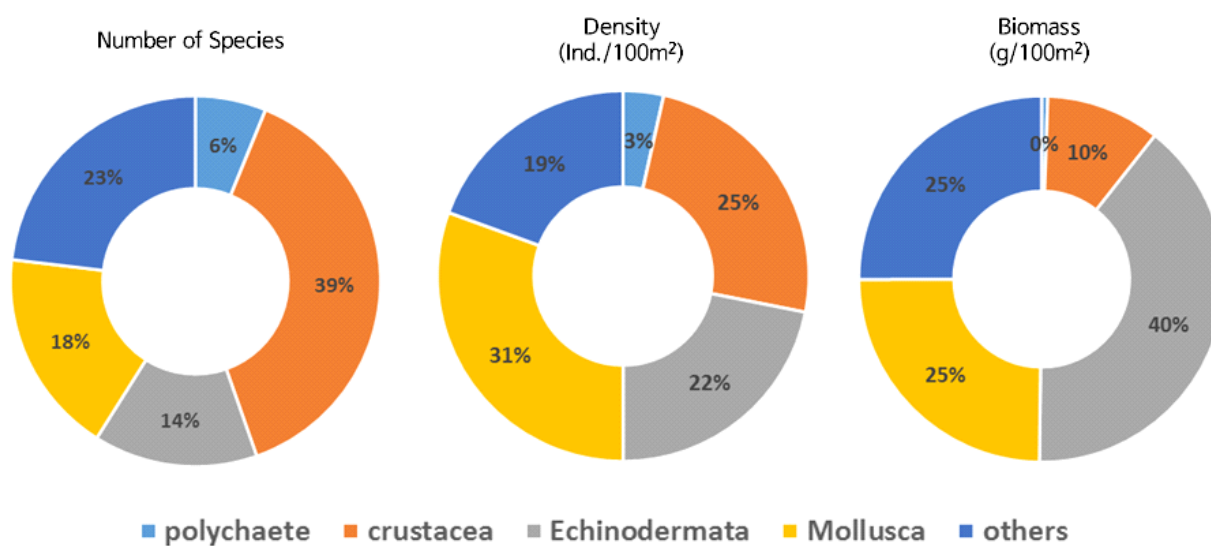


Fig. 13 Composition of species number, density (ind./100 m²) and biomass (g/100 m²) of the megabenthos in the study area

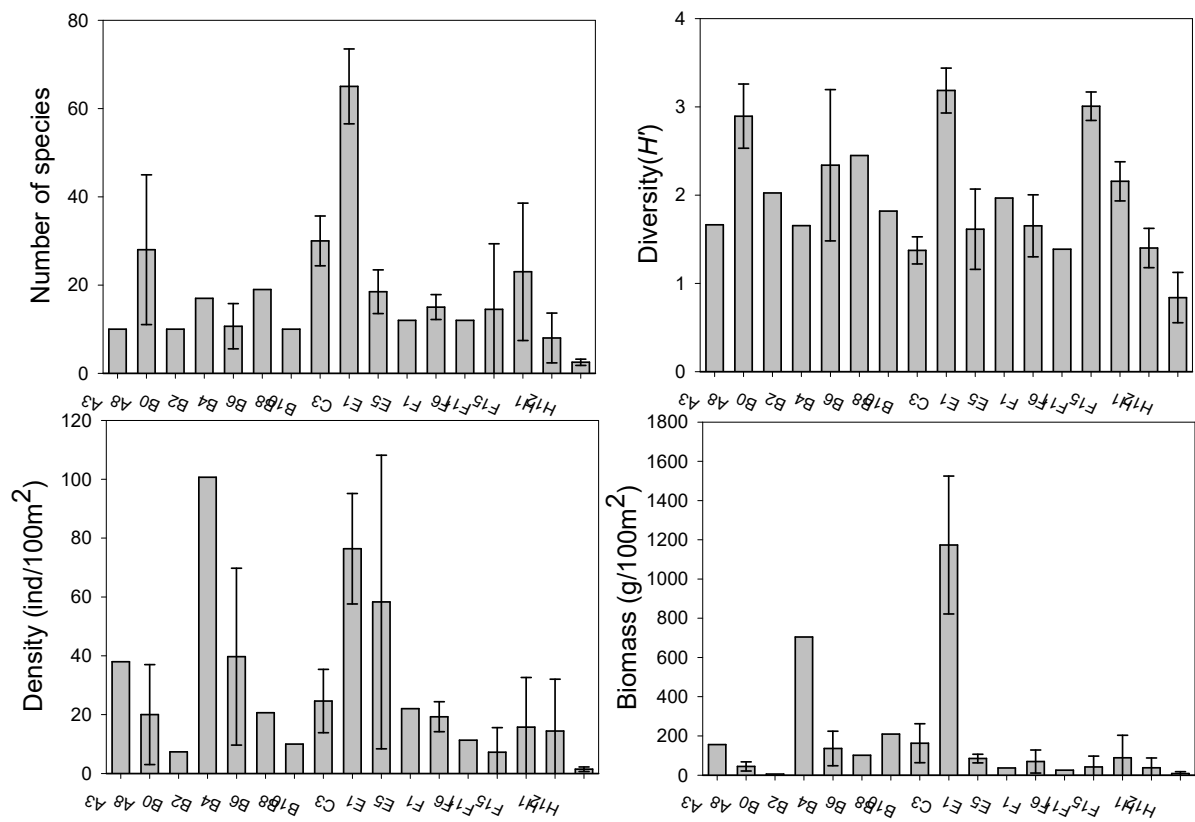


Fig. 14 Number of species, diversity(H'), density (ind./100 m²) and biomass (g/100 m²) of the megabenthos in the study area

3.3.2 Dominant species

The dominant species (> 1 % of total density) during this study were the ophiuroid *Stegophiura sterea* (10.4 %), bivalves *Mastrinula dolabrata* (9.0 %) and *Acila divaricata* (8.3 %), anthozoan *Hormathia andersoni* (8.2 %), gastropods *Zeuxis siquijorensis* (4.7 %) and *Siphonalia fuscolineata* (3.7 %), decapod *Pandalus gracilis* (3.1 %), holothuroid *Pentacta doliolum* (2.1 %), anthozoan *Flabellum distinctum* (1.8 %), decapods *Parapenaeopsis hardwickii* (1.7 %) and *Charybdis bimaculata* (1.7 %), echinoid *Coelopleurus undulatus* (1.5 %), decapods *Palaemon gravieri* (1.5 %), *Paguristes ortmanni* (1.3 %), and *Paguristes digitalis* (1.2 %), holothuroid *Pseudocnus* sp. (1.1 %), and polychaete *Neoleanira areolata* (1.1 %) (Table 4, Fig. 15). *Stegophiura sterea*, the most dominant species, appeared with a density of 66.7 ind/100 m² at E1 in November 2015. *Mastrinula dolabrata* appeared with 26.0 ind/100 m² in June 2015 and 29.3 ind/100 m² in November 2015 at B4 in the frontal zone of the South Sea. *Acila divaricata* appeared at a density of 23.7 ind/100 m² in November 2015 and 3.7 ind/100 m² in April 2016 at B4, and 38 ind/100 m² in April 2016 at B2.

