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#### Comparative Study on Conservation of Agricultural Heritage Systems among China, Japan and Korea

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#### **GIAHS** Sites in Asia

- 36 sites in 15 countries are designated as GIAHS
- Asia accounts for 72%, while Africa 8%, East & North Africa 14%, Latin America 6%
- China, Japan and Korea account for 58% (China11, Japan 8, Korea 2)



Comparison of Conservation Policies for Agricultural Heritage Systems among China, Japan and Korea

## Background of Developments China

- June 2005: "Inaugural Meeting of the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems Project: Rice-Fish Culture System"
- GIAHS designation for China

2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
1	2	1	2	2	3	11

- March 2012: Announced commencement of discovering and exploiting China Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (China-NIAHS)
- May 2013: The first batch of 19 China-NIAHS was selected
- January 2014: Expert Committee for GIAHS was established
- March 2014: Expert Committee for China-NIAHS was established
- May 2014: The second batch of 20 China-NIAHS was selected
- November 2015: The third batch of 23 China-NIAHS was selected (62 in total)

#### 1st China-NIAHS

#### 第一批中国重要农业文化遗产



#### 2nd China-NIAHS

#### 第二批中国重要农业文化遗产



新疆哈密市哈密瓜栽培与贡瓜文 化系统

#### 第三批中国重要农业文化遗产 3rd China-NIAHS



### Background of Developments Japan

- 2009-2010: the United Nations University (UNU) proposed the application for GIAHS designation of Japan's Satoyama to FAO GIAHS Secretariat and the Japan Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries(MAFF)
- June 2011: Satoyama of Sado (Niigata) and Noto (Ishikawa) were designated as GIAHS for the first designations in Japan
- May 2013: Kakegawa (Shizuoka), Aso (Kumamoto) and Kunisaki (Oita) were designated as GIAHS
- March 2014: GIAHS Experts Meeting was established in MAFF
- December 2015: Nagarakawa (Gifu), Minabe (Wakayama) and Takachiho (Miyazaki) were designated as GIAHS
- April 2016: Japan-NIAHS was established by MAFF

#### **GIAHS** Designation in Japan



## Background of Developments Korea

- March 2012: Korea Nationally Important Agricultural and Fishery Heritage Systems (Korea-NIAHS) was implemented by Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MIFAFF)
- January 2013: Cheongsando (South Jeolla) and Jeju (Jeju) were identified as Korea-NIAHS by MIFAFF (April 2014: designated as Korea's first GIAHS)
- June 2014: Gurye and Damyang (South Jeolla) were identified as Korea-NIAHS by Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)
- March 2015: Geumsan (South Chungcheong) and Hadong (South Gyeongsang) were identified as Korea-NIAHS by MAFRA
- February 2015: Additional article in Act on Better Life of Rural Residents and Rural Development in support of NIAHS & NIFHA was established
- December 2015: Jeju, Boseong (South Jeolla) and Namhae (South Gyeongsang) were officially designated as Korea's first batch of NIFHS by Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF)

#### Korea-NIAHS (GIAHS Sites)

< 청산도 구들장 논 구조 및 전경 >



< 흑룡만리 제주 돌담 밭 구조 및 전경 >



Cheongsando Traditional Gudeuljang Irrigated Rice Terraces

Jeju Batdam Agricultural System

#### Korea-NIAHS (non-GIAHS Sites)



Gurye Cornelian Cherry Farming

Damyang Bamboo Field Landscape



#### Geumsan Ginseng Farming

Hadong Traditional Tea Farming

#### Korean NIFHS (non-GIAHS)







#### Boseong Mudboat Fishing



Namhae Jukbangnyeom Fishing

#### Systems Designation Criteria China

Criteria	Features		
Historical criterion	Historical origin, History length:		
System criterion	Substances and products, Ecosystem services, Technical knowledge and system maintenance, Landscape and aesthetics, Spirit and culture		
Persistent criterion	Natural adaptation, Human Development		
Endangered criterion	Trends, Stress factors		
Demonstration criterion	Participation, Accessibility, Reliability		
Supportability criterion	Organization construction, System Construction, Preparation of Planning		
	Historical criterionSystem criterionPersistent criterionEndangered criterionDemonstration criterionSupportability		

Source: "Criteria for China Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems"

### Designation Criteria Japan

 FAO GIAHS Designation Criteria was broken down into several key aspects for more comprehensive assessment

Designation Criteria	Evaluation Perspectives	Evaluation
Characteristic of the proposed	Unique in the world and represent Japan ••••••	
GIAHS should include global (or national) importance. Global (or national) importance is a composite criterion, under which the overall value is established of a traditional/historic agricultural system	Traditional and characteristic agriculture and farming method.	
	FAO 5 key criteria are closely related each other and well balanced	
	Appropriate boundary and describe · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

