



Workshop on the development of a regional environmental management plan for the Area of the Northwest Pacific Ocean, with a focus on management assessment

18-21 May 2026 | Busan, Republic of Korea

Information Note for Participants

General Information

1. The workshop on the development of a regional environmental management plan (REMP) for the Area of the Northwest Pacific, with a focus on management assessment, will be organized by the International Seabed Authority (ISA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea and the Korean Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST), from 18 to 21 May 2026, in Busan, Republic of Korea.

Venue & Opening

2. The workshop will be organized in-person at the **BEXCO Exhibition Center** (55, APEC-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qjHkXRyU3Knh6PGU6>).
3. On the first day (18 May), the workshop will commence at 8:30 am (Korea Standard Time; GMT+9) with the participants registration. On the subsequent days, the workshop discussions will begin at 9:00 am.



Working Language

4. The workshop will be conducted in English.

Workshop documents

5. Documents and materials relevant to the workshop, including agendas and background documents, will be provided prior to the workshop and made available on the following webpage as appropriate:

<https://isa.org.jm/events/workshop-on-the-development-of-the-regional-environmental-management-plan-for-the-area-of-the-northwest-pacific-ocean-with-a-focus-on-management-assessment/>

Contact points

6. Should you have any inquiries related to the workshop or need assistance, please contact the following:

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Visa Requirements

7. Participants are to familiarize themselves with entry requirements of the Republic of Korea specific to their respective country of citizenship and to ensure they take necessary steps as required by the government of Korea. It should be noted that airline companies may not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa or proof that they meet the entry requirement.

8. Participants are strongly advised to contact the nearest embassy or consular mission of the Republic of Korea ***as soon as possible*** to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to their departure. Information on visa requirements for foreign nationals arriving in Korea is available on the website of the Korea Visa Portal at:

<https://visa.go.kr/main/openMain.do>

9. Participants who require a visa to enter Korea are to inform the focal points of the ISA Secretariat and KIOST for issuance of a letter of support to facilitate visa application.

10. Nationals of countries eligible for visa-free entry are required to obtain **Korean Electronic Travel Authorization** (K-ETA) approval to board the flight bound for the Republic of Korea. If this is your case, please proceed to apply for K-ETA here: <https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/index.do>. The K-ETA process may take up to 72 hours and the result will be sent to your email address. Please have the printed copy ready for your trip.

Airport Information & Transportation

11. Kindly be advised that the subway system from Gimhae International Airport (PUS) to the BEXCO/Centum City area involves multiple transfers and may be complicated for visitors, especially those with luggage. Therefore, taking a taxi or an airport limousine bus is recommended. Taxis from the airport are readily available outside the airport terminal.

- Option 1. Taxi (Most Convenient)

Taxis are readily available outside the airport terminal.

Travel time: approximately 40-50 minutes

Fare: approximately KRW 35,000–45,000, depending on traffic

This is the most convenient option, particularly for first-time visitors or late-night arrivals.

- Option 2. Airport Limousine Bus (Recommended Alternative)

Take the Airport Limousine Bus (Centum City / BEXCO route) from Gimhae International Airport. Get off at Centum City or BEXCO bus stop.

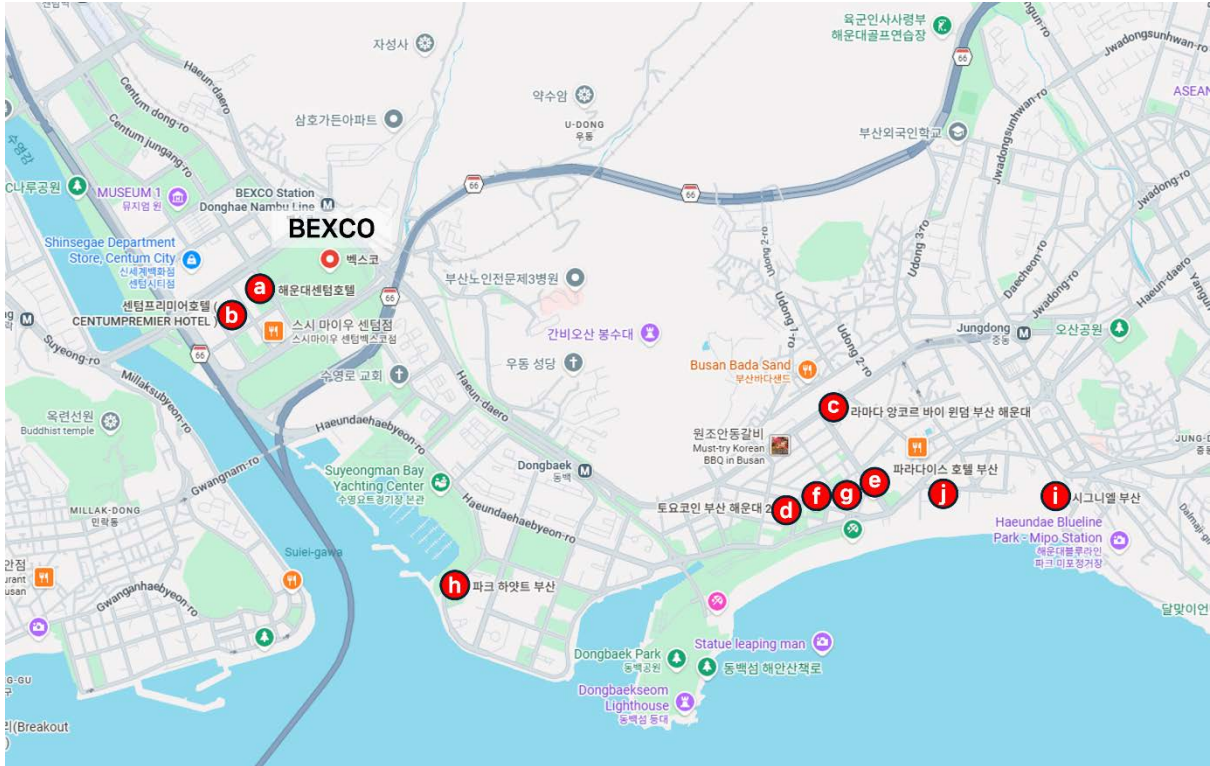
Travel time is approximately 60–70 minutes, depending on traffic.