Table 4 Dominant species of megabenthos ranking based on the density

Rank	Taxa	Species	Feeding type	% of total density	Freq.(%)
1	EOp	<i>Stegophiura sterea</i>	deposit feeder	10.4	21.4
2	MBi	<i>Macrinula dolabrata</i>	deposit feeder	9.0	42.9
3	MBi	<i>Acila divaricata</i>	deposit feeder	8.3	21.4
4	Others	<i>Hormathia andersoni</i>	suspension feeder	8.2	50.0
5	MGs	<i>Zeuxis siquijorensis</i>	scavenger	4.7	10.7
6	MGs	<i>Siphonalia fuscolineata</i>	carnivores, scavenger	3.7	46.4
7	CDe	<i>Pandalus gracilis</i>	carnivores	3.1	3.6
8	EHo	<i>Pentacta doliolum</i>	suspension feeder	2.1	7.1
9	Others	<i>Flabellum distinctum</i>	filter feeder	1.8	25.0
10	CDe	<i>Parapenaeopsis hardwickii</i>	scavenger, carnivore	1.7	7.1
11	CDe	<i>Charybdis bimaculata</i>	carnivore	1.7	50.0
12	EEc	<i>Coelopleurus undulatus</i>	deposit feeder, carnivore	1.5	7.1
13	CDe	<i>Palaemon gravieri</i>	carnivore	1.5	25.0
14	CDe	<i>Paguristes ortmanni</i>	omnivore, carnivore	1.3	14.3
15	CDe	<i>Paguristes digitalis</i>	omnivore, carnivore	1.2	10.7
16	EHo	<i>Pseudocnus</i> sp.	suspension feeder	1.1	14.3
17	APo	<i>Neoleanira areolata</i>	carnivore, epibenthic	1.1	14.3

(APo, Polychaeta; MBi, Bivalvia; MGs, Gastropoda; CDe, Decapoda; EEc, Echinoidea; EHo, Holothuroidea; EOp, Ophiuroidea)

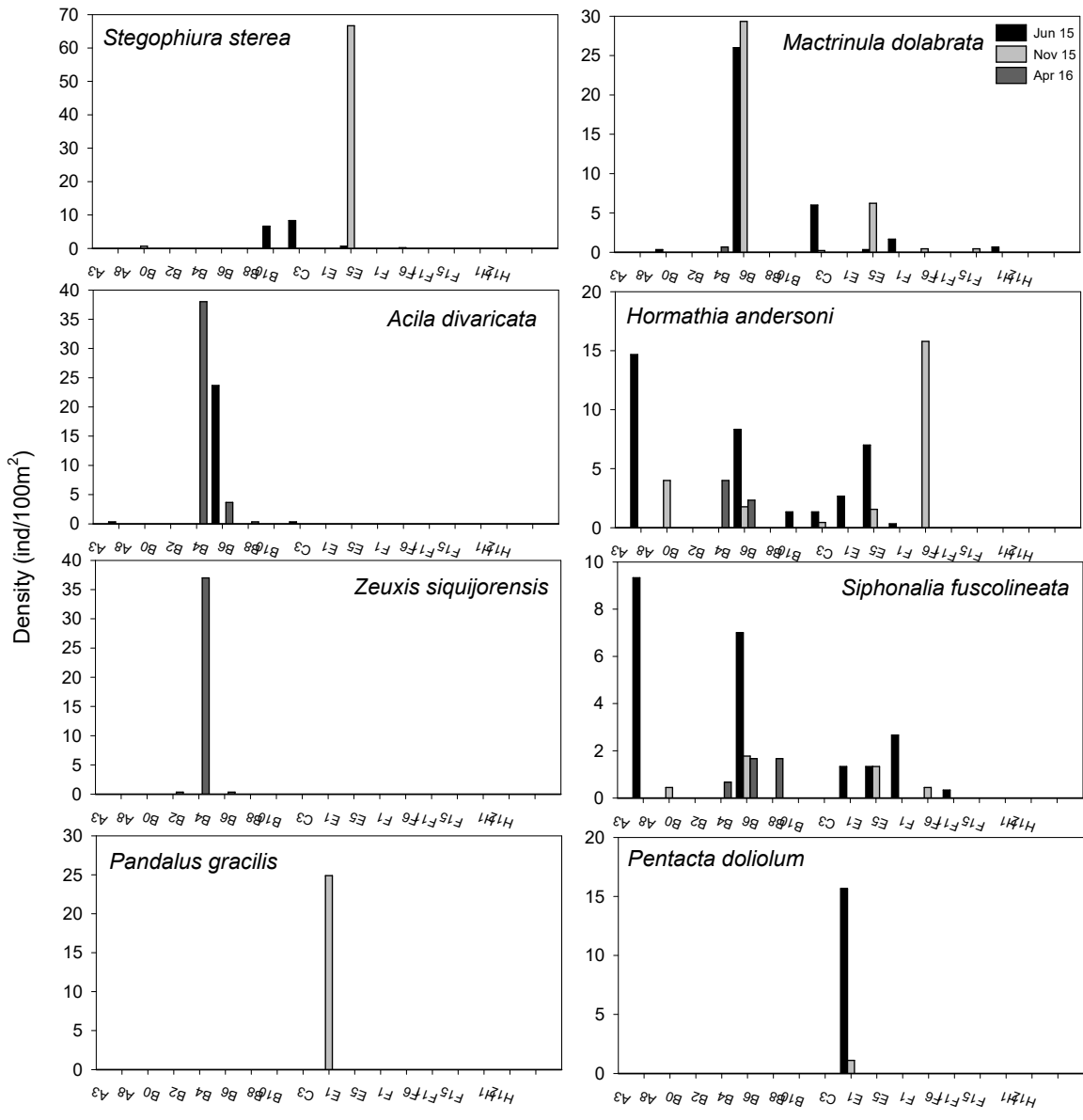


Fig. 15 Dominant species of the megabenthos at each station

3.3.3 Community structure

A cluster analysis and MDS analysis of the Bray–Curtis similarity matrix based on the density of the megabenthos in June 2015 were divided the study area into three groups by species contributions: Group a were placed east of Jeju Island, Group b consisting of the South Sea station and south of Jeju Island, Group c located diagonally from the South coast to the region southwest of Jeju Island (SIMPROF test, $P < 0.05$) (Fig. 16). Group b was deeper than 100 m. The average similarity of Group a was 22.71 %, and *Leptomithrax edwardsii*, *Munida japonica*, *Eplumula phalagium* contributed 16.8 %, 16.8 %, and 15.2 %, respectively (SIMPER test, $P < 0.05$) (Table 5). The average similarity of Group b was 16.9 %, and *Solenocera melantho*, *Macrinula dolabrata*, and *Leioptilus fimbriatus* contributed 60.9 %, 20.2 % and 18.9 %, respectively. The average similarity of Group c was 21.7 %, and *Hormathia andersoni*, *Siphonalia fuscolineata* and *Macrinula dolabrata* contributed 29.2 %, 17.9 % and 10.4 % respectively.

