



Sanitary characteristics of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in Korean farming area

Food Safety division, NFRDI



Vibrio

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**(FOOD SATETY RESEARCH DIVISION,
NFRDI)**

Ministry for Food, Agriculture,
Forestry and Fisheries
(MFAFF)

National Fisheries Research
And Development Institute
(NFRDI)

Aquaculture Research Department

Food Safety Research Division

Microbiology
Lab.

Toxicology
Lab.

Physico-chemistry
Lab.

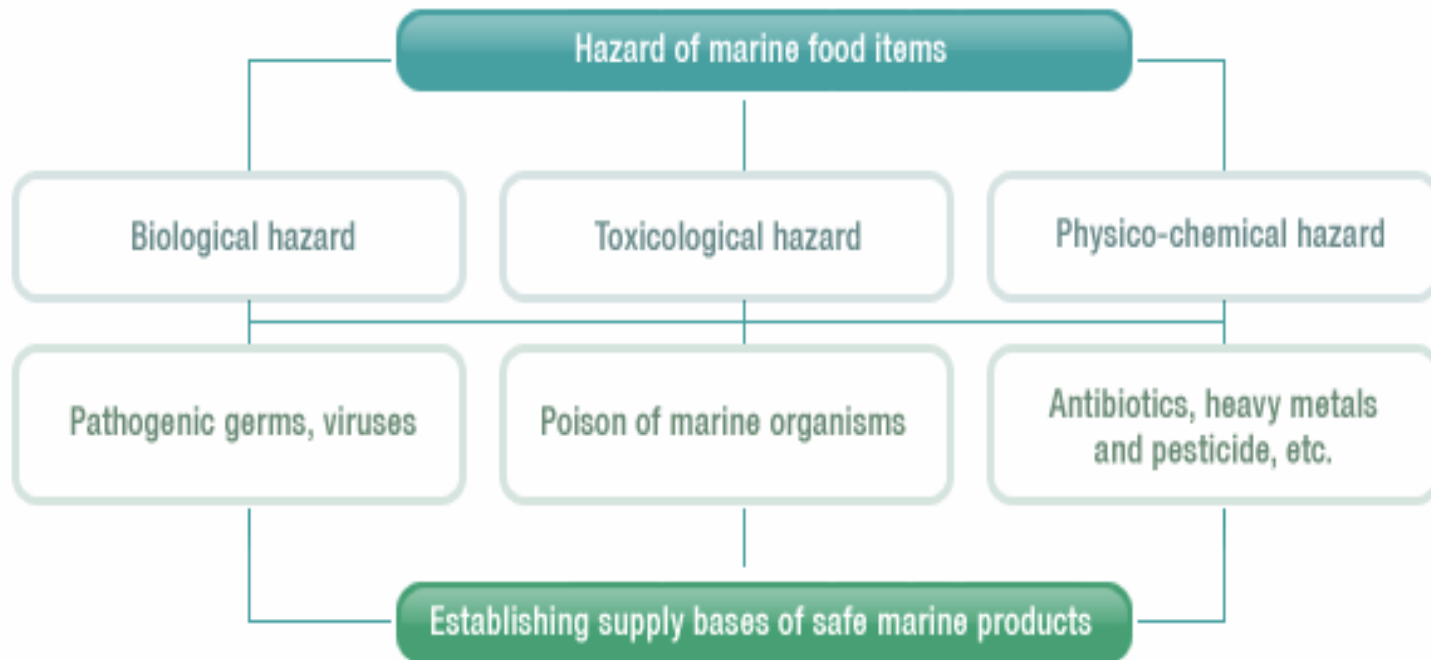
● **Functions and Operations**

- Study on Sanitation and safety management, such as HACCP of marine products and marine processed products
 - **Sanitation standards setting and management for marine products**
 - toxicity of marine products and microbial test
 - physico-chemical characteristics of marine products

● **Major Fields of Research**

- Sanitation management of marine products
 - toxicological hazards of marine food items
 - pathogenic germs and viruses originated from marine products
 - physico-chemical hazard control of marine food items
 - establishment and operation of HACCP
 - Operation of international Sanitation-related agreements for export of marine products
 - **Analysis on food Sanitation and safety-related hazards upon request (pathogenic germs, shellfish poison and blowfish poison, etc.)**

