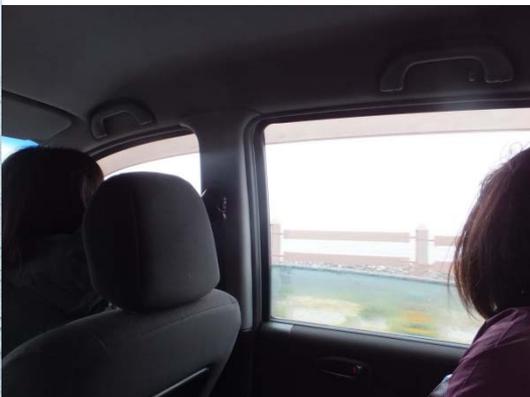


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1. Country/location of visit
Jeju Island, Korea
2. Research project
Observation of Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins around Jeju Island
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2015.4.29-2015.5.5
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Ms. Soojin Jang (Ph.D student of Ewha Womans University) , Dr. Byung-Yup Kim (Professor of Jeju National University)
5. Progress and results of your research/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)
Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.
<p>The aim of this trip was to observe Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins around Jeju Island underwater preliminary, and share the information with local researcher. In this trip, we could research Dolphins for 4days, and observe them for 3days. We could not observe Dolphins underwater because of the weather and sea condition, but we could observe from seashore for 6times, and we could talk about researches of both in Mikura Island and Jeju Island with Ms.Soojin, who researches Dolphins in Jeju Island.</p> <p>Schedules 30th April 9:00-16:00 Observe the Dolphins from seashore road (Northwest side-Southwest side) 1st May 9:00-15:00 Observe the Dolphins from seashore road (Northwest side-Southwest side) 2nd May 9:00-16:00 Observe the Dolphins from seashore road (Northwest side-Southwest side) 4th May 6:30-16:00 Observe the Dolphins from seashore road (Northeast side-Southeast side, Southwest side-Northwest side)</p> <p>We observed Dolphins from seashore, and recorded the numbers of individuals in the groups, behaviors, the distance from the shore when we found Dolphins. The number of individuals in the groups were various from 5 to over20. We could observe resting, travelling, and jumping, which is seldom seen by the groups around Mikura Island.</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Dolphins near the shore</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Find Dolphins from the car</p> </div> </div>

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Observe Dolphins from seashore

In this trip, we could not research Dolphins underwater, but we could find jumping, which is seldom seen by the groups around Mikura Island so often in Jeju Island. So, there are possibly some differences between the groups in Jeju and Mikura Island. I want to observe the sex and age class of the members of the groups in Jeju populations through underwater observation and compare with the groups from populations in Mikura Island in the future. From this study, the social structure of the Dolphins will be revealed.



With Ms. Soojin and Prf. Kim

6. Others

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