- In addition, optional criteria which take into consideration perspectives from Japan's agriculture include:
  - (i) environmental aspects concerning "Resilience against changes",
  - (ii) social aspects concerning "participation of multiple stakeholders"
  - (iii) economic aspects of "New business models (or sometimes referred to in Japan as "sixth industries")

# Designation Criteria Korea

Classification	Criteria	Features
Value of Heritage	Historical Value	Formed more than 100 years ago for the agricultural-fishery activities of farmers or fishermen Extent and worth of sustainability into the future
	Representative ness	Representative of the region and field- International, national and regional level of representation Possess remarkable landscape and has tourism, recreation and merchandizing potential
	Characteristics	<ul> <li>Possess unique and striking feature in the fields of land use and water resources management etc.</li> <li>Communal agro-fishery knowledge system and technology</li> <li>Food or other products from agro-fishery activity</li> <li>Use of land and water resources and conservation of biodiversity, etc.</li> </ul>
Partnership	Cooperation	Existence of maintenance management plan from municipalities and residents indicating their commitment to cost sharing, etc.
	Participation	Active participation and activity by community (including NGO) for the preservation, maintenance and transmission of the heritage
Effectiveness	Branding	Ability to contribute to the improvement of brand value and regional image
	Revitalization & Biodiversity	Ability to contribute to the local economy through urban and rural exchanges and increase in tourists Biodiversity was improved in relation to other areas and producing of unique agricultural products

Source: "Management standards for Agricultural and Fishery Heritage Systems" (MIFAFF)

## Application Procedure China

- NIAHS
  - People's Governments of candidate sites → Agricultural management departments at the provincial level → Leisure Agriculture Division of Agricultural Products Processing Bureau, MOA
- GIAHS
  - People's Governments at the county level→Agricultural management departments at the provincial level→International Organization Division of Department of International Cooperation, MOA
  - Selected from existing NIAHS sites
- China's GIAHS and China-NIAHS Experts Committee
  - Chairmen: Ecology
  - Vice-Chairmen : Grassland Science, Biodiversity, Plant Protection, Agricultural Ecology, Agricultural History, Agricultural Heritage, Tea Science
  - Experts: Agricultural History & Culture Field, Agricultural Ecology & Environment Field, Agricultural Economy Field

### Application Procedure Japan

- MAFF directly receives applications from sites which want to apply for GIAHS/Japan-NIAHS
- MAFF GIAHS Experts Committee holds 3 meetings and 1 field assessment to select the candidate sites to recommend for GIAHS application to FAO to be endorsed by MAFF
- Fields of 7 MAFF GIAHS Experts Committee members
  - Agri-tourism, LOHAS (Private Sector), Environmental Economy, UNESCO-MAB, Sustainability Science, Rural Planning, Fisheries Science

## Application Procedure Korea

- Mayor of the city or county submits the explanatory documents, field survey report and application proposal through the provincial governor to Minister of MAFRA or Minister of MOF
- Agricultural Heritage Council for NIAHS and Fishery Heritage Council for NIFHS selects NIAHS and NIFAS respectively after deliberation
- Agricultural Heritage Council comprises core council members of Rural Policy Bureau of MAFRA, National Institute of Agricultural Sciences of Korea Rural Development Administration, Rural Research Institute of Korea Rural Community Corporation, and not exceeding 20 commissioned council members who come from various specialized fields such as traditional culture, landscape, ecological environment, rural development and tourism

## Implementation Structure China

- GIAHS
  - CAS-IGSNNR took the lead in the development of GIAHS in China
  - At the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), GIAHS is under the supervision of the International Organization Division of Department of International Cooperation
  - Officers of Department of International Cooperation and CAS-IGSNNR represent China at international conference for GIAHS
- China-NIAHS
  - Leisure Agriculture Division of Agricultural Products Processing Bureau, MOA is responsible for China-NIAHS
- Characteristic of China's agricultural heritage management system
  - The clear separation of administrative responsibility for the promotion of global and domestic agricultural heritage systems

### Implementation Structure Japan

- GIAHS/Japan-NIAHS is under the supervision of Biodiversity Conservation Office of Rural Environment Division of Rural Development Bureau of MAFF.
  - GIAHS is positioned as part of its rural revitalization policy that effective utilizes biodiversity.
- Biodiversity Conservation Office also works closely with International Cooperation Division of International Affairs Department as the FAO liaison
  - GIAHS is a FAO initiative.
- International meetings related to GIAHS are customarily attended by both officers from Rural Development Bureau and International Affairs Department.

