## Ecological Studies on the Vegetation of Pyeong-il Island

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## 平日島 植物相에 關한 生態學的 研究

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#### ABSTRACT

The vegetation of Pyeongil island was ecologically investigated four times from July, 1979 to May, 1981. The vegetation of this island consisted of 80 families, 172 genera, 173 species, 21 varieties and 4 forma. Evergreen, broad-leaved trees comprised a total of 11 species including Eurya japonica Thunb. and Trachelostermum asiaticum var. intermedium Nakai. The distribution of evergreen, broad-leaved trees was very sparse in this island as a whole. It may also be considered that evergreen, broad-leaved trees, such as Camellia japonica Linné (30cm-35cm in diameter at breast height), Pittosporum fobira Aiton, Eurya japonica Thunb. and Trachelostermum asiaticum var. intermedium Nakai which might have been dominant species on this island, have undergone artificial succession caused by the planting of Pinus thunbergii Parl. dominant species of today. This was due to human interferences for fuel, building, grazing and farmland use. Especially, the vegetation of this island seems to have been severely destroyed by high population density, farming rate and by rapid increase in the area of cultivated land. However, the forest of Pinus thunbergii Parlatore at Wolsong-ri is worthy of conservation. The five species of seaside plants (Ixeris dentata(Thunb.) Nakai, Rosa rugosa Thunb., Carex laticeps Clarke, Calystergia soldanella Reom. et Schult. and Phelloterus littoradis) were distributed in the vicinity of sand beaches leading to Wolsong-ri, Dongbaeg-ri and Sadong-ri.

#### INTRODUCTION

It is an undeniable fact that the study of island vegetation, inspite of its importance in many aspects, has been nearly neglected. M. Gorman (1979) described in his "Island Ecology" that island vegetation played the leading role in the development of ecology and evolution, and that the composition of its species varied according to the size of the island and the distance between island and inland area and that its uniqueness was also remarkable from a biogeographical point of view.

Miyawaki (1977) indicated that the forest vegetation of Japanese was destroyed by human influences. Oh (1977) pointed out that the destruction of forest vegetation was rapidly enhanced by population increase, shortage of resources, environmental pollution and development of transportation means. In addition to these factors indicated by Oh (1977), Lee (1973, 1979, 1980, 1981) maintained that island vegetation was also influenced by religious practices and occupations of the islanders.

In view of these significant factors, it is felt imperative to investigate the vegetation of our country ecologically which faces the sea on three sides and has 3418 islands off its south, east and west coasts. However, no one has ever attempted ecological investigations of the island vegetation in our country.

C. Wilfor collected the plants from Geomun island and around the Busan area and for the first time introduced the plant resources of our country in 1858. Plant surveys were carried out by R. Oldhan in 1863 and E. Taqwet et al. during 1906~1907. Nakai (1914) and Mori (1928) investigated the vegetation of Jeju (Quelpart) island. Nakai (1919) also investigated the vegetation of Ulnung (Dagelet) island and Chong (1964) reported on the vegetation of Huksan Island. Chung et al. (1954, 1971) also reported on the vegetation of islands in the western sea (Soheugsan, Ganghwa). The vegetation of Anmyeon island was reported by Lee (1957), Jeju and Ulnung islands by Lee (1957, 1958), and Jin and Kojae islands by Yang (1958, 1969). However, these researches may not be considered to represent ecological investigations.

Oh (1977) dealt ecologically with plant resources based on "The climate and the vegetation of the Yellow Sea Gaoje islands lying off the korean west coast". Lee et al. (1973) reported their ecological studies of Dolsan island. Lee et al. (1979.1980.1981) also reported upon the vegetation of 58 inhabited and desert islands of our country. Mac Arthur and Wilson (1967) indicated a significant effect of the diversity of plant species on the island. in 'The Theory of Island Biogeography'.

This study was carried out in order to provide data and materials necessary for the more effective conservation of natural vegetation of these island areas, which were threatened increasingly by severe destruction due to frequent human interference.

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# GEOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS IN GENERAL

Historically, Pyeongil island had belonged to Gwansan-myeon, Jangheung-bu, since the Goryo period until it was put under the jurisdiction of Geomundojin in 1890. Along with the establishment of Wando-gun (country) in 1896, Pyeongil-myeon (township), Saengilmyeon and Gumtang-myeon were established. In 1916 these three myeons (townships) were merged in a single gun, renamed "Gumilmyeon" which it is called today. It consists of 23 natural villages in terms of administrative jurisdiction. Pyeongil island is situated at 126°59' E., 34°10' N., 15.5 km from Wando island. The geological features of this island are similar to those of neighboring Saengil island, consisting mainly of alluvial soil with neutral and basic rocks. The extension of coast line is 51.0 km and most of them are inclined slowly. As table 1 shows, the arable land is 55% of the whole island and there is no ground higher than 200 M.