Fare: approximately KRW 10,000

Hotel Accommodation

12. All participants are expected to book their own accommodation. A list of some suggested options is available below, with the first two hotels (a and b) being our recommendation given its walking distance to the workshop venue. Participants are responsible for their transportation between their accommodation and the workshop venue in line with the workshop programme.

Note: Room rates fluctuate by date/availability. The “Estimated cost” below is a typical range for a standard room seen on major booking sites.



a) Haeundae Centum Hotel, Busan (recommended)

- Access to BEXCO: ~5 minutes on foot
- Address: 20, Centum 3-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 100 / night (standard room, typical ranges shown online)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 11:00am
- Booking link:
 - Official: <https://www.ecentumhotel.com/>
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/haeundae-centum.html>
 - Agoda: <https://www.agoda.com/haeundae-centum-hotel/hotel/busan-kr.html>

b) Centum Premier Hotel, Busan (recommended)

- Access to BEXCO: ~8 minutes on foot
- Address: 17, Centum 1-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 100 / night (often higher on peak dates)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 11:00am
- Booking link:
 - Official: <https://www.centumpremier.net/>
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/centumprime.html>
 - Hotels.com: <https://www.hotels.com/ho3313329344/centum-prime-hotel-busan-south-korea/>
 - Trip.com: <https://www.trip.com/hotels/busan-hotel-detail-113424268/centum-premier-hotel/>

c) Ramada Encore by Wyndham Busan Haeundae

- Access to BEXCO: Subway (Line 2) ~14 min total; Taxi ~5 min
- Address: 9, Gunam-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 80 / night (standard room; varies by date)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 11:00am
- Booking link:
 - Official: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/busan-south-korea/ramada-encore-haeundae/overview>
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/haeundae-ramada-encore.html>
 - Agoda: <https://www.agoda.com/ramada-encore-by-wyndham-busan-haeundae/hotel/busan-kr.html>

d) Toyoko Inn Busan Haeundae No.2

- Access to BEXCO: Subway (Line 2) ~20 min total; Taxi ~5–10 min
- Address: 5, Haeundaehaebyeon-ro 237beon-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 70 / night (standard room; varies by date)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 10:00am
- Booking link:
 - Official: <https://www.toyoko-inn.com/eng/search/detail/00256/>
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/toyoko-inn-busan-haeundae-2.html>
 - Hotels.com: <https://www.hotels.com/ho576616/toyoko-inn-busan-haeundae-no-2-busan-south-korea/>

e) Best Western Haeundae Hotel

- Access to BEXCO: Subway (Line 2) ~20 min total; Taxi ~5 min
- Address: 42, Gunam-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 70 / night (standard room; varies by date)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 11:00am
- Booking link:
 - Official (Best Western): https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-busan/best-western-haeundae-hotel/propertyCode.99525.html
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/best-western-haeundae.html>
 - Agoda: <https://www.agoda.com/best-western-haeundae-hotel/hotel/busan-kr.html>

f) Shilla Stay Busan Haeundae

- Access to BEXCO: Subway (Line 2) ~15–20 min total; Taxi ~5–10 min
- Address: 46, Haeun-daero 570beon-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 140 / night (standard room; varies by date)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 12:00pm
- Booking link:
 - Official: <https://www.shillastay.com/haeundae/index.do>
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/shilla-stay-haeundae.html>
 - Agoda: <https://www.agoda.com/shilla-stay-haeundae/hotel/busan-kr.html>