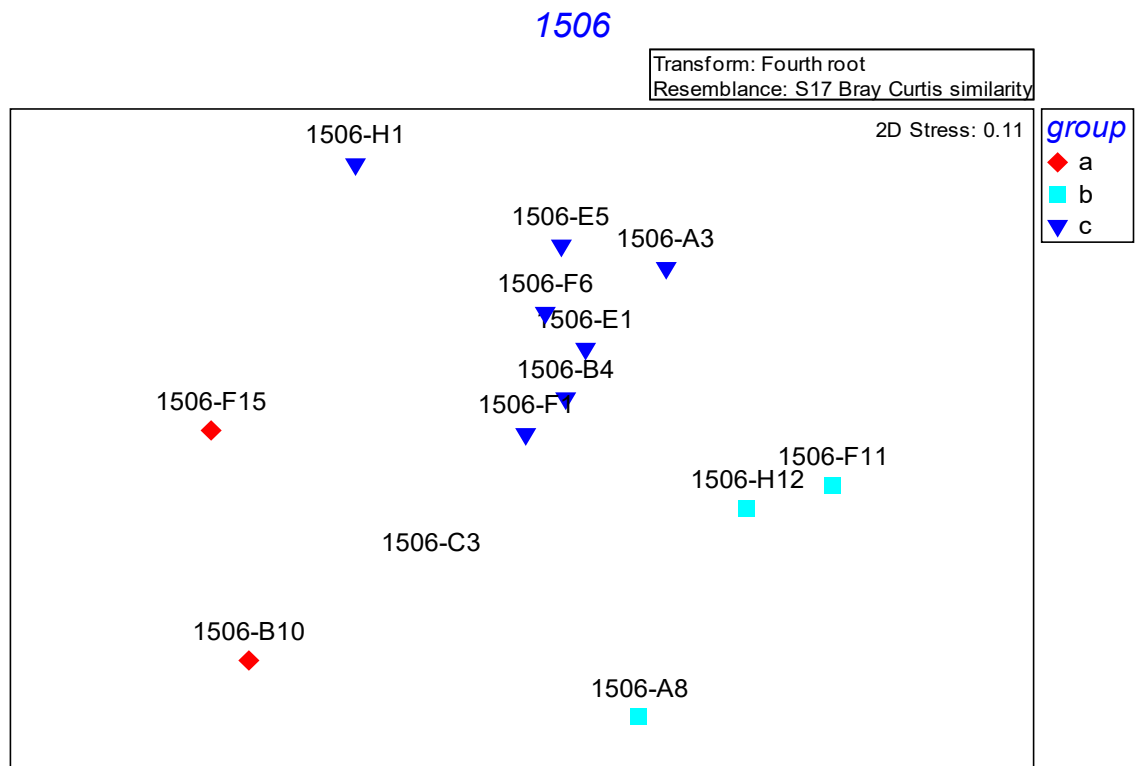
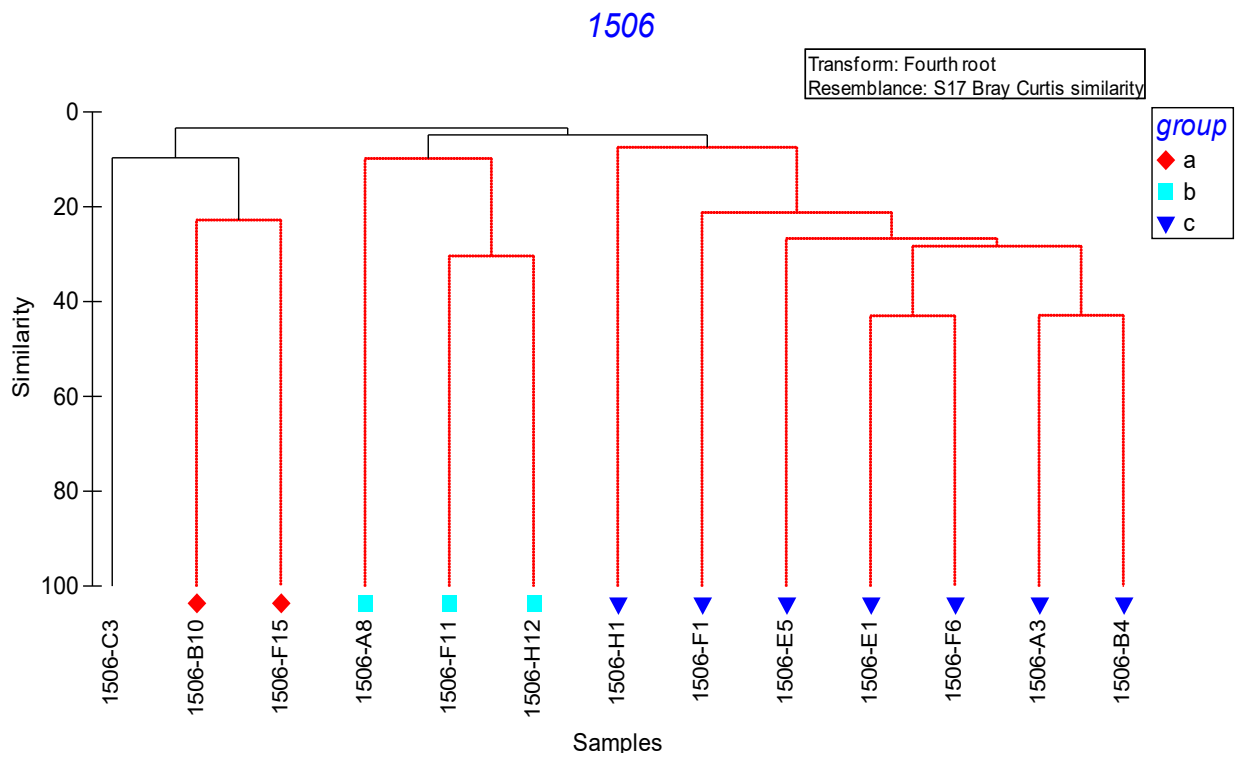


Fig. 16 Dendrogram and 2-dimensional plot using megabenthic faunal abundance data by Bray-Curtis similarities calculated on the fourth-root transformed abundance data in the South Sea of Korea in June 2015

Table 5 SIMPER analysis of the megabenthic fauna, listing the main characterizing species at each group in June 2015

	Species	Average Abundance (log)	Contribution %	Cumulative %
Group a Average similarity: 22.71%	<i>Leptomithrax edwardsii</i>	1.00	16.83	16.83
	<i>Munida japonica</i>	1.07	16.83	33.65
	<i>Eplumula phalangium</i>	0.99	15.20	48.86
Group b Average similarity: 16.58%	<i>Solenocera melantho</i>	0.61	60.91	60.91
	<i>Maetrinula dolabrata</i>	0.55	20.21	81.12
	<i>Leioptilus fimbriatus</i>	0.51	18.88	100
Group c Average similarity: 21.66%	<i>Hormathia andersoni</i>	1.20	29.20	29.20
	<i>Siphonalia fuscolineata</i>	0.93	17.88	47.09
	<i>Maetrinula dolabrata</i>	0.82	10.37	57.46

A cluster analysis and MDS analysis of the Bray–Curtis similarity matrix based on the density of the megabenthos in November 2015 were divided the study area into two groups by species contributions. Group a were placed east of Jeju Island and group b consisted of the west of the Jeju Island stations with B4 in the frontal zone of the South Sea (Fig. 17). The average similarity of Group a was 17.83 %, and *Hormathia andersoni*, *Eplumula phalangium* and *Euclosiana obtusifrons* contributed 14.52 %, 12.21 %, and 12.21 %, respectively (SIMPER test, $P < 0.05$) (Table 6). The average similarity of Group b was 24.44 %, and *Charybdis bimaculata*, *Hormathia andersoni* and *Maetrinula dolabrata* contributed 18.00 %, 13.57 % and 12.57 %, respectively.