The climate of this island belongs to the sphere of mild oceanic climate and the lowest temperature throughout the year rarely declines below -4.5°C. The temperature of midsummer, June-July, when plants begin to grow is in the range of 25°C to 34°C and the precipitation (1508.31nm, 1972~1979) is also

Table 1. A comparison of the human geographical outline in Pyeong-il Island (1973\*, 1979\*)

	Village		Village Area(ha)						Fa		Density		
Years	Legal	Natural		e area Rice field	Forest	Other	Total	Farmer and fishery	Comm- ercial	Other	Total	Popu- lation	of popula- tions
1979	23	26	1014	1	404.48	80.9	1890	1896	9	17	1922	11986	631
1973	14	14	398.0	217.8	1208.4	71.7	1890	1539		204	1843	11565	612

relatively abundant for the growth of plants. This island is affected by the northwest wind in winter and by the southwester in summer.

As is seen from Table 1, 1,922 households or 11,986 persons inhabiting this island are engaged in both farming and fishing; therefore, they are related closely to its natural vegetation.

#### METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

Twelve areas of Dongbaeg-ri, Sadong-ri, Wolsong-ri, Yonghang-ri, Sinpyeong-ri, Gunghang-ri, Dongsong-ri, Gudong-ri, Cheugchi, Dojang-ri, Whajeun-ri, and Ilgeong-ri, centering around Gammog-ri, the seat of myeon office, were selected for this investigation. We investigated the vegetations in twelve areas and along the coasts of the island. The diameter at breast and the height of old trees were measured. In the case of *Pinus*, 5 plots (10m²) were established in each area and its appearing frequency was also measured. The surveyed courses are as shown in Fig. 1.

#### FLORA OF PYEONGIL ISLAND

#### 1. List of plants

Plants investigated in this island consisted of 80 families, 172 genera, 173 species, 21 varieties and 4 forma as shown in Table 2.

#### 2. Vegetation of each area

#### (1) The first area

This area extending from Gammog-ri, to Wolsong-ri along the south coast the seat of myeon office, showed poor vegetation in general. Ten-fifteen year old Pinus thunbergii were the dominant species in this area and woody plants, such as Cryptomeria japonica D. Don, Elaeagnus glabra Thunb. and Zanthoxylum schinifolium S. et Z. were occasionally found and observed. Euphorbia helioscopia L., Senecio argunensis Turcz., Viola mandshurica W. Becker, Erigeron canadensis Linné, Capsella brusa-pastoris (L.) Medicus, Carex bostry-chostigima Max., Agrimonica pilosa Ledeb., Petasites japonica (S. et Z.) Max., Lonicera maackii Max., Cephalonoplos segetum (Bunge) Kitamura and Pseudosasa japonica Makino were distributed as the undergrowth of a forest.

Table 2. The list of the plants from Pyeong-il Island

Family name		Scientific name	Korean name
1. Equisetaceae 속새과	1.	Equisetum arvense L.	쇠뜨기
2. Pteridaceae 고사리과	2.	Pteridium aquilinum var. latiusculum (Desv.) Underw.	고사리
3. Davalliaceae 녁줄고사리과	3.	Davallia mariesii Moore	년 <b>줄고사리</b>
4. Aspidiaceae 면마과	4.	Woodsia manchuriensis Hook.	만주우두풀
5. Polypodiaceae 고란초과	5.	Lemmaphyllum microphyllum Presl.	광짜개 덩굴
6. Ginkgoaceae 은행과	6.	Ginkgo biloba L.	은행 나무
7. Pinaceae 소나무과	7.	Pinus rigida Miller	리기나소나무
	8.	Pinus thunbergii Parl.	곱 솔
8. Taxodiaceae 낙우송과	9.	Cryptomeria japonica D. Don	삼나무
9. Cupressaceae 측백나무과	10.	Thuja orientalis L.	축백나무
10. Gramineae 비과	11.	Arundinella hirta (Thunb.) Tanaka	새
	12.	Digitaria sanguinalis (L.) Scopoli	바랭이
	13.	Hordeum vulgare var. hexastichon Aschers	보리
	14.	Miscanthus sinensis var. purpurascens Rendle	역세
	15.	Pseudosasa japonica Makino	이대
	16.	Sectaria viridis (L.) Beauv.	강아지 풀