● Direction of Research and Promoted Tasks



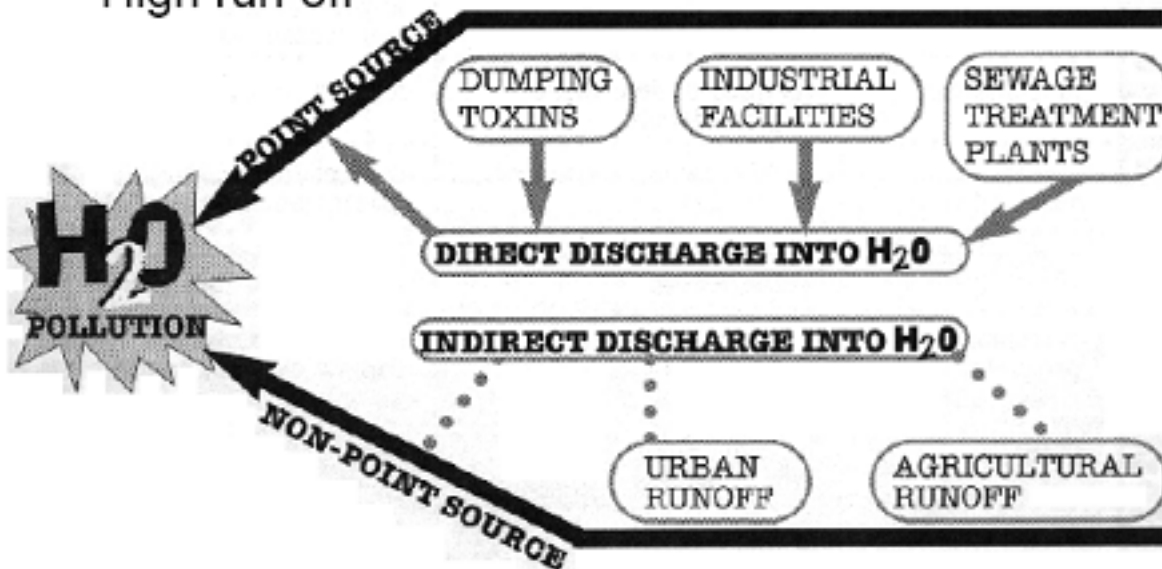
KSSP

(KOREAN SHELLFISH SANITATION PROGRAM)



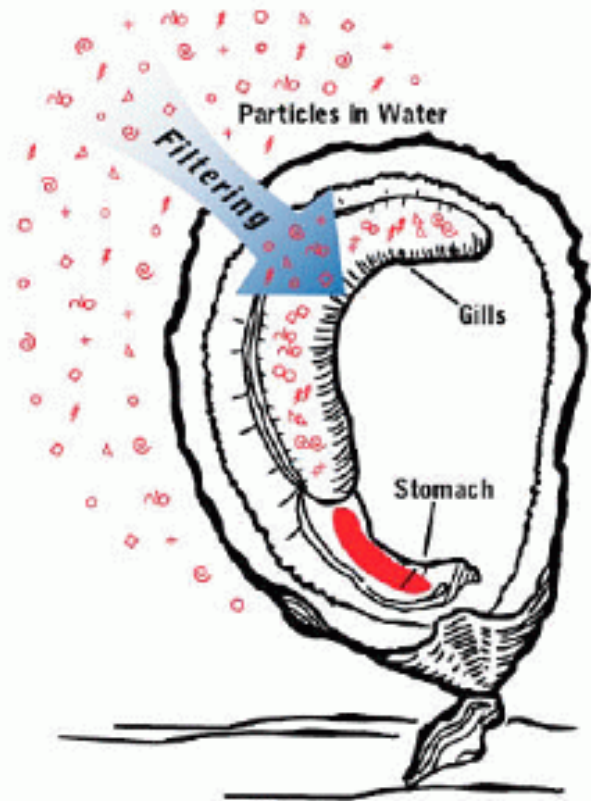
Why Shellfish?

- Habitat
 - Coastal estuarine systems
 - Populated areas
 - High run-off



Why Shellfish?

- Anatomy and Physiology
 - Filter feeders
 - Non-selective approach
 - Concentrate pathogens or Toxins
 - Micro-environments
 - Surface
 - Internal



History of KSSP

Microbiological laboratory at Processing and Chemical Division
in the Central Fisheries Research Center (Current NFRDI)

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Shellfish Sanitation Agreement
between Korean CA and USFDA

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Food Sanitation Division in NFRDI

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Commission Decision of 23 October 1995 laying special conditions
for the import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and
marine gastropods originating in the Republic of Korea(95/453/EC)

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Shellfish Sanitation Agreement for raw consumption oyster to
be shipped to **Japan** between Korea and Japan

Approved Farming Areas & Labs.