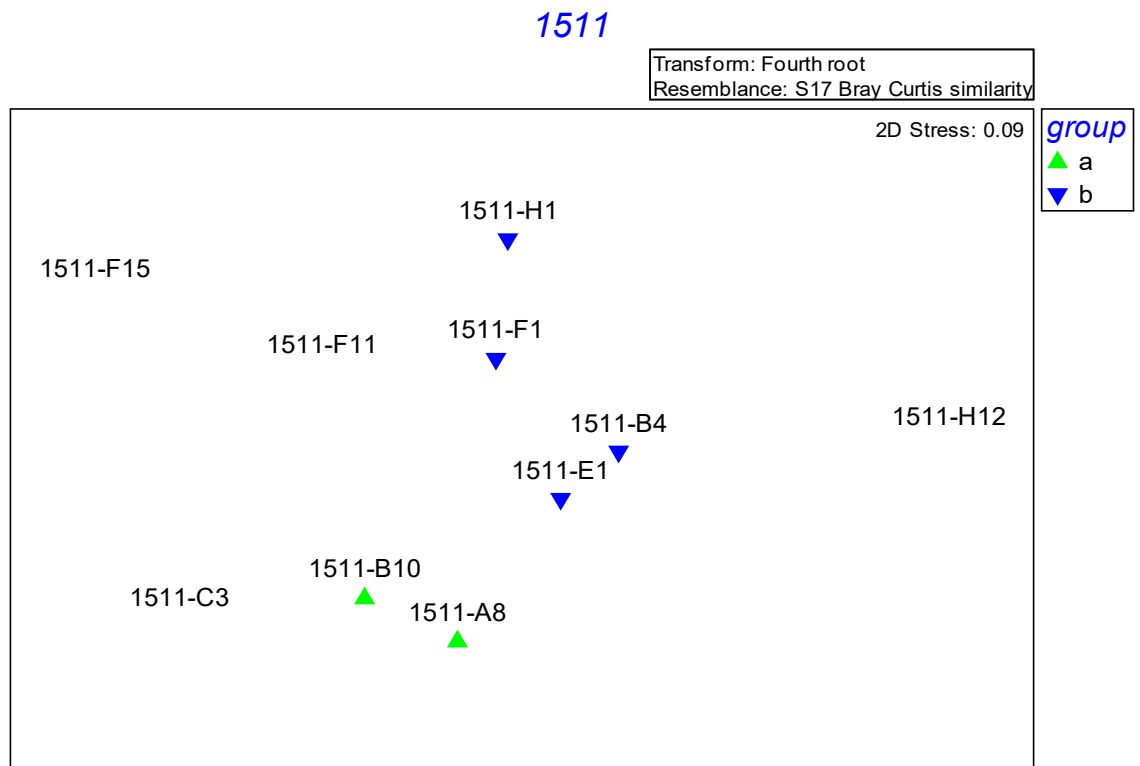
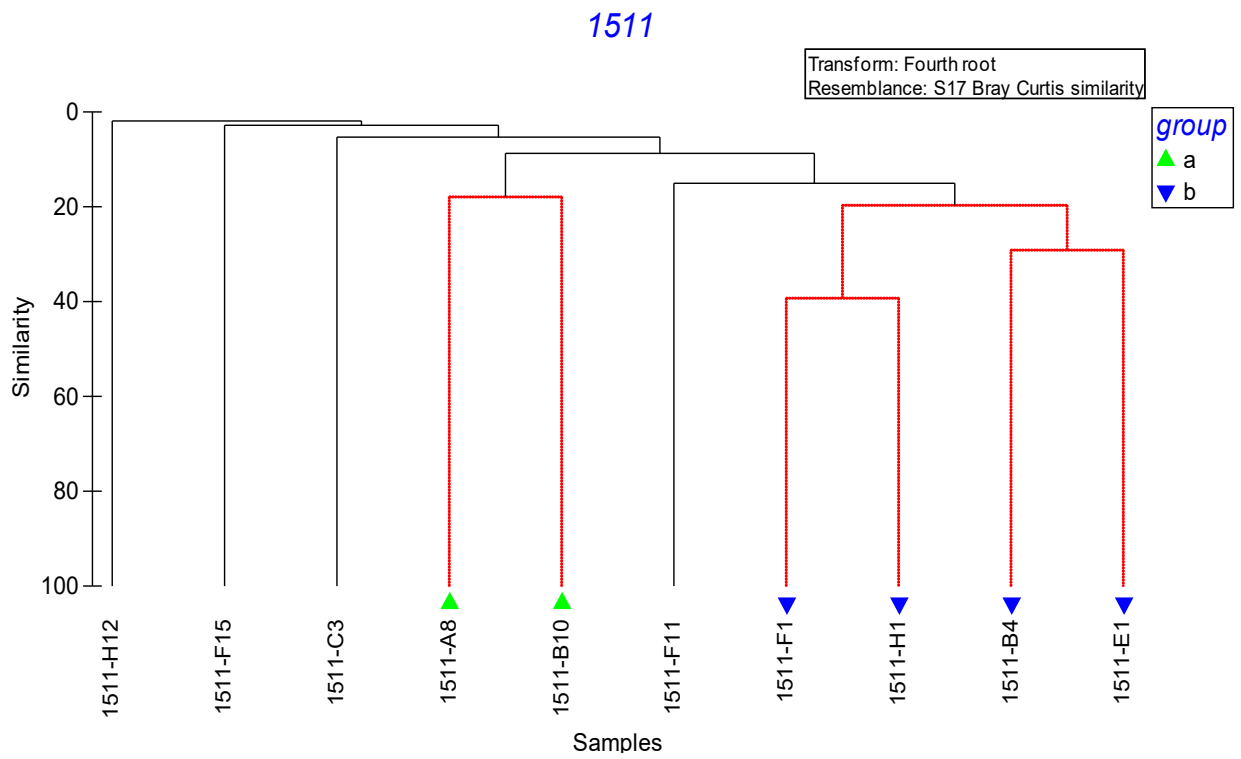


Fig. 17 Dendrogram and 2-dimensional plot using megabenthic faunal abundance data by Bray-Curtis similarities calculated on the fourth-root transformed abundance data in the South Sea of Korea in November 2015

Table 6 SIMPER analysis of the megabenthic fauna, listing the main characterizing species at each group in November 2015

	Species	Group a Average Abundance (log)	Group b Average Abundance (log)	Contribution %	Cumulative %
Group a & b Average dissimilarity: 91.52%	<i>Macrinula dolabrata</i>	0.34	1.18	2.28	2.28
	<i>Coelopleurus undulatus</i>	0.86	0.00	2.10	4.38
	<i>Palaemon gravieri</i>	0.00	0.89	2.07	6.45
	<i>Eplumula phalangium</i>	0.90	0.00	2.07	8.52

A cluster analysis and MDS analysis of the Bray-Curtis similarity matrix based on the density of the megabenthos in November 2015 were divided the study area into two groups by species contributions (Fig. 18). Group a and b were located in the frontal zone of the South Sea. Group a was mainly muddy sediment and Group b was sandy sediment with vary poorly sorted. The average dissimilarity of Group a and b was 93.88 %, and *Zeuxis siquijorensis*, *Charybdis bimaculata*, *Ascidiacea* sp. and *Acila divaricata* contributed 5.39 %, 5.38 % 5.17 % and 4.96 respectively (SIMPER test, $P < 0.05$) (Table 7).