		17.	Spodiopogon cotulifer (Thunb.) Hack.	기름새
		18.	Zoysia japonica Steud.	잔디
11.	Cyperaceae 사초과	19.	Carex bostryhostigima Max.	길뚝사초
		20.	Carex laticeps C.B. Clarke	갯보리사초
		21.	Cyperus amuricus Max.	방동사니
		22.	Fimbristylis pierotii Miq.	들하늘지기
12.	Araceae 천남성과	23.	Pinellia ternata (Thunb.) Breit.	반 하
13.	Commelinaceae 닭의장풀과	24.	Commelina communis L.	닭의장풀
14.	Juncaceae 골풀과	25.	Juncus krameri Friet et Sav.	비녀골풀
15.	Liliaceae 백합과	26.	Asparagus schoberioides Kunth	비짜루
		27.	Hosta longipes (Fr. et Sav.) Matsumura	비비추
		28.	Lilium tigrinum Ker-Gawl.	참나리
		29.	Liriope platyphylla Wang et Tang	맥 <i>문동</i>
		30.	Polygonatum odoratum var. pluriflorum Ohwi	둥글레
		31.	Smilax china L.	청미래덩굴
		32.	Smilax nipponica Miq.	선밀나물
16.	Salicaceae 버트나무과	33.	Salix koreensis Andersson	버트나무
17.	Betulaceae 자작나무과	34.	Alnus japonica Steud.	오리나무
		35.	Betula platyphylla var. japonica Hara	자작나무
		36.	Carpinus laxiflora Bl.	서나무
18.	Fagaceae 참나무과	37.	Quercus dentata Thunb.	떡갈나무
		38.	Quercus mongolica Fisch.	신갈나무
		39.	Quercus variabilis Bl.	굴참나무
9.	Ulmaceae 느릅나무과	40.	Celtis jessoensis Koidz.	풍게 나무
		41.	Celtis sinensis Pers.	평나무
		42.	Ulmus davidiana Planch var. japonica Nakai	느릅나무
		43.	Zelkova serrata Makino	느디나무
20.	Moraceae 뽕나무과	44.	Cudrania tricuspidata Bureau	구지뽕나무
		45.	Ficus erecta Thunb.	천선과나무
		46.	Morus bombycis for. kase Uyeki	가세뽕나무
21.	Cannabinaceae 살 과	47.	Humulus japonicus S. et Z.	환삼덩굴
22.	Urticaceae 쐐기풀과	48.	Bohemeria nivea (L.) Gaudichaud.	모시풀
		49.	Bohemeria tricuspis Makino	거북꼬리
23.	Polygonaceae 마디풀과	50.	Persicaria hydropiper (L.) Spach	여 뀌
		51.	Persicaria perfloliata H. Gross	며느리배 <b>꿉</b>
		52.	Persicaria senticosa Gross	며 느리 밑씻개
		53.	Polygonum aviculare L.	마디풀
		54.	Rumex crispus L.	소리쟁이
24.	Chenopodiaceae 명아주과	55.	Chenopodium album var. centrorubrum Makino	명아주
			Kochia scoparia Schrader	· II 씨리
25.	Amaranthaceae 비름과	57.	Achyranthes japonica (Miq.) Nakai	쇠무릅
			Amaranthus mangostanus L.	비를
26.	Phytolaccaceae 자리공과	59.	Phytolacca esculenta V. Houtte	자리공
	Portulacaceae 쇠비름과			, , ,

28.	Caryophyllaceae 석루과	61.	Dianthus sinensis L.	패렁이꽃
20-			Gypsophila oldhamiana Miq.	대나물
29.	Ranunculaceae		Clematis appiifolia A.P. DC.	사위질빵
201	미나리아재비과		Clematis fusca var. violacea Max.	중당물
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		Clematis mandshurica Rupr.	으아리
			Pulsatilla koreana Nakai	할미꽃
30.	Menispermaceae 방기과		Cocculus trilobus DC.	탱탱이 덩굴
	1 200		Sinomenium acutum Rehder et Wils.	방 기
31.	Lauraceae 녹나무과	69.	Lindera erythrocarpa Makino	비복나무
		70.	Lindera obtusiloba Bl.	생강나무
		71.	Machilus thunbergii S. et Z.	추박나무
32.	Papaveraceae 양귀비과	72.	Chelidonium majus var. asiaticum (Hara) Ohwi	애기통풀
33.	Fumariaceae 현호색과	73.	Corydalis ochotensis Turcz. var. raddeana Nakai	가는의불주머니
	Cruciferae 실자화과		Capsella bursa-pastoris (L.) Medicus	네 이
		75.	Dontostemon dentatus (Bunge) Ledeb.	가는장대
		76.	Lepidium apetalum Willd.	다발당당이
35.	Crassulaceae 돌나물과	77.	Sedum polystichoides Hemsl.	바위채송화
36.	Pittosporaceae 돈나무과	78.	Pittosporum tobira Aiton	돈나무
37.	Rosaceae 장미과	79.	Agrimonia pilosa Ledeb.	깊신나물
		80.	Potentilla chinensis Seringe	딱지 꽃
		81.	Prunus serrulata var. spontanea (Max.) Wils	빚나무
		82.	Rosa multiflora Thunb.	전리 <i>폿</i>
		83.	Rosa rugosa Thunb.	레당화
		84.	Sanguisorba officinalis L.	오이풀
		85.	Sorbus alnifolia (S. et Z.) K. Koch.	<b>글배나무</b>
		86.	Spirea microgyna Nakai	否조괍나무
		87.	Stephanandra incisa Zabel	국수나무
38.	Leguminosae 중과	88.	Albizzia julibrissin Durazzini	자귀나무
			Amphicarpaea edgeworthii var. trisperma Ohwi	새 총
			Indigofera kirilowii Max.	당티싸리
			Lathyrus japonicus Willd.	<u> </u>
			Lespedeza bicolor Turcz.	싸 리
			Pueraria thunbergiana Benthamn	위 > > > > = =
			Robina pseudo-acacia L.	아까시나무
	D		Vicia unijuga A. Br.	나비나물
39.	Rutaceae 운향과		Poncirus trifoliata Rafinesque	<b>탱</b> 자나무
			Zanthoxylum planispinum S. et Z.	개산초
			Zanthoxylum schinifolium S. et Z.	산초나무
	Oxalidaceae 괭이밥과		Oxalis corniculata L.	평이 밥
	Meliaceae 멀구슬나무과		Melia azedarach var. japonica Makino	민구슬나무
42.	Euphorbiaceae 대극과		Daphniphyllum macropodum Miq.	<u></u> 글거리나무
			Euphorbia helioscopia L.	등대존
			Euphorbia pekinensis Rupr.	대 극
		104.	Ricinus communis L.	아주라리