344km²-do



	Area (ha)	Survey area (ha)	Initial designation	Shellfish
1	2,050	5,000	1974	Oyster
2	9,492	12,700	1984	Oyster
3	3,107	12,300	1987	Oyster
6	5,860	9,800	1999	Mussel
7	5,290	8,000	2004	Arkshell
4	4,188	11,200	1987	Oyster
5	4,398	8,000	1999	Clam
T	34,385	67,000		

Sanitation Standards for the designated area of shellfish production for export

1. Water Quality

- **Most Probable Number (MPN) method** for fecal coliforms.
- Median or geometric mean of MPN : less than **14/100ml**
- 90th percentile value : less than **43/100ml**



Sanitation Standards for the designated area of shellfish production for export

2. Sanitation Standard for Shellfish Produced

➤ Shellfish Poisons

(a) Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP): less than $80\mu\text{g} / 100\text{g}$

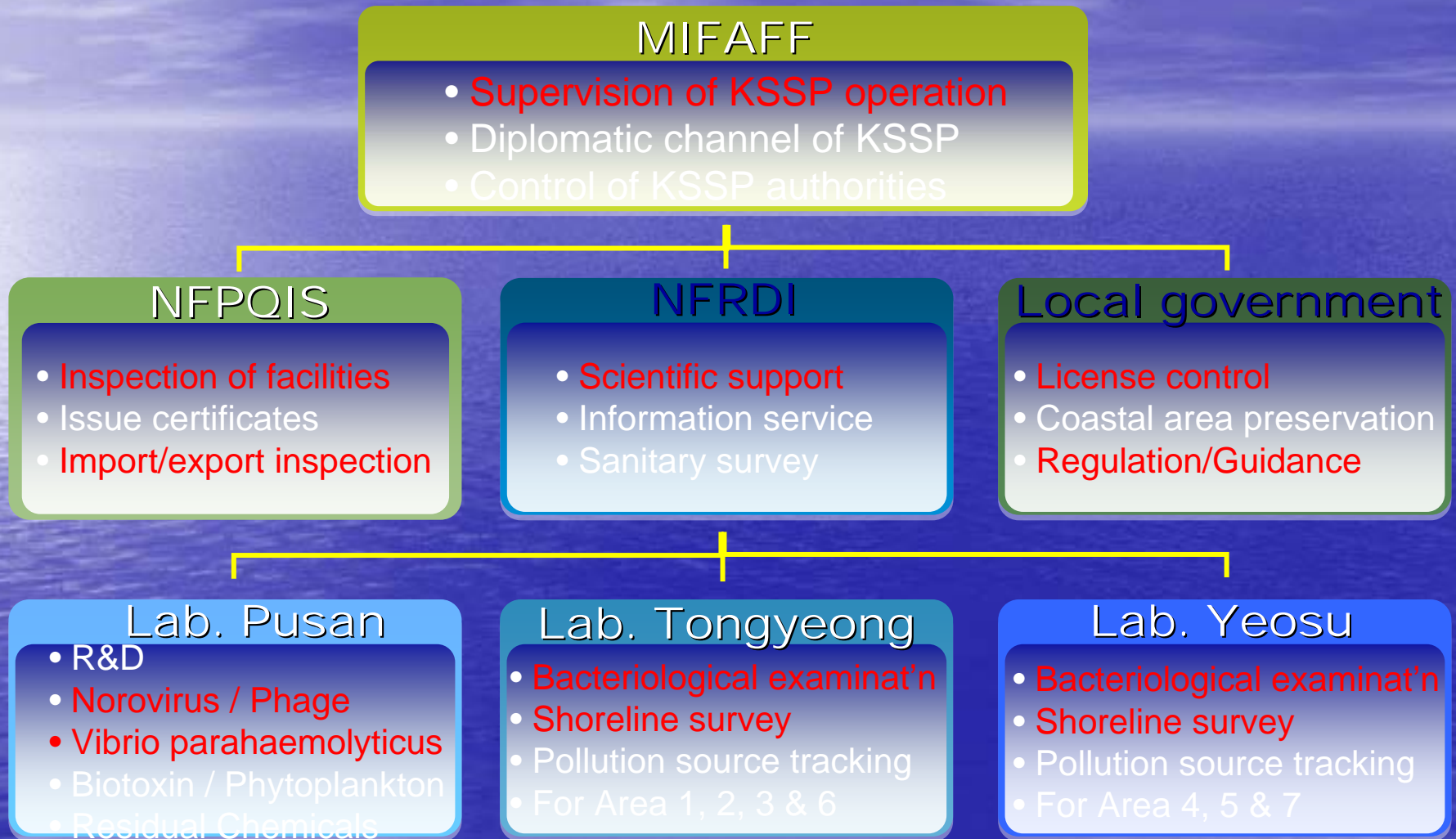
(b) Amnesic Shellfish Poisons (ASP): less than 20ppm

