Local Residents-driven Village of Excellence in National Park

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1. Background and Strategies



Background of making Myeongpum Maeul by KNPS

- ◆ In 2010, villages in national parks needed special supporting policies because of national park boundary adjustments
 - (before) 58,392 residents in 676 natural villages
 - (after) 5,846 residents in 129 natural villages
- ◆ There have been many conflicts between residents and KNPS since the designation of National Parks.
- ◆ The quality of life for residents was improved by their income sources and structure
 - Differentiating villages both in and out of national parks

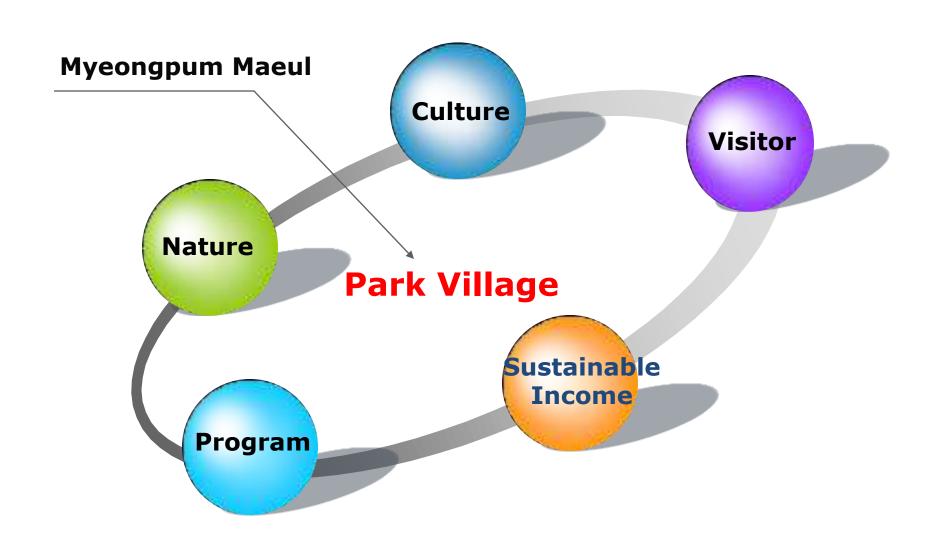
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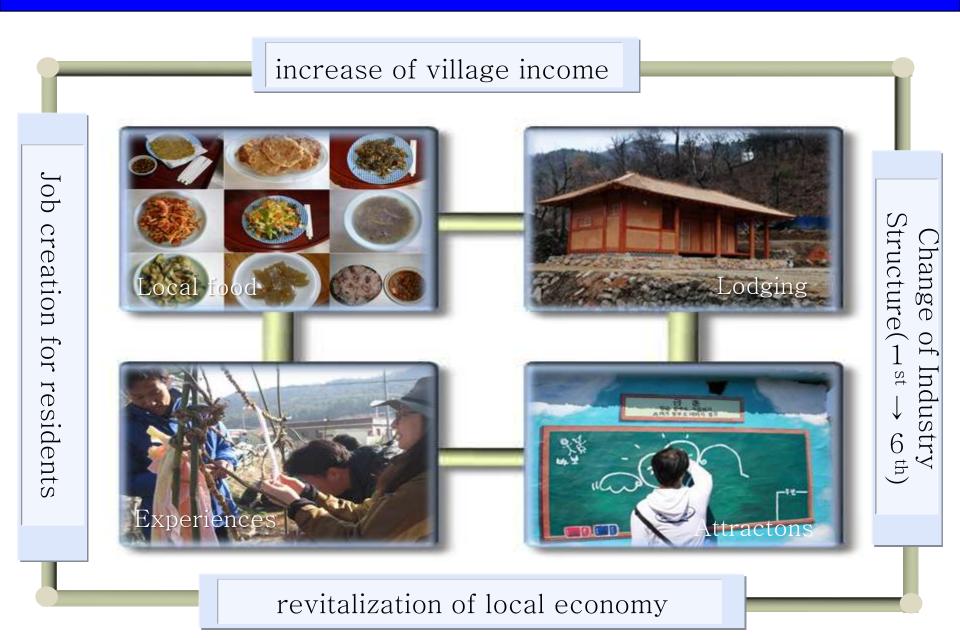
Myeongpum Maeul (Village of Excellence)



What is the Myeongpum Maeul?