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43.	Anacardiaceae 옻나무과		Rhus chinensis Miller	불나무
	Colombia and April 77-1		Rhus verniciflua Stokes	옻나무 > > > =
44.	Celastraceae 노박덩준과		Celastrus orbiculatus Thunb.	노박당군
			Euonymus alatus (Thunb.) Sieb.	화산나무
			Euonymus alatus for, ciliatedentatus Hiyama	희잎나무
	A		Euonymus japonica Thunb.	사천나무
	Aceraceae 단풍구		Acer palmatum Thunb.	단풍나무
46.	Balsaminaceae 某人公司		Impatiens textori Miq.	문봉선
			Impatiens textori Miq. for. pallescens Hara	흰돌봉선
47.	Rhammaceae 칼페나무루		Berchemia berchemiacfolia (Max.) Koldz.	망계나무
			Rhamnus davurica Pallas	갈메나무
43.	Vitaceae 포도과	116.	Ampelopsis bervipedunculata var. heterophylla	개 머 수
			(Thunb.) Hara	
			Parthenocissus tricuspidata (S. et Z.) Planchon.	담쟁이덩굴
		118.	Vitis flexuosa Thunb.	세메루
49.	Malvaceae 아윽과	119.	Hibiscus syriacus L.	무궁화
50.	Sterculiaceae 벽으동다	120.	Firmiana simplex W.F. Wight	박오동
51.	Theaceae 자나무과	121.	Camellia japonica L.	동백나무
		122.	Eurya emarginata (Thunb.) Makino	우묵사스레피나무
		123.	Eurya japonica Thunb.	사스레피나무
52.	Hypericaceae 물리나물과	124.	Hypericum ascuron L.	물레나물
		125.	Hypericum erectum Thunb.	고추나찬
53.	Violaceae 제비꽃과	126.	Viola mandshurica W. Becker.	게 비꽃
54.	Elaegnaceae 보리수나무과	127.	Elaeagnus glabra Thunb.	크리낭나무
		128.	Elaeagnus umbellata Thunb.	보러수나무
55.	Alangiaceae 탁취나무과	129.	Alangium platanifolium var. macrophyllum (S. et Z.)	바퀴나무
			Wangerin	
56.	Onagraceae 마늘꽃과	130.	Oenothera odorata Jacq.	달맛이꿎
57.	Araliaceae 무류나무과	131.	Aralia elata Seemann	두통나무
		132.	Hedera rhombea Bean	송 악
		133.	Kalopanax pictus (Thunb.) Nakai	음나무
58.	Umbelliferae 산형과	134.	Glehnia littoralis Fr. Schm.	갯방풍
		135.	Ostericum sieboldii (Miq.) Nakai	묏미나리
		136.	Peucedanum terebinthaceum Fisch	기름나물
		137.	Torilis japonica (Houttuyn) DC.	사상자
59.	Ericaceae 건말레과	138.	Rhododendron mucronulatum Turcz.	전달대
		139.	Rhododendron schlippenbachii Max.	철 쭉
60.	Myrsinaceae 자급우과	140.	Ardisia japonica Bl.	자금우
61.	Ebenaceae 갈나무과		Diospyros kaki Thunb.	감나무
62.			Symplocos chinensis for. pilosa (Nakai) Ohwi	노린재나무
63.	Styracaceae 때축나무과		Styrax japonica S. et Z.	때주나무
	Oleaceae 골푸레나무과	144.	Chionanthus retusa Lindle. et Paxton	이랍나무
			Fraxinus rhynchophylla Hance	물루레나무
65.	Primulaceae 앵초과		Ligustrum japonicum Thunb.	광나무
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			Ligustrum obtusifolium S. et Z.	쥐똥나무
CC A			Lysimachia barystachys Bunge	까치수염
	oocynaceae 협죽도과	149.	•	마삭줄
67. CO	onvolvulaceae 메꽃과		Calystegia japonica (Thunb.) Choisy	메꽃
			Calystegia soldanella Roem. et Schult.	갯메 <b>꽃</b>
co 1/-			Cuscuta japonica Choisy	새 삼
68. Ve	erbenaceae 마편초과		Callicarpa japonica Thunb.	작살나무
			Clerodendron trichotomum Thunb.	누리장나무
D			Vitex rotundifolia L. fil.	순비기나무
	prraginaceae 지치과		Cynoglossum asperrimum Nakai	섬꽃마리
70. La	biatae 꿀풀과		Isodon inflexus (Thunb.) Kudo	산박하
			Leonurus sibircus L.	익모초
		195.	Prunella vulgaris var. lilacina Nakai	꿀 풀
71. Sol	lanaceae 가지과	160.	Lycium chinense Miller	구기자나무
		161.	Datura stramonium L.	독말풀
		162.	Physalis alkekengi var. francheti Hort	꽈 리
		163.	Solanum nigrum L.	까마중
72. Scr	rophulariaceae 현삼과	164.	Melampyrum ciliare Miq.	며느리밥풀
73. Big	gnoniaceae 능소화과	165.	Catalpa ovata G. Don	개 오동
74. Pla	antaginaceae 질경이과	166.	Plantago asiatica L.	질 경이
75. Ru	ibiaceae 꼭두서니과	167.	Calium tracyspermum A. Gray	네잎갈퀴
		168.	Damnacanthus indicus Gaert.	호자나무
		169.	Paederia scandens (Lour.) Merr.	계요등
		170.	Rubia akane Nakai	꼭두서니
76. Cap	prifoliaceae 인동과	171.	Lonicera japonica Thunb.	인동덩굴
		172.	Lonicera maackii Max.	괴불나무
		173.	Sambucus williamsii var. coreana Nakai	딱총나무
		174.	Viburnum erosum Thunb.	덜꿩나무
		175.	Weigela florida (Bunge) A. DC.	붉은병꽃나무
77. Va	lerianaceae 마타리과	176.	Patrinia scabiosaefolia Fisch.	미년리
		177.	Patrinia villosa (Thunb.) Juss.	둑 갈
78. Cu	curbitaceae 박과	178.	Trichosanthes kirilowii Max.	하늘타리
79. Car	mpanulaceae 초롱꽃과	179.	Adenophore radiatifolia Nakai	충충잔대
		180.	Platycodon grandiflorum (Jacq.) A. DC.	도라지
80. Co	mpositae 국화과	181.	Artemisia keiskeana Miq.	맑은대 쑥
		182.	Aster fastigiatus Fischer	옹굿나물
		183.	Atractylodes japonica Koidz.	삽 주
		184.	Bidens bipinnata L.	도깨비바늘
		185.	Cacalia auriculata var. matsumurana Nakai	박쥐나물
			Cephelonoplos segetum (Bunge) Kitamura	조뱅이
			Cirsium japonicum var. ussuriens. Kitamura	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
			Erigeron canadensis L.	망 초
			Ixeris dentata (Thunb.) Nakai	씀바귀
			Lactuca raddeana Max.	산씀바귀
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191. Petasites japonica (S. et Z.) Max.	머 위
192. Senecio argunensis Turcz.	쑥방망이
193. Sigesbeckia glabrescens Makino	진득찰
194. Synelleis palmatas (Thunb.) Max.	우산나물
195. Taraxacum platycarpum H. Dahlst.	민들레
196. Xanthium strumarium L.	도꼬마리
197. Youngia sonchifolia Max.	고들빼기
198. Zinnia elegana Jacq.	백 일 <del>홍</del>