(c) Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisons (DSP): less than 0.05MU/g

➤ Oxytetracycline : Not detected

➤ Pathogenic Bacteria. Food Poisoning Bacteria : Not detected

Operation of KSSP



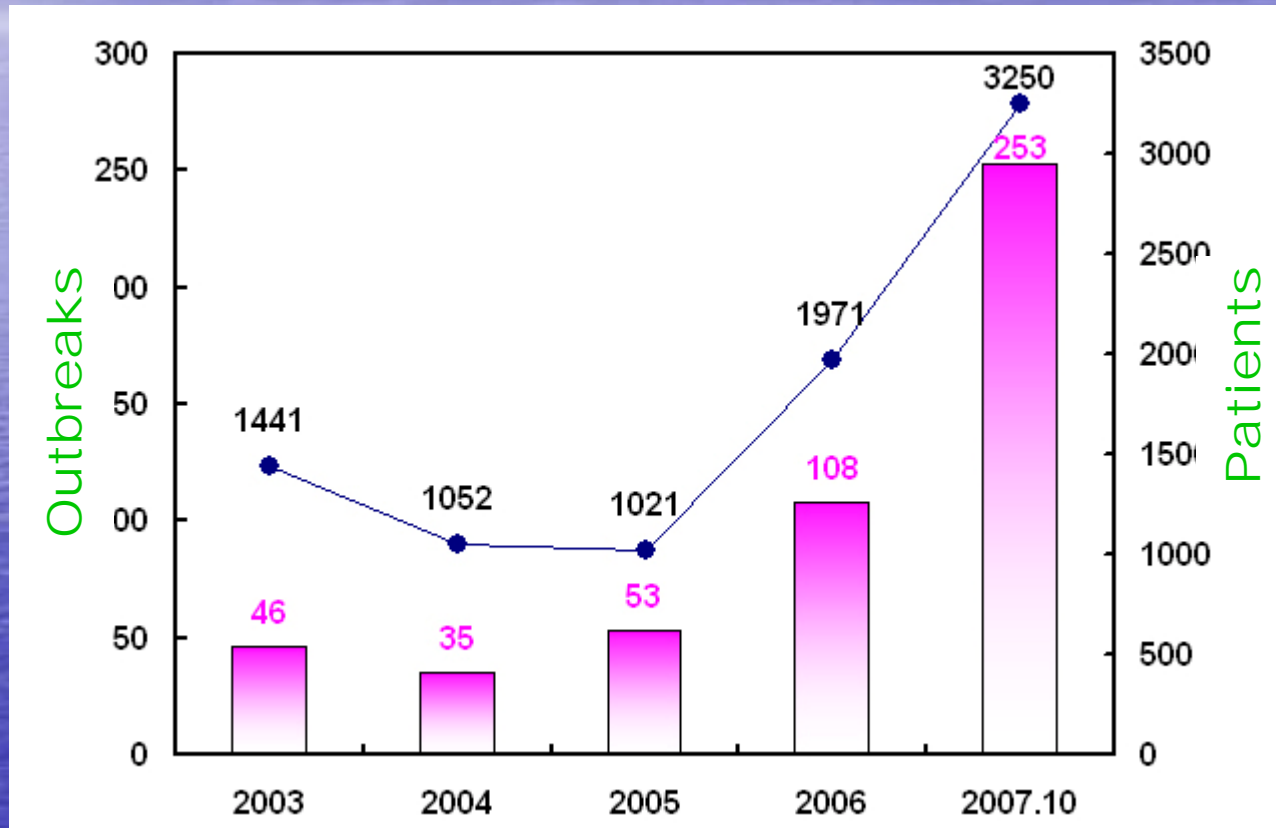
Evaluation of KSSP

- **The regulatory authority** and related institute (NFRDI) and local government (City and County) have evaluate the KSSP plan and results **implemented annually**.
- **USFDA mission** has evaluated the program **every two year** according to the Shellfish Sanitation agreement between MIFAFF and USFDA.
- **In 1994 and 2005**, an evaluation officer from **EU Committee** checked KSSP designated area and shellfish processing facilities.
- **Other foreign countries** who concluded Seafood Sanitation Agreement such as Japan also has checked the program **as the need arises**.