## Implementation Structure Korea

- Rural Development Division of Rural Policy Bureau of MAFRA is in charge of the agricultural heritages
- Fishing Community and Port Development Division of Fisheries Infrastructure and Aquaculture Policy Bureau of MOF is responsible for fishery heritages.
- It is unclear about the positioning of the roles of their respective international relations departments
- GIAHS related international meetings are represented by rural development division officers but not officers in charge of FAO matters

# Information Accessibility China

- Bimonthly "Newsletter of Agri-Cultural Heritage Systems" which contains plenty of information (in Chinese) is published by CAS-IGSNRR
- Websites <u>http://www.moa.gov.cn/</u> (in Chinese, searched on 3 June 2016)
  - GIAHS: 250 articles were searched for "全球中国重要农业文化遗产" (GIAHS)
  - China-NIAHS: 275 articles were searched for "中国重要农 业文化遗产" (China-NIAHS)

# Information Accessibility Japan

• Website (in Japanese, searched on 3 June 2016)

- MAFF: <u>http://www.maff.go.jp/j/nousin/kantai/giahs\_1.html</u>
- GIAHS Sites
  - [Sado] http://www.city.sado.niigata.jp/topics/gihas/index/index.shtml
  - [Noto] <u>http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/satoyama/noto-giahs/index.html</u> (English, Korean, Chinese and Italian)
  - [Kakegawa] <u>http://www.city.kakegawa.shizuoka.jp/kakegawatya/chagusaba/chagusaba.html</u> (by google translation)
  - [Aso] <u>http://www.giahs-aso.jp/</u> (English, Chinese and Korean)
  - [Kunisaki] <u>http://www.kunisaki-usa-giahs.com/</u> (English)
  - [Nagara] <u>http://www.pref.gifu.lg.jp/kensei/ken-gaiyo/soshiki-annai/nosei/satokawa-shinko/giahs/giahs\_index.html</u>
  - [Minabe] <u>http://www.pref.wakayama.lg.jp/prefg/070100/</u>
  - **Takachiho**

http://www.pref.miyazaki.lg.jp/contents/org/chiiki/shityoson/nishiusuki\_shityo/sekaino ugyoisan/index.html

# Information Accessibility Korea

- Websites (in Korean, searched on 3 June 2016)
  - MAFRA: <u>http://www.mafra.go.kr/main.jsp</u>
    - 40 articles were searched for "농업 유산"(Agricultural heritage)
  - MOF: <u>http://www.mof.go.kr/index.do</u>
    - 9 articles were searched for "어업유산"(Fisheries heritage)

## Monitoring China

- In August 2015, MOA issued and implemented the "Procedures on the administration of Important Agricultural Heritage Systems", which demonstrated that activities related to GIAHS/NIAHS in China be conducted according to the law from then on, including dynamic monitoring and annual report as well as supervision and inspection
- Annual Report
  - Ecological conservation, Economic development, Social maintenance, Cultural Inheritance, Capacity Building, Publicity, demonstration and diffusion
- Regular Investigation
- The result has not been publicized on the website yet

# Monitoring Japan

- Monitoring and Evaluation of GIAHS designated sites
  - 18-19 Aug 2015: 1st GIAHS Experts Committee (in Oita Prefecture) for Kunisaki GIAHS
    - Submission of Self Evaluation Sheet (20-40 pages including Outline of activities in 2013-2014, Action Plan, Major index for conservation and utilization, Comprehensive self evaluation of activities after designation, Direction and plan for modifying current Action Plan, Table (Action Plan item, Achievement, Self evaluation))
    - Presentation on the progress of GIAHS Action Plan by GIAHS Promotion Association of Kunisaki Peninsula Usa Area (applicant) and field survey by the Committee members
    - Evaluation and advice by the Committee
    - Comprehensive advice for further conservation and utilization of GIAHS site
    - Result of monitoring according to GIAHS criteria
    - The result of the Committee meeting is published on the MAFF website <u>http://www.maff.go.jp/j/nousin/kantai/giahs007.html</u>
  - 4 Feb 2016: 2nd GIAHS Experts Meeting (at MAFF, Tokyo) for Sado and Noto

## Monitoring Korea

- Monitoring systems and the active involvement of residents are essential for the sustainable management of Korea-NIAHS
- Research project about the monitoring system for Korea-NIAHS is ongoing by Rural Research Institute, KRC funded by MAFRA and Monitoring and evaluation system should be adopted in near future for the sound and sustainable conservation of Korea-NIAHS

#### Others

- Budget support to the GIAHS/NIAHS designated sites
- National network among GIAHS/NIAHS designated sites
- International cooperation such as GIAHS twining
- Research cooperation

Future Cooperation

- It is important to propose improvement of GIAHS designation criteria, monitoring system, etc. under the collaboration among China, Japan and Korea for further development of GIAHS
- For this purpose, the cooperation through East Asia Research Association for Agricultural Heritage Systems (ERAHS) will be very useful
- It is also useful to exchange information on conservation policy of agricultural heritage systems such as NIAHS in each country for further development

#### Thank you!



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