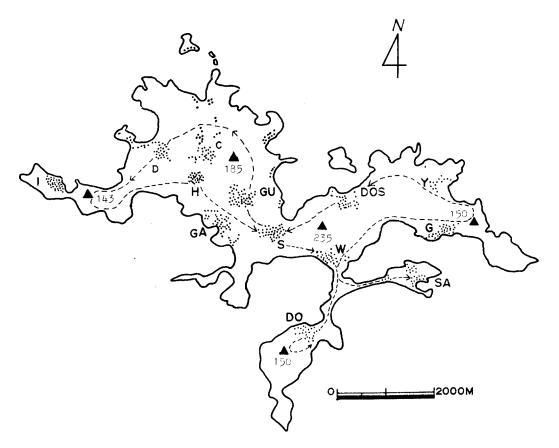


Fig. 1. The map of Pyeong-il Island and the surveyed courses(······→).

D: Dojang-ri, I: Iljeong-ri, C: Cheugchi, H: Whajeon-ri, W: Wolsong-ri, GA: Gammog-ri, GU: Gudong-ri, S: Sinpyeong-ri, DOS: Dongsong-ri, DO: Dongbaeg-ri, SA: Sandong-ri, G: Gunghang-ri, Y: Yonghang-ri

Evergreen broad-leaved trees were very sparsely distributed and Zanthoxylum planispinum S. et Z. Euonymus japonica Thunb., Camellia japonica Linné, Eurya japonica Thunb. and Hedera rhombea Bean were infrequently observed.

#### (2) The second area

This area covers a region extending to Dongbaegri along the forest of *Pinus thunbergii* which form a coastal shelter belt of Wolsong-ri. There were encounterd at the seaside of this area the communities of *Rosa rugosa* Thunb., *Vitex rotundifolia* Linné. fil.

and Carex laticeps C.B. Clarke. In addition, woody plants, such as Rosa multiflora Thunb., Robinia pseudo-acacia Linné, Alnus japonica Steudal, Poncirus trifoliata Rafinesque, Elaeagnus glabra Thunb. and Rhododendron mucronulatum Turez. were distributed around the coast with herbaceous plants, such as Capsella brusa-pastoris (L.) Medicus, Cephalonoplos segetum (Bunge) Kitamura, Erigeron canadensis L. and Euphorbia helioscopia L.

As shown in Fig. 2 it was especially significant to encounter about 10 stumps of big *Camellia japonica* Linné within the fence of a shrine and the biggest of them was 30~35cm in diameter at breast height.