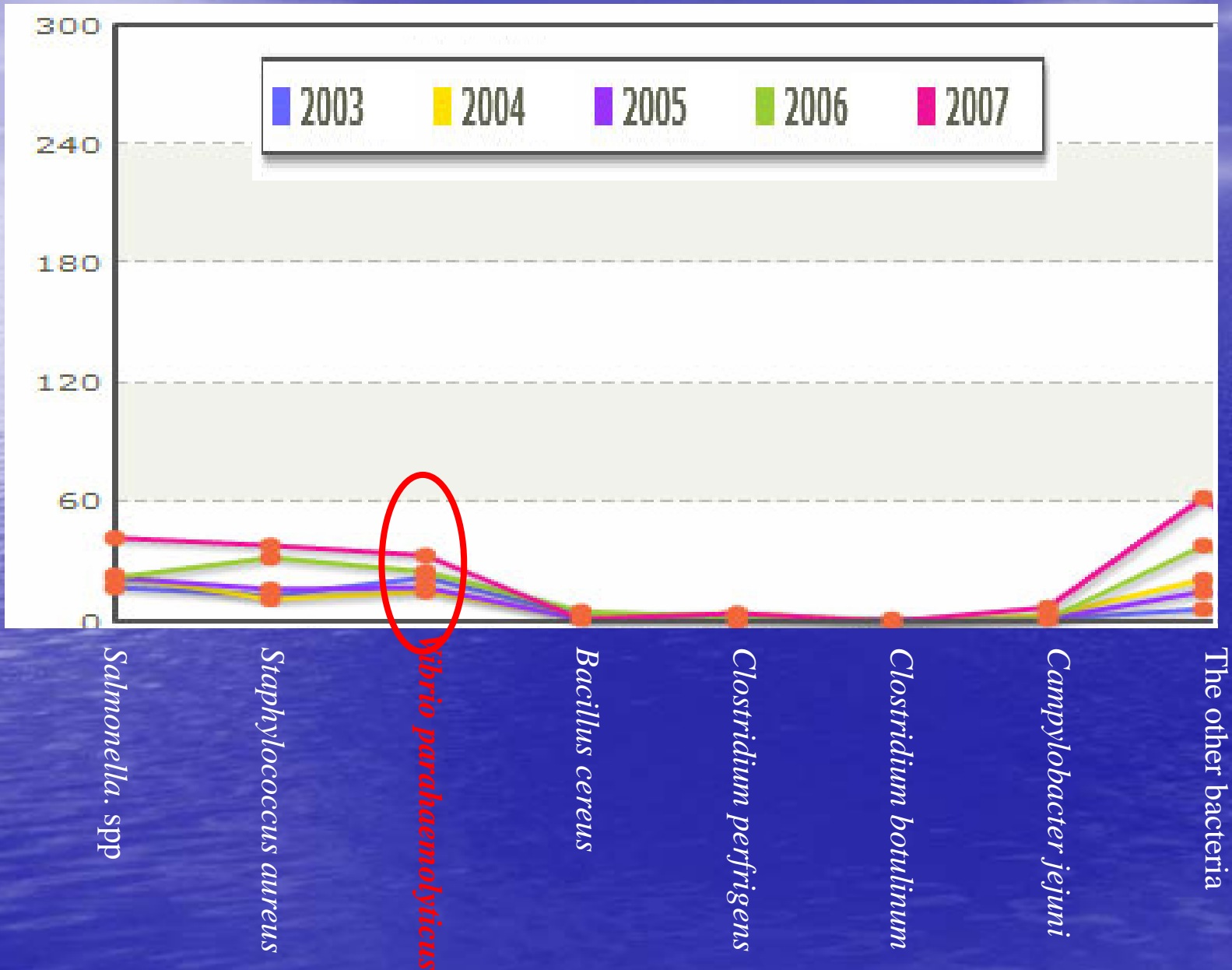


Vibrio Parahaemolyticus

Outbreaks of Food Poisoning in Korea



Outbreaks by bacterial strains



Vibrio species

Pathogenic species of *Vibrio*

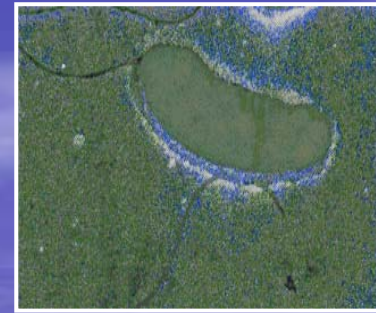
- *V. cholerae*
- *V. vulnificus*
- *V. parahaemolyticus*