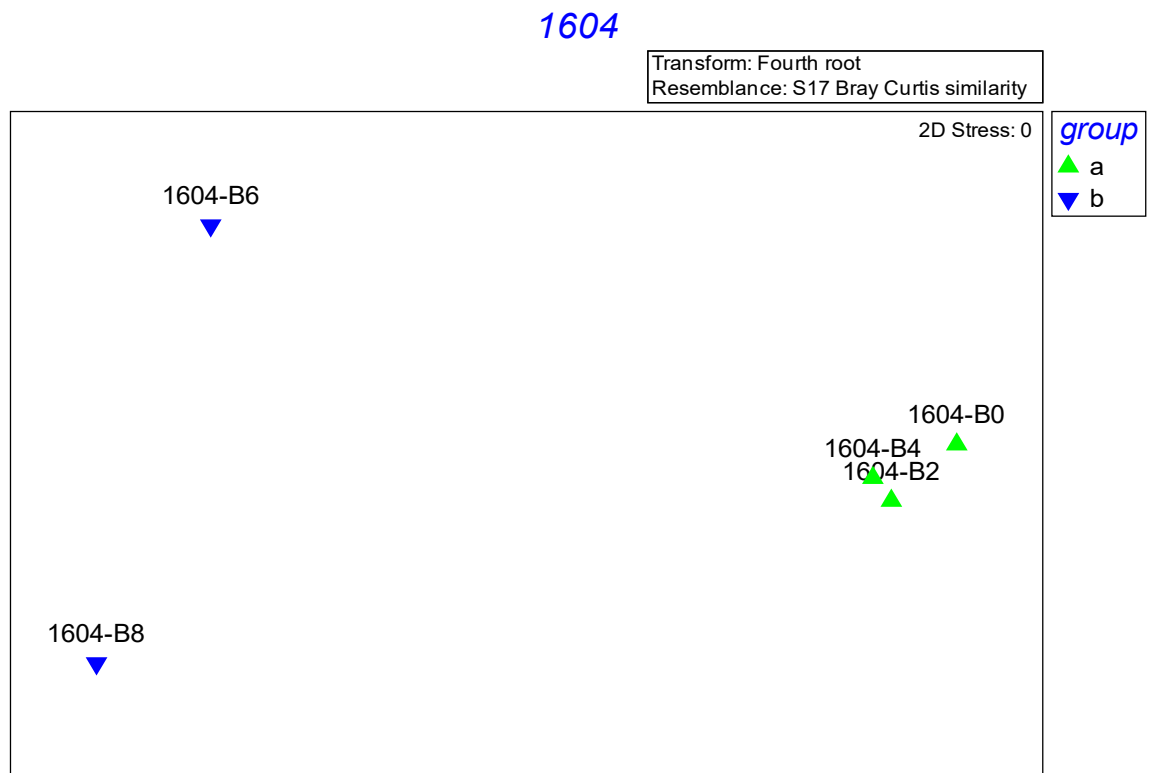
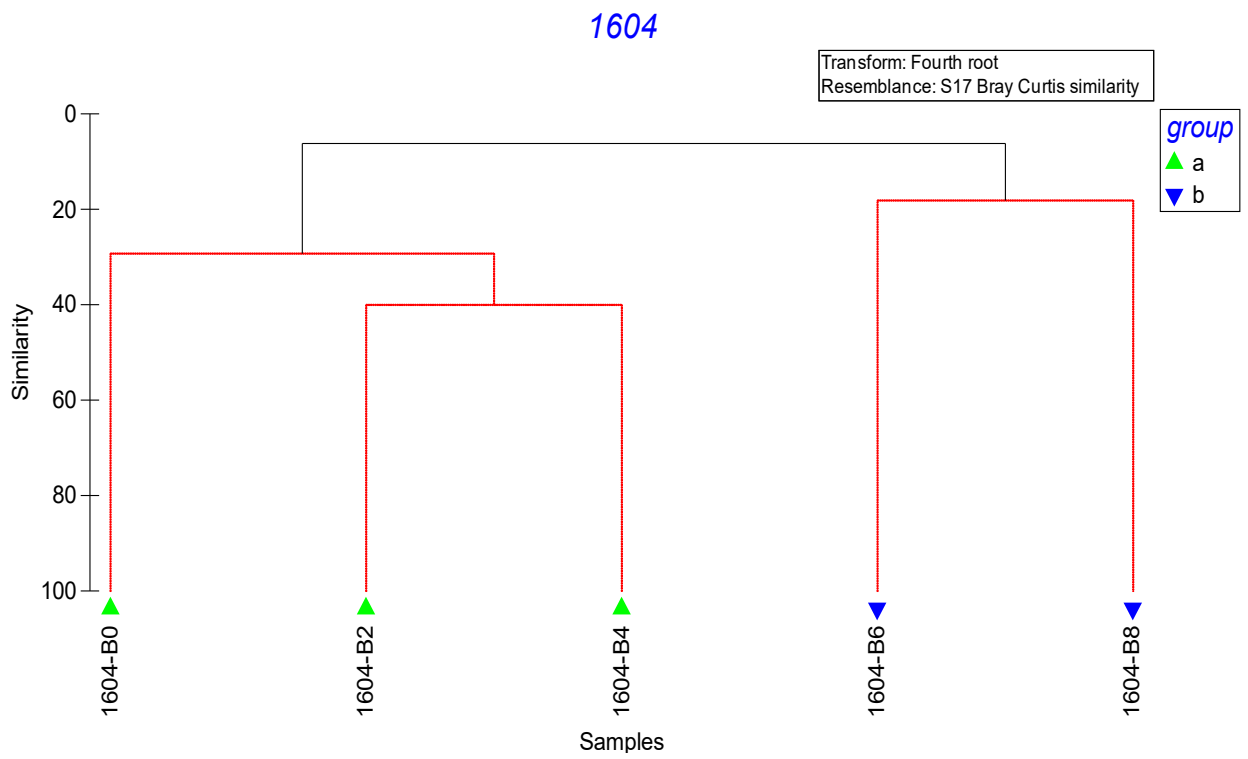


Fig. 18 Dendrogram and 2-dimensional plot using megabenthic faunal abundance data by Bray-Curtis similarities calculated on the fourth-root transformed abundance data in the South Sea of Korea in April 2016

Table 7 SIMPER analysis of the megabenthic fauna, listing the main characterizing species at each group in April 2016

	Species	Group a Average Abundance (log)	Group b Average Abundance (log)	Contribution %	Cumulative %
Group a & b Average dissimilarity: 93.88%	<i>Zeuxis siquijorensis</i>	1.33	0.00	5.39	5.39
	<i>Charybdis bimaculata</i>	1.20	0.00	5.38	10.77
	<i>Ascidiacea</i> sp.	0.00	1.14	5.17	15.9
	<i>Acila divaricata</i>	1.29	0.38	4.96	20.89