According to the inhabitants of this area, Camellia japonica Linné was in abundance about 15 years ago at Dongbaeg-ri, but now only about 10 stumps remained with a similar number of Robinia pseudoacacia Linné and Poncirus trifoliala Rafinesque around the wall of a shrine was cutted by the neighboring inhabitants for fuel. Evergreen broadleaved trees were also sparsely distributed in this area while Trachelospermum asiaticum var. intermedium Nakai and Damnacanthus indicus Gaer T. were sighted. The distribution of Pinus thunbergii parl. was also extremely sparse.

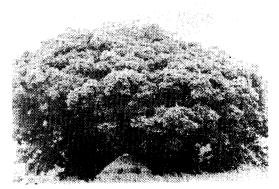


Fig. 2. The aspect of the vegetation at Dongbaeg-Ri

#### (3) The third area

This area is located about 2 km north of Dong-baeg-ri and characterized by its rocky geological features compared with other areas. There could not be found such seaside plants on its 500m long sandy beach as observed on the coast of Dongbaeg-ri.

Woody plants of this area consisted mainly of Ficus crecta Thunb. var. sieboldii King, Rhododendron mucronulatum Turcz. and Elaeagnus glabra Thunb., Pinus thunbergii Parl. of more than 10-years old was infrequently sighted and such evergreen broad-leaved tree as Euonymus japonica Thunb. were distributed. In addition, this area was dotted with herbaceous plants, such as Prunella vulgaris var. lilacina Nakai, Synellesis palmata (Thunb.) Max., Pulsatilla koreana Nakai, Smilax nipponica Miq., Sanguisorba officinalis Linné, Erigeron canadensis Linné, Capsella brusa-pastoris (L.) Medicus and Carex bostrychostigima Max..

#### (4) The fourth area

This area includes two villages, Gunghang-ri and Yonghang-ri. Though the vegetation of this area was the most diversified in Pyeongil island, it still remained in diminutive condition due to reckless deforestation.

Woody plants observed in this area were Betula platyphylla var. japonica Hara, Carpinus iaxiflora Bl., Rhododendron mucronulatum Turez.. Alnus japonica Steud., Quercus dentata Thunb. and Quercus variabilis Bl. Herbaceous plants sighted were Atractylodes japonica Koidz., Melamphyrum ciliare Miq., Lilium tigrium Ker-Gawl, Cacalia auriculata var. matsumurana Nak., Sanguisorba officinalis Linné, Lysimachia barystachys Bunge, Syneilesis palmata (Thunb.) Max. and Erigeron canadensis Linné.

Evergreen broad-leaved trees distributed in this area were Elaegnus glabra Thunb., Trachclospermum asiaticum var. intermedium Nakai. Eurya emarginata (Thunb.) Makino, Hedera rhombea Bean and Pittosporum tobira Aiton. A windbreak forest with trees of 25~30cm in diameter at breast height and 10~15m in tree height, were observed at the seaside.

According to the inhabitants of this area, the windbreak forest was formed by *Pinus thunbergii* Parl. around Yonghang-ri about 15 years ago, but now they have only about 100 stumps left because of random cutting by the inhabitants for fuel.

#### (5) The fifth area

This area covers a region reaching Dongsong-ri and Mt. Mangsan through the north coast of Yonghang-ri. The vegetation of this area was similar to that of the area between Yonghang-ri and Wolsong-ri. As Fig. 3 shows, it is noticeable that Celtis sinensis Pers., 35~50cm in diameter at breast height with 15~20m in tree height, formed a community at the seaside of Dongsong-ri village. Plants distributed in this area were Celtis sinensis Pers., Commelina communis Linné, Rosa multiflora Thunb., Pittosporum fobira Aiton, Poncirus trifoliata Rafinesque and Cryptomeria japonica D. Don.



Fig. 3. The aspect of the vegetation at Dongsong-Ri.

#### (6) The sixth area

This area connects Dongsong-ri with Gammog-ri through Sinpyeong-ri. As in the case of other areas of the island, the vegetation of this area was in unexceptionally poor condition. As shown in Fig. 4 however, there could be observed the mixed distribution of Camellia japonica Linné, Ficus erecta Thunb. Elacagnus glabra Thunb. and Celtis sinensis Pers. on hilly districts 80m above the sea between Dongsong-ri and Sinpyeong-ri. Especially Celtis

sinensis Pers. of this area, 112cm in diameter at breast height with 15m in tree height, was designated and conserved as a tree-monument of Gumil-myeon. In addition to these plants, Aralia elata Seemann, Euonymus alatus for. ciliato-dentatus Hiyama, Patrinia scabiosaefolia Fisch, Patrinia villosa (Thunb.) Juss, Plantago asiatica Linné and Peucedanum terebinthaceum Fisch were also sighted.

According to the village elders, Camellia japonica Linné and Celtis sinensis Pers. once formed communities in this area for several years after the end of World War 1, but now they were in danger of extinction due to reckless deforestation.

#### (7) The seventh area

This area starts from Sinpyeong-ri and reaches Sinpyong-ri through Gudong-ri, 185m upland, Cheogsa-ri, Dojang-ri, 143m upland of Iljeong-ri and Hwajeon-ri. Though *Pinus thunbergii* Parl. predominated in this area, the condition of its growth was very poor. Only a few stumps of *Euonymus japonica* Thunb. and *Camellia japonica* Linné could be sighted in some household yards of the village. The vegetation of this area was also severely destroyed due to human interferences, almost similar to that of the preceding areas.