Vibrio Clinical Characteristics

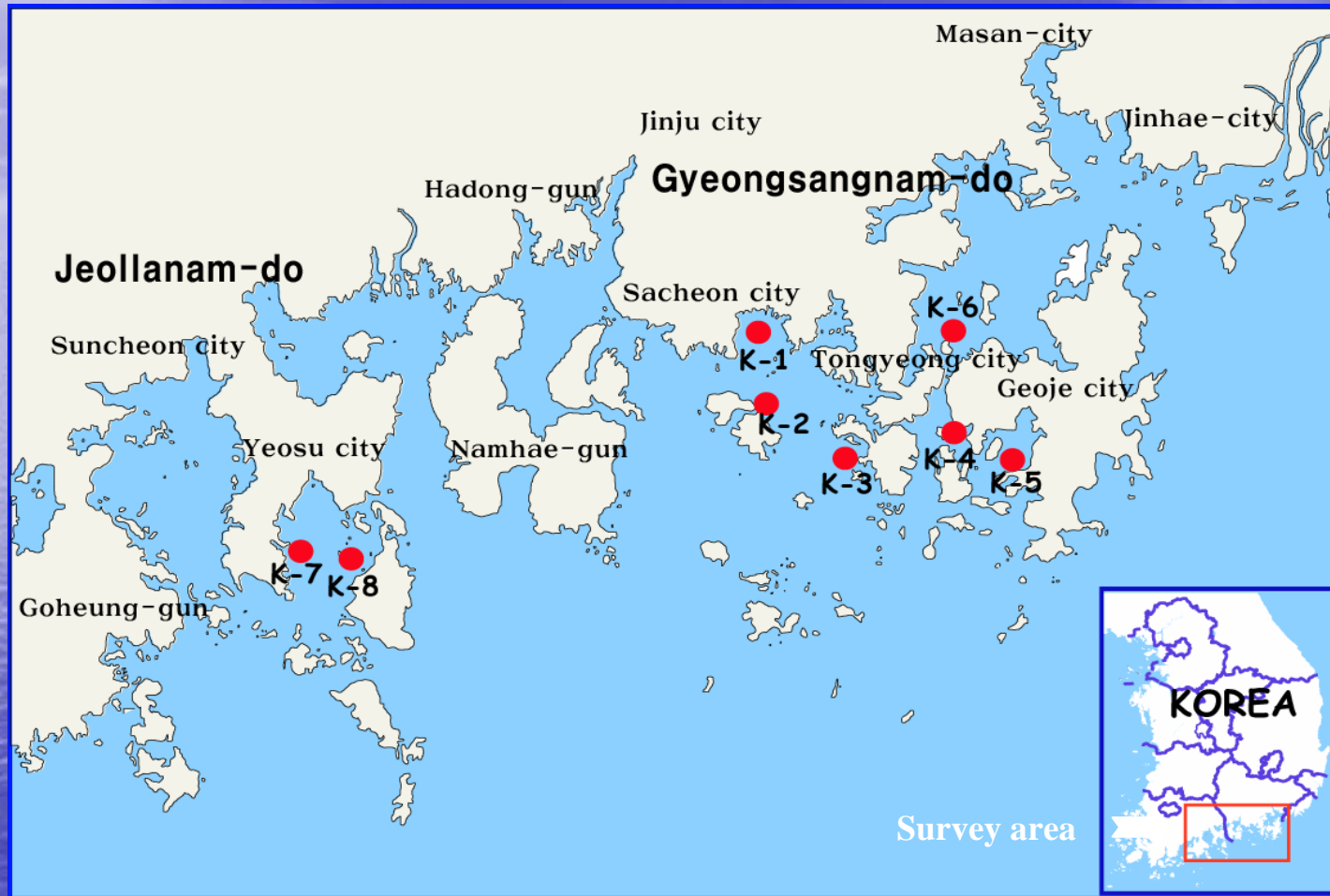
Organism	Incubation Period	Gastro enteritis	Wound infection	Primary septicemia
<i>Vibrio Vulnificus</i>	12 - 72 hrs	+	++	++
<i>Vibrio Parahaemolyticus</i>	12 and 24 hrs (Range 4-30 hrs)	++	+	(+)
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	Few hrs to 5 d (Usually 2-3 days)	++		

