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Fluctuation of Wintering Cranes at Cholwon Basin, 1992-1998.

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Since 1883, cranes have been recorded in Korean Peninsula. There are 15 species of cranes in the world and the 7 species are currently found in the Korea. Three species of cranes - *Grus japonensis*, *G. vipio*, *G. monacha* - regularly migrate to Cholwon for wintering. Four other vagrant species - *G. canadensis*, *G. leucogeranus*, *G. grus*, *Anthropoides virgo* - appear occasionally during the migratory seasons. The wintering population of Red-crowned cranes for 6 years in Korea were very stable, ranging from 259-285. White-naped cranes population tended to increase recently, from 207 to 305 at Cholwon Basin. However, the wintering White-naped cranes population at Han river and Imjin river estuary were unstable and tended to decrease because of mainly habitat loss.