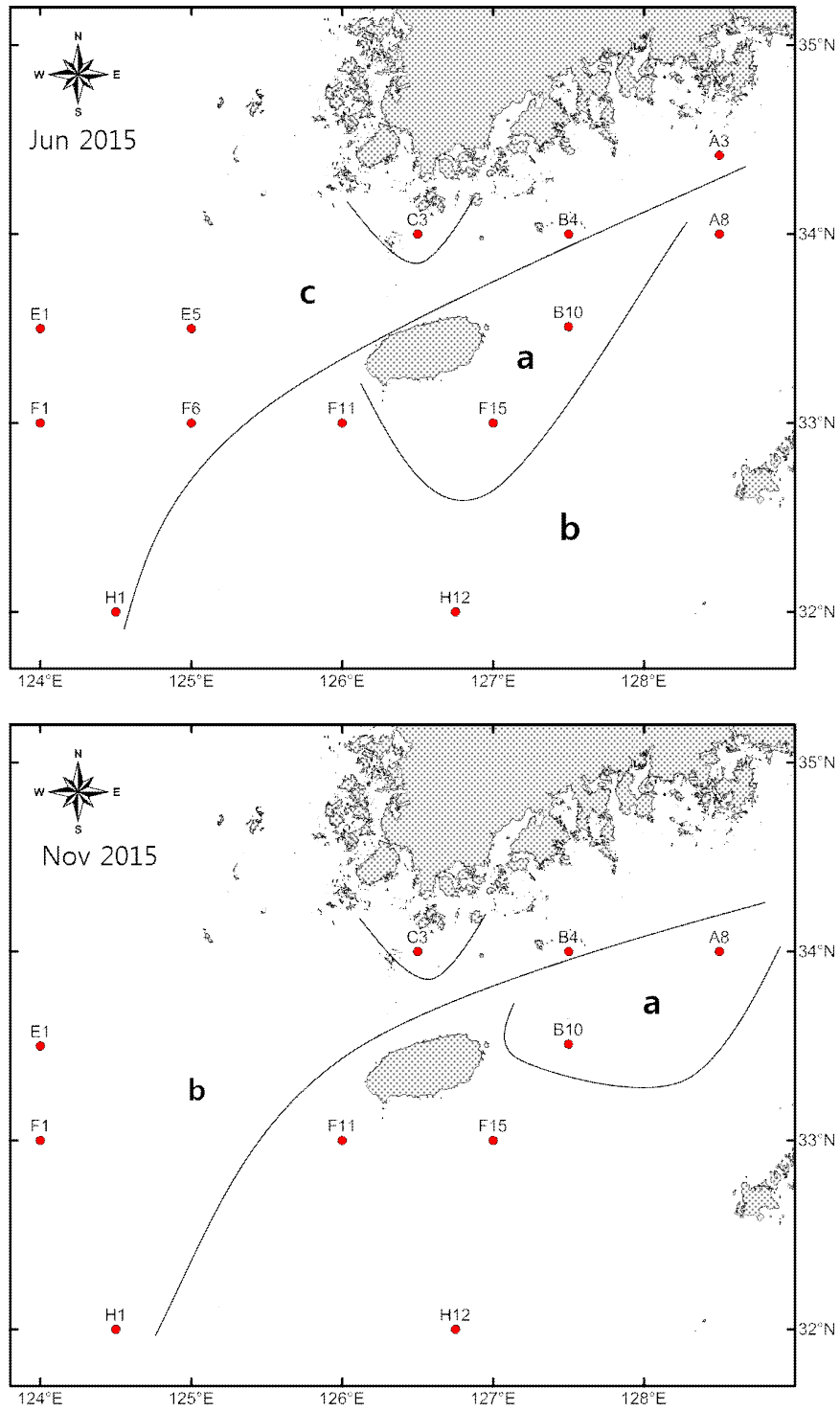


Fig. 19 Distribution of station groups, based on the species composition in 2015

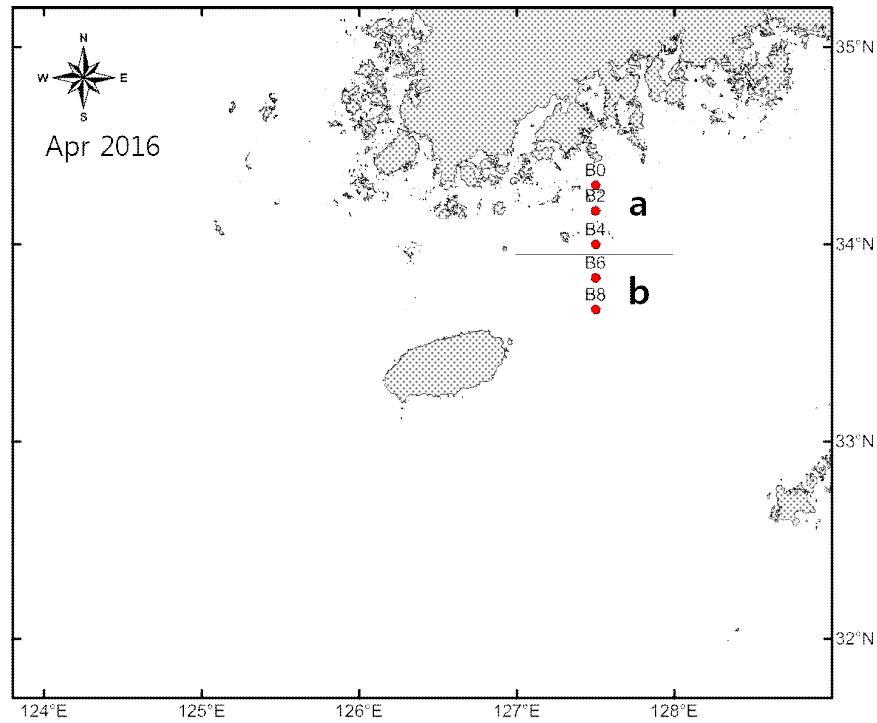


Fig. 20 Distribution of station groups, based on the species composition in 2016

A cluster analysis and MDS analysis of the Bray–Curtis similarity matrix based on the density of the megabenthos in study period divided the study area into seven groups by species contributions (Fig. 21). The average similarity of Group a was 16.58 %, and *Solenocera melantho*, *Mastrinula dolabrata* and *Leioptilus fimbriatus* were contributed 60.91 %, 20.21 % and 18.88 % respectively (SIMPER test, $P < 0.05$) (Table 8). The average similarity of Group b was 25.11 %, and *Leptochela sydniensis* was contributed 100 %. The average similarity of Group c was 25.87 %, and *Hormathia andersoni*, *Siphonalia fuscolineata* and *Charybdis bimaculata* were contributed 27.95 %, 19.05 %, and 11.55 %, respectively. The average similarity of Group d was 11.47 %, and *Flabellum distinctum* and Porifera were contributed 58.58 % and 41.42 %, respectively. The average similarity of Group e was 17.33 %, and *Eplumula phalangium*, *Munida japonica* and *Paguristes ortmanni* were

contributed 16.61 %, 11.09 %, and 9.12 %, respectively. The average similarity of Group f was 21.34 %, and *Paguristes digitalis*, *Pentacta doliolum* and *Pilumnus minutus* were contributed 8.69 %, 8.31 %, and 7.85 %, respectively. The average similarity of Group g was 25.43 %, and *Ascidacea* sp. and *Calliostoma consors* were contributed 37.29 % and 31.36 % respectively.