Vibrio parahaemolyticus



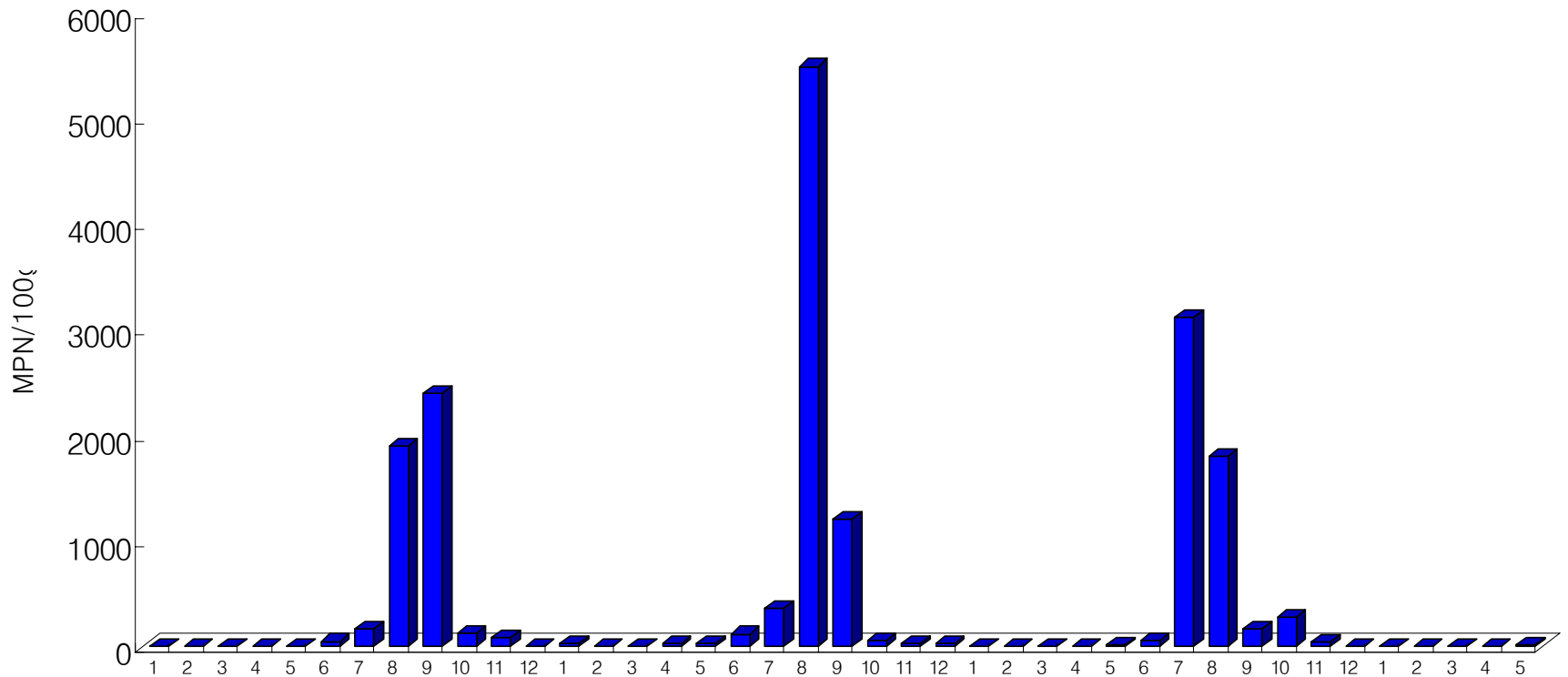
- First identified in 1950 in Japan
- Occurs naturally in warm marine and estuarine water
- More Vp in the water in warmer months
- **Transmission**
 - Consuming raw or undercooked molluscan shellfish
 - Cross contamination with raw seafood
- **Pathogenic**
 - Thermostable direct hemolysin (TDH)
 - Thermostable direct hemolysin-related hemolysin (TRH)
- **Prevention**
 - Cook to 145°F
 - Avoid cross contamination
 - Use only approved sources for shellfish