g) L7 Haeundae by Lotte Hotels

- Access to BEXCO: Subway (Line 2) ~17 min total; Taxi ~5 min
- Address: 55, Haeun-daero 570beon-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 140 / night (standard room; varies by date)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 11:00am
- Booking link:
 - Official: <https://www.lottehotel.com/haeundae-l7/en.html>
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/l7-haeundae-busan.html>
 - Agoda: <https://www.agoda.com/l7-haeundae/hotel/busan-kr.html>

h) Park Hyatt Busan

- Access to BEXCO: Taxi ~10 min; Subway option exists but is longer due to station access
- Address: 51, Marine City 1-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 220 / night (often higher depending on date/room)
- Check-in from: varies by booking conditions (confirm at booking page)
- Booking link:
 - Official: <https://www.hyatt.com/park-hyatt/en-US/busph-park-hyatt-busan>
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/park-hyatt-busan.html>
 - Expedia: <https://www.expedia.co.kr/en/Busan-Hotels-Park-Hyatt-Busan.h5801054.Hotel-Information>

i) SIGNIEL Busan

- Access to BEXCO: Subway (Line 2) ~20 min total; Taxi ~10 min
- Address: 30, Dalmaji-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 250 / night (varies by date/room)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 11:00am
- Booking link:

- Official (Lotte): <https://www.lottehotel.com/busan-signiel/en.html>
- Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/signiel-busan.html>
- Agoda: <https://www.agoda.com/signiel-busan/hotel/busan-kr.html>

j) Paradise Hotel Busan

- Access to BEXCO: Subway (Line 2) ~20 min total; Taxi ~10 min
- Address: 296, Haeundaehaebyeon-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea
- From Gimhae International Airport (PUS): Taxi ~30–40 min (~30 USD)
- Estimated cost: ~USD 200 / night (varies by date/room)
- Check-in from: 3:00pm / Check-out: 11:00am
- Booking link:
 - Official: <https://www.busanparadisehotel.co.kr/front/?language=EN>
 - Booking.com: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kr/paradise-busan.html>
 - Agoda: <https://www.agoda.com/paradise-hotel-busan/hotel/busan-kr.html>

Language in Republic of Korea

13. While Korean is the official language, English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

Currency

14. The official currency of the Republic of Korea is the South Korean Won (KRW). The paper money comes in denominations of 1,000; 5,000; 10,000; and 50,000 won bills. Coins come in 10, 50, 100, and 500 won (1 and 5 won coins are not widely circulated). For more information, please visit: <https://www.bok.or.kr/eng/main/contents.do?menuNo=400112>

15. There are currency exchange booths available at the airport if you wish to exchange your currency. ATM machines are widely available throughout Busan, including at banks, convenience stores, and subway stations. Most businesses in Busan accept credit cards, especially Visa and Mastercard. However, it is recommended to have some cash on hand for smaller shops, street vendors and transportation fares. It is also advisable to notify your bank of your travel plans beforehand to ensure that your cards will work smoothly abroad.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

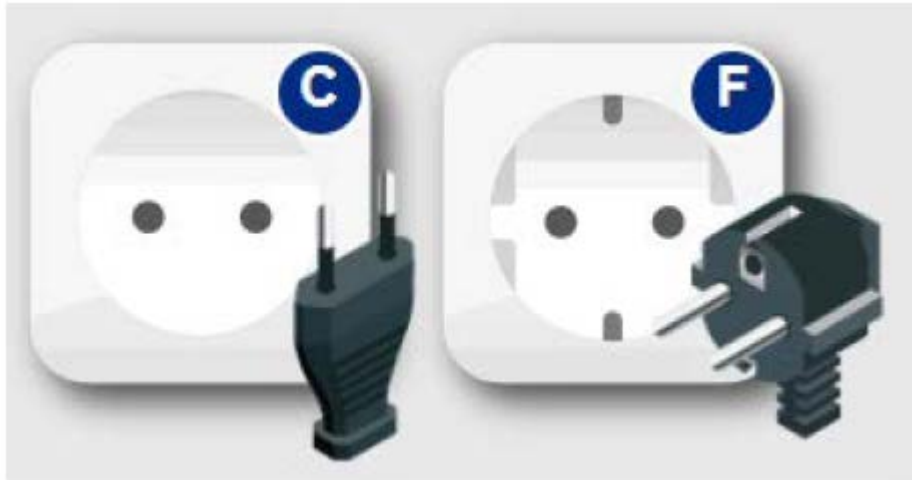
16. In case of emergency, please contact the following numbers and inform the workshop contact points:

- Dial 119 for emergency (Fire & Ambulance)
- Dial 112 for police

Electricity Supply

17. In the Republic of Korea, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type C and type F are used.

Korea operates on a 220V supply voltage and 60Hz. To ensure compatibility with local power outlets, a universal adapter might be required for devices with non-standard plugs.



Recording policy

18. Recording of the workshop proceeding by participants is strictly prohibited. No participant may electronically record or broadcast the workshop. Those who do not comply with the present recording policy may be asked to leave the workshop without prior notice.

Disclaimer

19. The ISA Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.