#### 3. Distribution of seaside plants (Fig. 5)

The area where seaside plants in this island were distributed most abundantly was the vicinity of sandy beaches extending to Wolsong-ri, Dongbaeg-ri and Sadong-ri. Vitex rotundifolia Linné fil., Rosa rugosa Thunb., Carex laticeps Clarke, Calystegia soldanella Reom, et Schult. and Glehnia littoralis



Fig. 4. The aspect of the vegetation at Synpyeong-Ri.

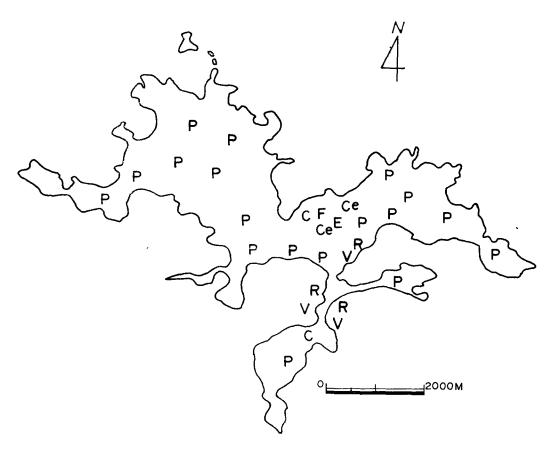


Fig. 5. Distribution of Pinus thunbergii (P), Ficus erecta (F), Elueugnas glabra (E), Celtis sincnsis (Ce), Rosa rugosa (R), Vitex rotundifolia (V), and Camellia japonica (C) in Pyeongil island.

Fr. Schm formed the communities of seaside plants. The distribution of these seaside plants was relatively diversified compared with that of the neighboring Saengil island.

#### 4. Distribution of road plants

Plantago asiatica Linné, Chenopodium album var. centrorubrum Makino, Rumex crispus Linné, Capsella brusa-pastoris (L.) Medicus. Erigeron annuus, Taraxacum platycarpum, Artemisia asiatica, Oenothera odorata Jacq. and Ixeris dentata (Thunb.) Nakai could be sighted in the vicinity of villages. However, Portulaca oleracea Linné, Setaria viridis (L.) Beauv., Digitaria sanguinalis (L.) Scopoli, Achyranthes japonica (Miq.) Nakai, Solanum nigrum Linné and Amaranthus mangostanus Linné were not encountered at all.

## 5. Distribution of evergreen broad-leaved trees

5 plots (10m²) were established in each area and the appearing frequency of *Pinus* in these plots was measured.

It was almost impossible to confirm the distribution of *Pinus densiflora* and *Pinus rigida*. As shown in Fig. 5, *Pinus thunbergii* Parl. (10~20 years old) was considered to be the dominant species of the investigated island, but its growth was in poor condition. As Fig. 6 shows, however, the excellent forest of *Pinus thunbergii* Parl. at the seaside of Wolsong-ri is considered worth of conservation.

The seaside of Wolsong-ri at about 30min, distance on foot from the seat of Gumil-myeon office was covered with silvery sand and stretched out more than 4km, literally forming a beautiful sandy beach. More

than 1,000 stumps of *Pinus thunbergii* Parl. 30~40cm in diameter at breast height, formed a shelter belt.

### Distribution and conservation of evergreen broad-leaved trees

The distribution of evergreen broad-leaved trees on this island is as shown in Table 3. Eurya japonica Thunb., Trachelostermum asiaticum var. intermedium Nakai and 11 other species of evergreen broad-leaved trees were sparsely sighted. They did not form a community and still remained short and small in growth.

According to the village elders, Camellia japonica Linné once formed its community centering around Sinpyeong-ri and Dongbaeg-ri, but now only a few could be found due to reckless deforestation for fuel. They further explained that the geographical name of this area 'Dongbaeg-ri' (Camellia Village) is closely related to the wide distribution of this tree. The vegetation of this island was very sparse as a whole compared with neighboring Saengil island' where 24 species of evergreen broad-leaved trees were distributed.

Table 3. The distribution of evergreen broad-leaved trees at 6 sites in Pyeong-il Island

Scientific name	Korean name -	Surveying courses							
Scientific name	Korean name -	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Zanthoxylum planispinum Sieb. et Zucc.	개 산 초	$\bigcirc$	0			0			
Euonymus japonicus Thunb.	사 철 나 무	0		$\circ$					
Camellia japonica Thunb.	동백 나무	0		$\circ$			$\bigcirc$		
Eurya japonica Linné	사스레피나무	$\circ$			$\circ$	$\circ$			
Hedera rhombe Sieb. at Zucc.	송 악	$\circ$			$\circ$				
Vitex rotundifolia Linné	순 비 기	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$					
Elaeagnus glabra Sieb. et Zucc.	보리장나무		$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$				
Trachelospermum asiaticum var. intermedium Nakai	마 삭 줄		0		0				
Mitchella undulata Sieb. et Zucc.	호 자 덩 굴		$\circ$						
Pittosporum tobira Aiton	돈 나 무				$\circ$	$\bigcirc$			
Ficus erecta Thunb.	천선과나무						0		