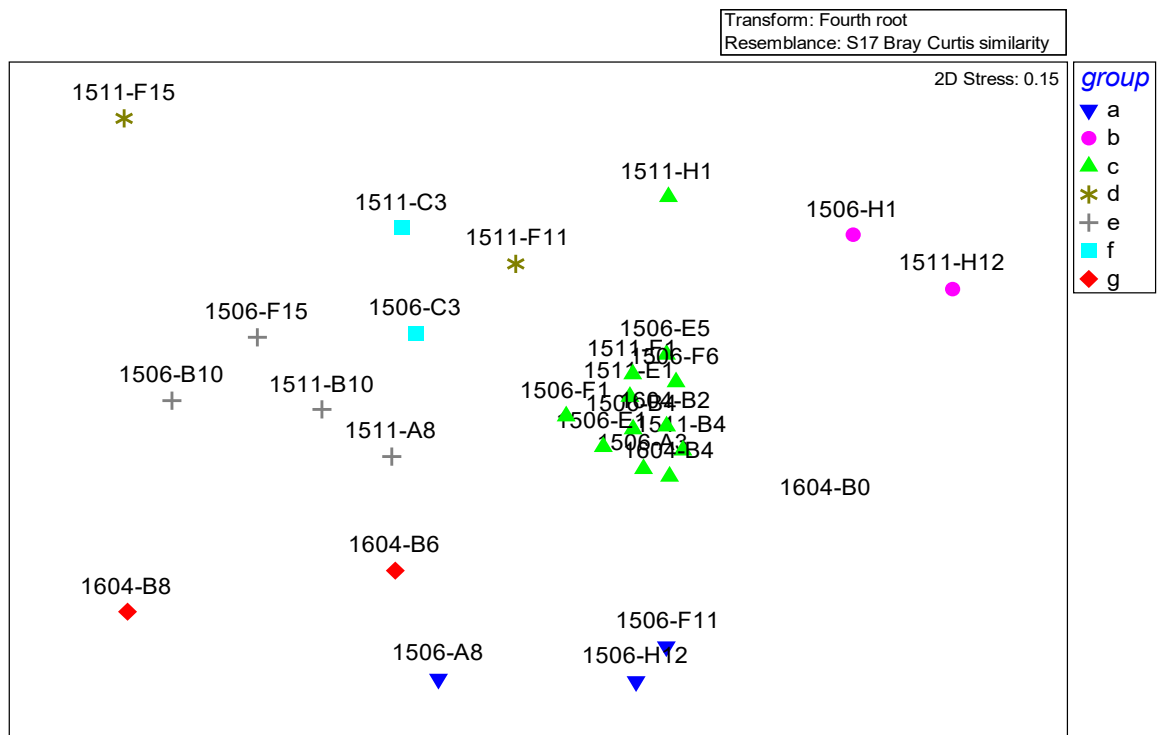
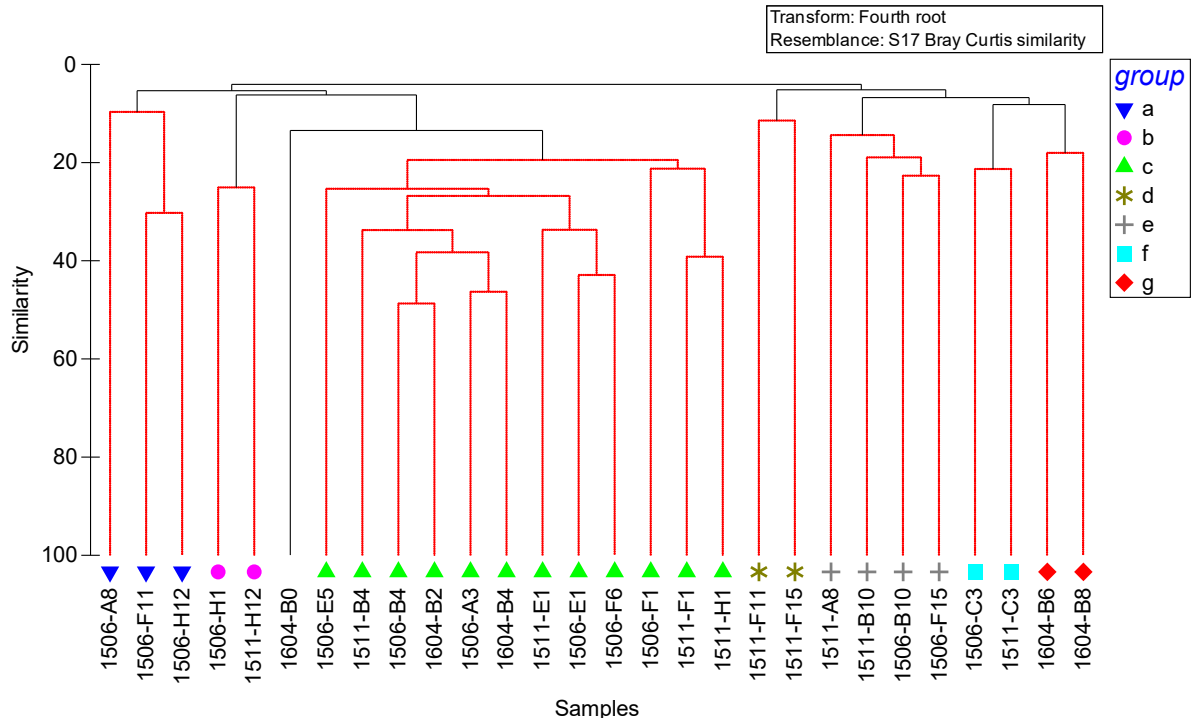


Fig. 21 Dendrogram and 2-dimensional plot using megabenthic faunal abundance data by Bray-Curtis similarities calculated on the fourth-root transformed abundance data in the South Sea of Korea

Table 8 SIMPER analysis of the megabenthic fauna, listing the main characterizing species at each group in study periods

	Species	Average Abundance (log)	Contribution %	Cumulative %
Group a Average similarity: 16.58%	<i>Solenocera melantho</i>	0.61	60.91	60.91
	<i>Maetrinula dolabrata</i>	0.55	20.21	81.12
	<i>Leioptilus fimbriatus</i>	0.51	18.88	100
Group b Average similarity: 25.11%	<i>Leptochela sydniensis</i>	0.72	100	100
	<i>Hormathia andersoni</i>	1.28	27.95	27.95
Group c Average similarity: 25.87%	<i>Siphonalia fuscolineata</i>	0.96	19.05	47.01
	<i>Charybdis bimaculata</i>	0.66	11.55	58.56
	<i>Maetrinula dolabrata</i>	0.95	11.30	69.86
Group d Average similarity: 11.47%	<i>Flabellum distinctum</i>	1.00	58.58	58.58
	Porifera	0.75	41.42	100
Group e Average similarity: 17.33%	<i>Eplumula phalangium</i>	0.95	16.61	16.61
	<i>Munida japonica</i>	0.85	11.09	27.71
	<i>Paguristes ortmanni</i>	0.86	9.12	36.83
	<i>Flabellum distinctum</i>	0.71	7.24	44.06
Group f Average similarity: 21.34%	<i>Paguristes digitalis</i>	1.24	8.69	8.69
	<i>Pentacta doliolum</i>	1.51	8.31	17.00
	<i>Pilumnus minutus</i>	1.05	7.85	24.85
	<i>Paraspongodes spiculosa</i>	1.02	7.31	32.16
Group g Average similarity: 25.43%	<i>Asciacea</i> sp.	1.14	37.29	37.29
	<i>Calliostoma consors</i>	0.83	31.36	68.64
	Porifera	0.88	31.36	100.0

The BIO-ENV analyses of the megabenthos and environmental variables revealed that depth, gravel content and sorting value (ϕ) showed the highest correlations with megabenthic community (Rho = 0.353, $P < 0.01$)(Table 9).

The correlations between the total number of species, diversity, density,

biomass, and dominant species with environmental factors were determined (Table 10). Diversity showed a positive correlation with sand content and a significant negative correlation with silt content. The mean density of megabenthos decreased with increasing depth, and biomass increased with increasing gravel content. The major dominant species, *Stegophiura sterea*, showed a negative correlation with salinity. *Zeuxis siquijorensis* showed a significant negative correlation with sand content and showed significant positive correlations with silt content, clay content, MZ (mean diameter), and DO. *Pandalus gracilis* had a significant positive correlation with gravel%. *Pentacta doliolum* also showed a significant positive correlation with gravel content and a negative correlation with MZ (ϕ).

Table 9 BIO-ENV test to analyze the effect of environmental variables on the megabenthic community

Number of variables	correlation (%)	Best variables
3	0.353	depth, Gravel %, sorting value(σ)
2	0.344	depth, sorting value(σ)
3	0.337	depth, Silt %, sorting value(σ)
4	0.332	depth, Gravel %, Silt %, sorting value(σ)

Table 10 Spearman rank correlation within the environmental variables and dominant species in sampling periods (*, $p < 0.05$; **, $p < 0.01$; ***, $p < 0.001$)

	Depth(m)	Gravel %	Sand %	Silt %	Clay %	MZ(phi)	Temp.	Salinity	DO
Number of species	-0.06	0.32	0.29	-0.34	-0.22	-0.26	0.11	-0.10	-0.08
diversity(H')	0.09	0.36	0.42*	-0.50**	-0.27	-0.37	0.03	0.09	-0.01
Density	-0.42*	0.20	-0.11	0.05	0.14	0.05	-0.05	-0.22	0.05
Biomass	-0.25	0.47*	0.11	-0.21	-0.02	-0.19	0.21	0.05	0.03
<i>Stegophiura sterea</i>	-0.27	0.04	-0.11	0.12	-0.04	0.01	-0.35	-0.41*	0.19
<i>Macrinula dolabrata</i>	0.10	-0.34	-0.21	0.24	0.09	0.17	-0.03	0.02	-0.25
<i>Acila divaricata</i>	-0.16	0.03	-0.22	0.17	0.27	0.25	-0.23	0.06	0.26
<i>Hormathia andersoni</i>	-0.25	-0.24	-0.11	0.09	0.01	0.11	-0.20	-0.22	0.15
<i>Zeuxis siquijorensis</i>	-0.37	-0.14	-0.50**	0.47*	0.52**	0.52**	-0.28	-0.08	0.49**
<i>Siphonalia fuscolineata</i>	-0.11	0.06	0.00	-0.04	0.04	0.00	-0.23	0.01	0.14
<i>Pandalus gracilis</i>	-0.19	0.47*	0.19	-0.19	-0.19	-0.30	0.25	-0.25	0.13
<i>Pentacta doliolum</i>	-0.28	0.68***	0.28	-0.28	-0.28	-0.43*	0.00	-0.29	0.33