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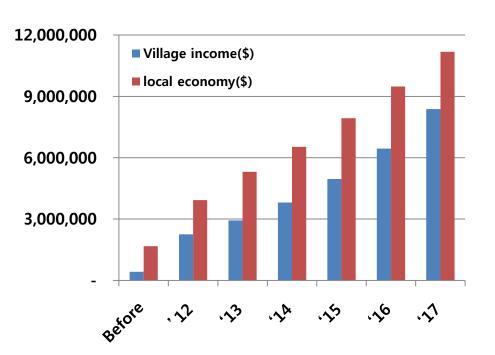


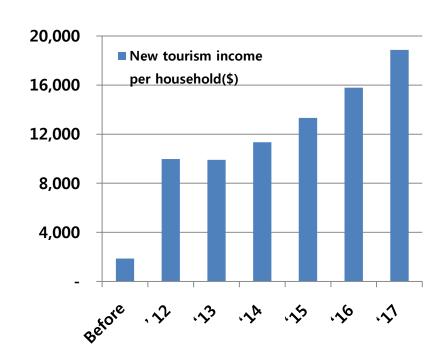
Mid and Long-term development plan

Plan of making KNPS Myeongpum Maeul

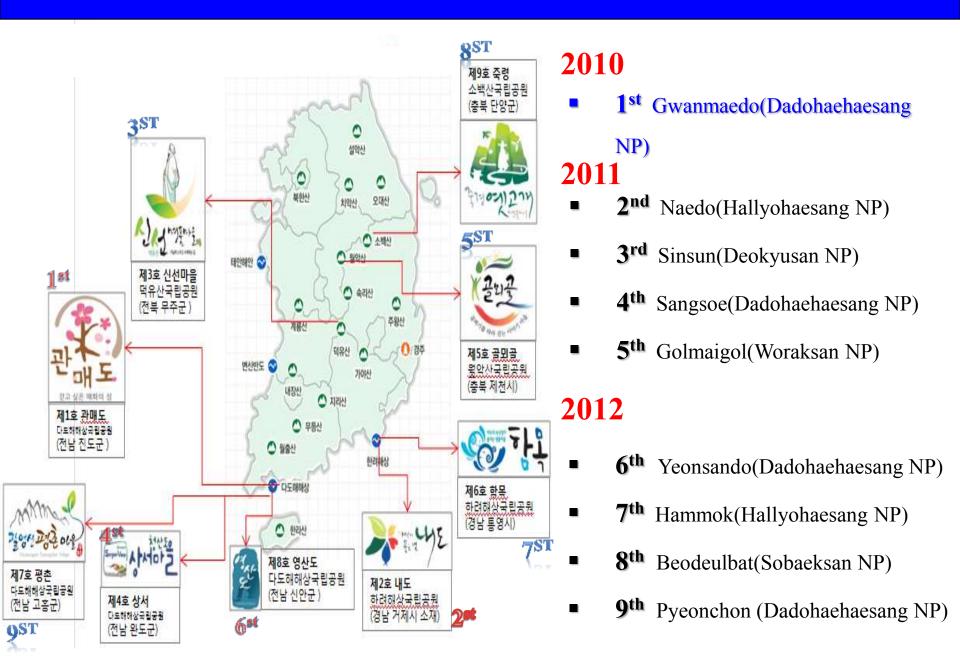
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No. of Myeongpum Maeul	18	9	1	2	2	2	2

Forecasting economic value





Current Status of KNPS Myeongpum Maeul





2. Case of making the 1st Myeongpum Maeul (Gwanmae-do Island)



Gwanmae Island was....