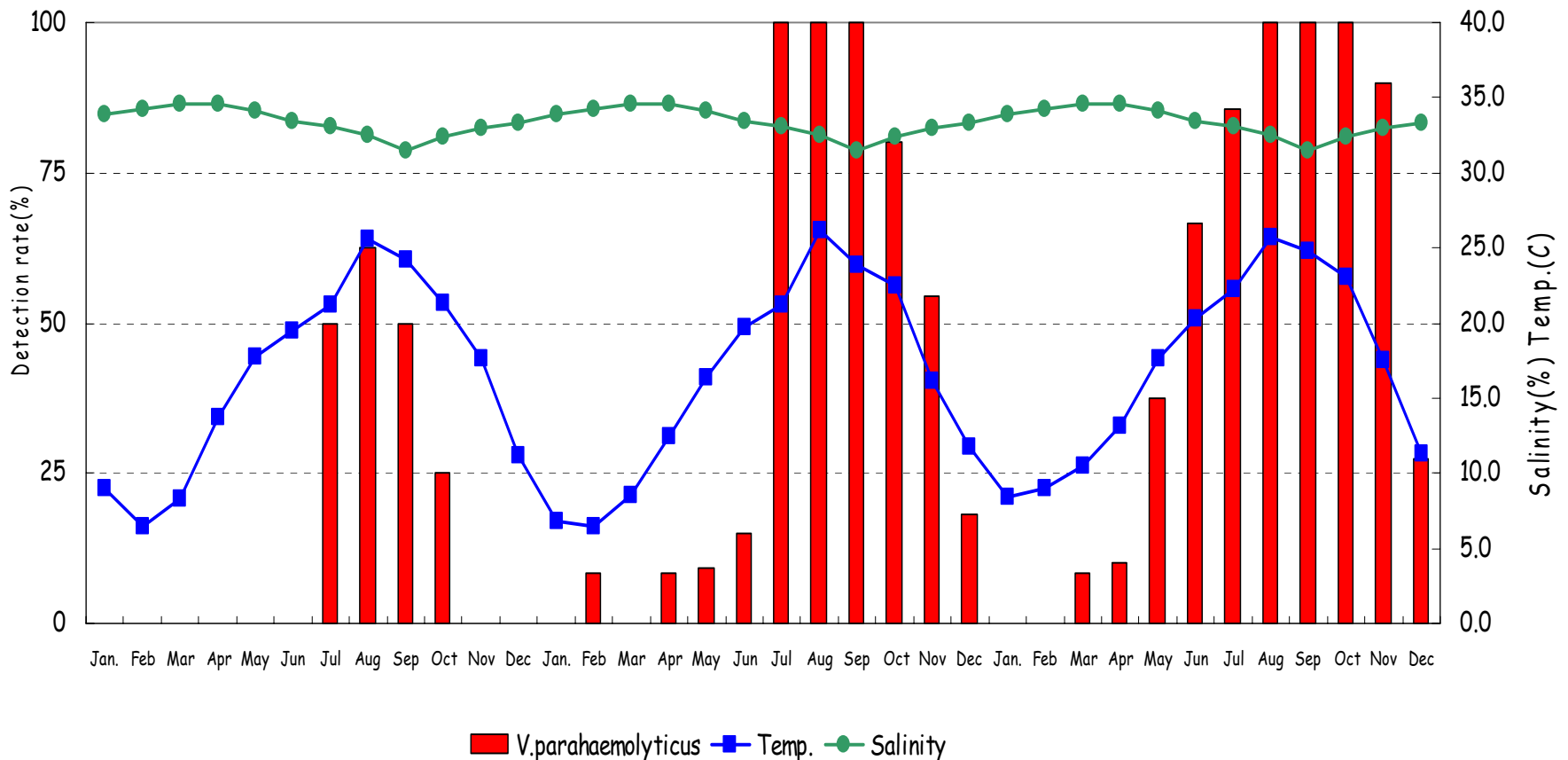


Sampling stations for monitoring of *V. parahaemolyticus*

MPN of total *V.parahaemolyticus* in oyster from sampling stations (2005-2007)



Monthly detection rate of *V. parahaemolyticus* in oyster (2005-2007)



Isolates and pathogen (*tdh+*, *trh+*) isolates (2005~2007)

No. of sample	No. of isolates		
	<i>V. parahaemolyticus</i>	<i>Tdh-</i> positive VP	<i>Trh-</i> positive VP
644	2540	3(0.1%)	16(0.6%)

Amendment proposal of Regulatory limit

	JAPAN	USA	KOREA
Regulatory limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Raw fishes and shellfishes (Fresh): less than 100MPN/g◆ Raw fishes and shellfishes (chilled food): 100MPN/g◆ Raw oyster: less than 100MPN/g◆ Octopus: Negative◆ Crab: Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ In the absence of such state data, use 100/gm for the Pacific and 1000/gm for the Atlantic/Gulf as provided in the FDA Risk Assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Raw consumption food : Negative

Amendment proposal

Raw consumption food :
100MPN/g and
TDH, TRH gene negative



NFRDI with Customers...

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