4. Discussion

4.1 Environmental conditions

In June and November 2015 and April 2016, sampling was conducted at 17 stations in the South Sea, Jeju Island region and Jeodo coast of Korea, to identify the impact of environmental variables on the diversity and distribution of megabenthos in the South Sea of Korea. Bottom temperature in June 2015 was relatively lower than November 2015 (Fig. 3). Especially, E1 and E5 in the northwest of Jeju were lower than the average temperature. These patterns may be caused by the summer cold-weather bottom currents of the Yellow Sea (KIOST, 2018). On the other hand, bottom temperature at H1 in November 2015 considered to be relatively high, which may be the influence of the high-temperature Kuroshio Current driving northward.

4.2 Ecological characteristics and biogeography on the megabenthos species in this study area

A total 8 phyla, 45 classes, 116 family, 187 genus and 187 species of megabenthos were identified. In this study, environmental characteristics such as depth range, substratum, temperature of several species including dominant species were considered. *Stegophiura sterea*, it appeared in the depth range of 48–104 m which is shallower than previous reported depth range of 150–300 m. Many species were determined with sp., and it was regarded that several species were first recorded species in Korea. In this study on the megabenthos of the South Sea have first recorded 6 crustacean crabs. This can be an important information for understanding the species distribution around South Korea.

In addition, subtropical species are increased in this study area. Therefore,

species composition and distribution in this study area will be important data for monitoring the sea of Korea in the future. Also, it is considered that future study on the biogeography of distribution of species and northern limit line of species are needed.

4.3 Impact of environmental conditions on the distribution and species composition of the megabenthos

During the study period, the total number of megabenthos species, density (ind/100 m²), and biomass (g/100 m²) were 301 species/9900 m², 28.7 ind/100 m², and 81.1 g/100 m², respectively. The species diversity was 2.0. The density of megabenthos decreased with increasing depth, and biomass increased with increasing gravel content (Table 10). Rex et al.(2000) reported that benthic animals decrease with increasing water depth. Jones et al.(2007) found that the megafaunal assemblages show a significant correlation with depth, but no correlation between diversity of megafauna and depth. The number of species and density of macrobenthos decrease with distance from the coast (Yu et al., 2008). Especially, the decreasing dissolved organic matter released from the sediment to the water layer is considered to have caused these differences (Kojima and Ohta, 1989). The distribution of megabenthos is affected by food availability and organic matter (Hecker, 1990; Smith et al., 2008). In this study, therefore, the decreased density of megabenthos in deep waters may be related with organic conditions in the sediments. However, it is difficult to explain the relationship between density and TOC, because TOC analysis has not been performed in this study.

The major dominant species in this study such as the ophiuroid *Stegophiura sterea* , two mollusks *Acila divaricata* and *Zeuxis siquijorensis* , the decapod *Pandalus gracilis* (CDe), and the holoturoid *Pentacta doliolum* (EHo) were found in high density only in certain areas, but the anthozoan *Hormathia andersoni*

(Others) and the gastropod *Siphonalia fuscolineata* (MGs) were appeared at the most stations except in the southern sea of Jeju Island (Fig. 15). *Stegophiura sterea* was distributed in the East Sea and Korea Strait at 150–300 m depth (Shin, 1992; García et al., 2002), and in this study, it appeared at high density in E1, west of Jeju Island. *Macrinula dolabrata* is known to be distributed in the East Sea and East China Sea in silty sand and mud (Barnes, 1997), and dominated at B4 in silty sediments with a mean grain size of 6.4. *Acila divaricata* and *Z. siquijorensis* were dominant in muddy sediment B2 with mean grain size of 8.1. *Hormathia andersoni* and *S. fuscolineata* are usually dominant in subtidal sandy sediments in the South Sea of the Korea as a symbiotic relationship (Hong et al., 2006; Park and Huh, 2018). *Pandalus gracilis* appears in the southern coast of Korea and the Korea Strait, and plays an important role as an energy transmitter in the food web of marine ecosystem (Komai, 1999;). In this study, *P. gracilis* (CDe), *P. doliolum* were dominant in C3 with high density. As a result, the distribution of the dominant species which are mostly epibenthic species is related to the composition of sediments.

In general, deposit feeding macrobenthos dominate in sediments with high silt contents, while suspension feeding macrobenthos dominate in sediment with high sand contents (Sanders, 1968; Paik et al., 2007). Suspension feeding species generally increase in coarse sediments (Jones et al., 2007). These tendency would reflected a general increase in food availability for suspension feeders compared to deposit feeders. Mollusks and crustacea are dominant in sandy sediments with smooth flow of seawater due to the relatively low organic matter contents (Maurer and Leathem, 1981; Frouin, 2000). The distribution of benthic animals in deep-sea was greatly affected by the total organic matter supplied from the surface layer and varied in distribution depending on the feeding type of megabenthos (Smith et al. 2008). Among

deep sea megafauna, Echinodermata such as Ophiuroidea usually dominate abyssal benthic communities (Piepenburg et al., 1997, 2001), Crustacea and mollusks are the most diverse epibenthic animal taxa in numerous trawl investigations (Park and Huh, 2018). The habitats of megabenthos is greatly affected by the feeding method of each taxon (Jones et al. 2013). Therefore, the difference in species composition and distribution of megabenthos in this study area maybe related to sediment composition and feeding type.

The community structures of megabenthos in June 2015 were divided into 3 groups, but divided into 2 groups in November 2015 and April 2016 (Figs. 19 & 20). The community structures were affected by several environmental variables such as depth, Gravel % and sorting value (ϕ) (Table 9). The number of species, diversity and biomass were higher in station C3 with poor quality sorting value and coarse sand sediment (Fig 3). However, the low density and biomass were at station H12 in the southernmost of Jeju Island. Rhoads et al.(1985) reported that the density decrease with increased silt and clay contents from the center of the East China sea to the southern of Jeju Island, and it was related to resuspension of Yellow Sea sediments. The species diversity of macrobenthos generally increase with fine grain size (McLachlan, 1990), but sometimes the number of species relatively increased with coarse grain size of the sediment (Lim and Choi, 2001; Yu et al., 2013; Jung et al., 2014). The community structures of megabenthos are affected by substratum, sediment type (Jones et al., 2007; Yu et al., 2014; Briggs et al, 2017). In the present study, it was noted that the sediment size can affect the species compositions and density in the south of Jeju Island. In addition, the megabenthos diversity showed a positive correlation with sand content and a significant negative correlation with silt content (Table 10). Therefore, community structures and species composition of megabenthos in this study may be affected by the different sediment composition.

This study were conducted only in Spring and Fall, and we could not identify the changes in seasonal species composition. Megabenthos, which has relatively higher mobility compared to macrobenthos, can actively react with the environmental conditions they inhabit (Seo and Hong, 2007). Therefore, the seasonal investigation of megabenthos needs to be carried out with future studies.

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