Typical fishing village (126 households, 212 residents)

Fishing and aquacultures (main income sources)

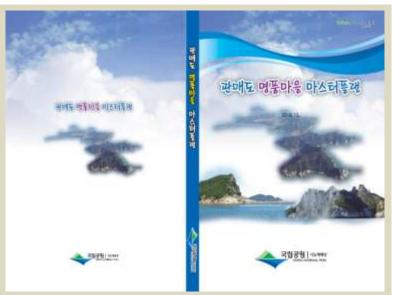
5,000 of annual visitors

80% of residents are over 60 years old

- Village residents wanted the Gwanmae island stay in Dodohaehaesang National Park during 2010 national park zoning adjustment project
- KNPS implemented the first Myeongpum Maeul Project
 (1 million USD) in Gwanmae island

Prior preparations









Basic infrastructures built at Gwanmae-do Island in 2010



Village Organizational Structure of Gwanmae-do Island

Gwanmae Island Residents Organizing Committee

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Composition of Village Management Consulting Group

Marketers, Cooks and others (5 people or less)

Implementation Member

Village Environment Improvement Sector Resident Income Creation Sector

Resident Life, Education Sector



Developing local food using local materials









Making lodging using abandoned or closed buildings



Developing tourist attractions









Developing hands-on programs









Providing education for residents









Community projects by residents









Strengthening marketing activities (shaping initial brand image)









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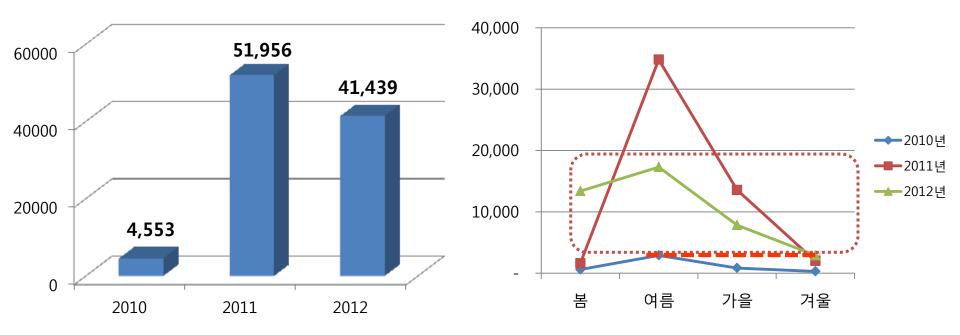
local government Support



Status of increased visitors

No. of visitors increased 10 times on average compared to 2010
 Village income increased more than 10 times on average

(155% increase of visitation rate during off-season, 3,500 visitors on average per month)



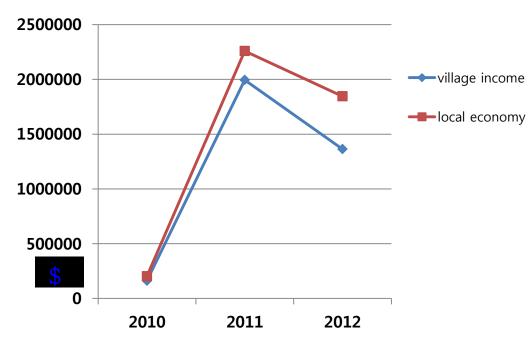
increasing trend of annual visitors

increasing trend of seasonal visitors



Village income & revitalization effect on local economy





As a result....

- Return of village residents left to the city (17 persons)
- Request of re-inclusion into Park zone (villages excluded from NP in 2010)
- Sustainably developing investment-friendly environment by local government (1.1 million USD)
- Revitalizing local economy in National Parks prompted residents to voluntarily participate in conservation activities

For the Future