- $\textbf{1.} \;\; \textbf{Gammog-Ri} \leftarrow \textbf{Wolsong-Ri} \leftarrow \textbf{Yonghang-Ri} \leftarrow \textbf{Yonghang-Ri}, \;\; \textbf{3.} \;\; \textbf{Sadong-Ri}, \;\; \textbf{4.} \;\; \textbf{Wolsong-Ri} \leftarrow \textbf{Yonghang-Ri}, \;\; \textbf{3.} \;\; \textbf{Sadong-Ri}, \;\; \textbf{4.} \;\; \textbf{Wolsong-Ri} \leftarrow \textbf{Yonghang-Ri}, \;\; \textbf{3.} \;\; \textbf{Sadong-Ri}, \;\; \textbf{4.} \;\; \textbf{Wolsong-Ri} \leftarrow \textbf{Yonghang-Ri}, \;\; \textbf{3.} \;\; \textbf{Sadong-Ri} \leftarrow \textbf{Yonghang-Ri}, \;\; \textbf{3.} \;\; \textbf{3.}$
- 5. Dongsong-Ri↔Yonghang-Ri, 6. Dongsong-Ri↔Gammog-Ri



Fig. 6. The aspect of the *Pinus thunbergii* community at Wolsong-Ri.

# ECOLOGICAL CONSIDERATION OF PYEONGIL ISLAND VEGETATION

As seen from Table 4, the vegetation of this island is very poor compared with that of other islands in the southwestern sea and even in the state of complete destruction in a strict sense. In the case of neighboring Saengil island, a total of 242 plant species was distributed while only 186 species were distributed in the investigated island. Pyeongil island also showed extremely poor condition in the distribution of evergreen broad-leaved trees with only 11

**Table 4.** Comparison for the species number of evergreen broad-leaved trees and other seed plants on Pyeong-il Island with other island

	Bi.	Ui.	Но.	Wa.	Ji.	Bo.					Py.
Evergreen broad-leaved trees	9	33	42	55	30	64		7			12
Other seed plants	148	197	231	278	213	247	164	101	119	242	189

Bi.: Bigeum-do, Ho.: Hong-do, Wa.: Wan-do, Ji.: Jin-do, Bo.: Bogil do, Do.: Dolsan-do, No.: Nohwa-do, Ch.: Chungsan-do, Sa.: Saeng-il-do, Py.: Pyeong-il-do.

species, less than half of the 24 species distributed in Saengil island.

As indicated by Lee (1980, 1981) and Miyawaki (1977), the destruction of vegetation is largely attributed to the conversion of forests and fields into farmlands. This can be fully justified by the fact that, as shown in Table 1, the area of forests and fields decreased from 1208.4 ha in 1973 to 404.48 ha in 1977 while the area of cultivated land increased from 615.8 ha (paddy fields 217.8 ha, dry fields 398.0 ha) in 1973 to 1404.62 ha (paddy fields 390.62 ha, dry fields 1014 ha) in 1977. Also the use of trees for fuel and building over a long period of time may also be considered to have resulted in the destruction of vegetation. In addition, it is not difficult to presume that Camellia japonica and evergreen broad-leaved trees might have been taken out of the island to inland areas by taking advantage of the convenient marine transportation between Pyeongil island and inland areas, thereby resulted in the destruction of the island's vegetation. However, judging from the fact that vegetation around shrines in Dong baeg-ri and ancestral tombs in Sinpyeong-ri are well conserved, religious practices may be considered to have a significant effect on the conservation of vegetation. Camellia japonica of 30~35cm in diameter at breast height is distributed in the investigated islands, and therefore it is believed that evergreen broad-leaved trees once predominated in this island in the past. And also the culture of 10~20 year old Pinus thunbergii parl, is suggested that succession had taken place through human interference.

#### 要 約

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에 절쳐 平日島의 植生을 生態學的으로 調查한 것으로 本島의 植物은 總 80科 172屬 173種 21變種 4品種, 199種이었으며 常綠凋葉樹는 사스레피나무, 마삭줄을 비롯하여 總 11種으로 점 수體의 常線濶葉樹의 分布狀 態는 極可 貧弱하였다. 또한 本島도 동맥나무(홍고 직 경 30cm~35cm), 돈나무, 사스렌피나무, 마삭출과 같은 常綠湖葉樹가 優占種이었던 전이 人態的인 干涉 (薪炭用,建築用,放牧,農地利用)에 의部 現在와 같 은 10~20年生 불舎材을 優占種으로 하는 人態的인 遷 移가 일어난 것으로 생각된다. 특히 높은 인구별도와 就農率,耕作面積의 增加로 因하여 植生이 심하게 破 壞된 것으로 생각되며 한편 月松里의 곰솔林은 保護해 야할 價值가 있다고 생각된다. 해안가 植物은 5種(순 비기, 해당회, 멋보티사초, 켓뗏꽃, 갯방풍)으로 月松 坦 동맥리 사동리에 이르는 백사장 부근에 分在되고 있었다.

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