

# GEOMORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF MARINE ACCIDENTS HOTSPOTS IN KOREA

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# 1.1 Research Background

- Marine accident means all types of accident happened on the sea surface.
- In Korea, the number of the marine accidents has consistently been increased since 1980
- It multiplies nearly tenfold from 1980 to 2016

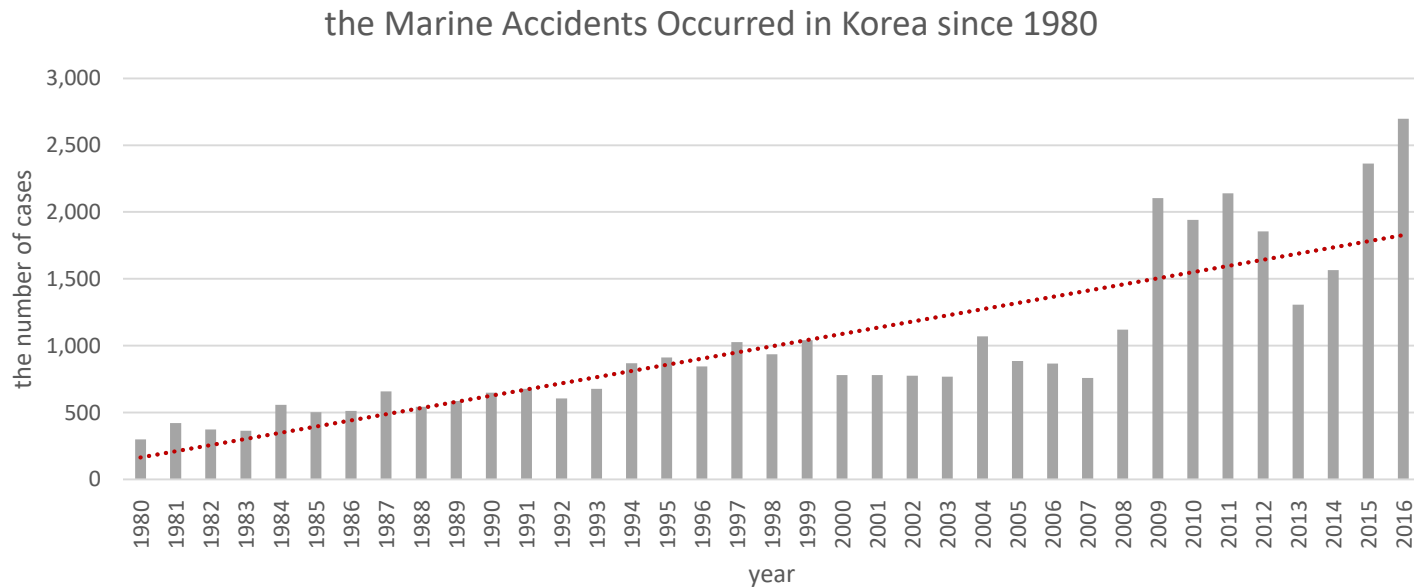


Figure 1 Marine Accidents Occurred in Korea since 1980  
(data source: KOREA TRANSPORT DATABASE, )

# 1.1 Research Background

- Also, many researches about factors on marine accidents have been conducted. But mostly, the researchers focused on human factors. (Lee, 1969, Lim, 1974, Park, 1007, Yang, 2013, Jeong, 2016).
- However, it is essential to take account various factors including natural environmental elements(Lee et al., 2011, Jeong et al., 2013, Marty et al., 2005, Jackson et al., 1985, Uluscu et al., 2009).
- Out of many aspects that cause marine accident, this study is focused on geomorphological factors.

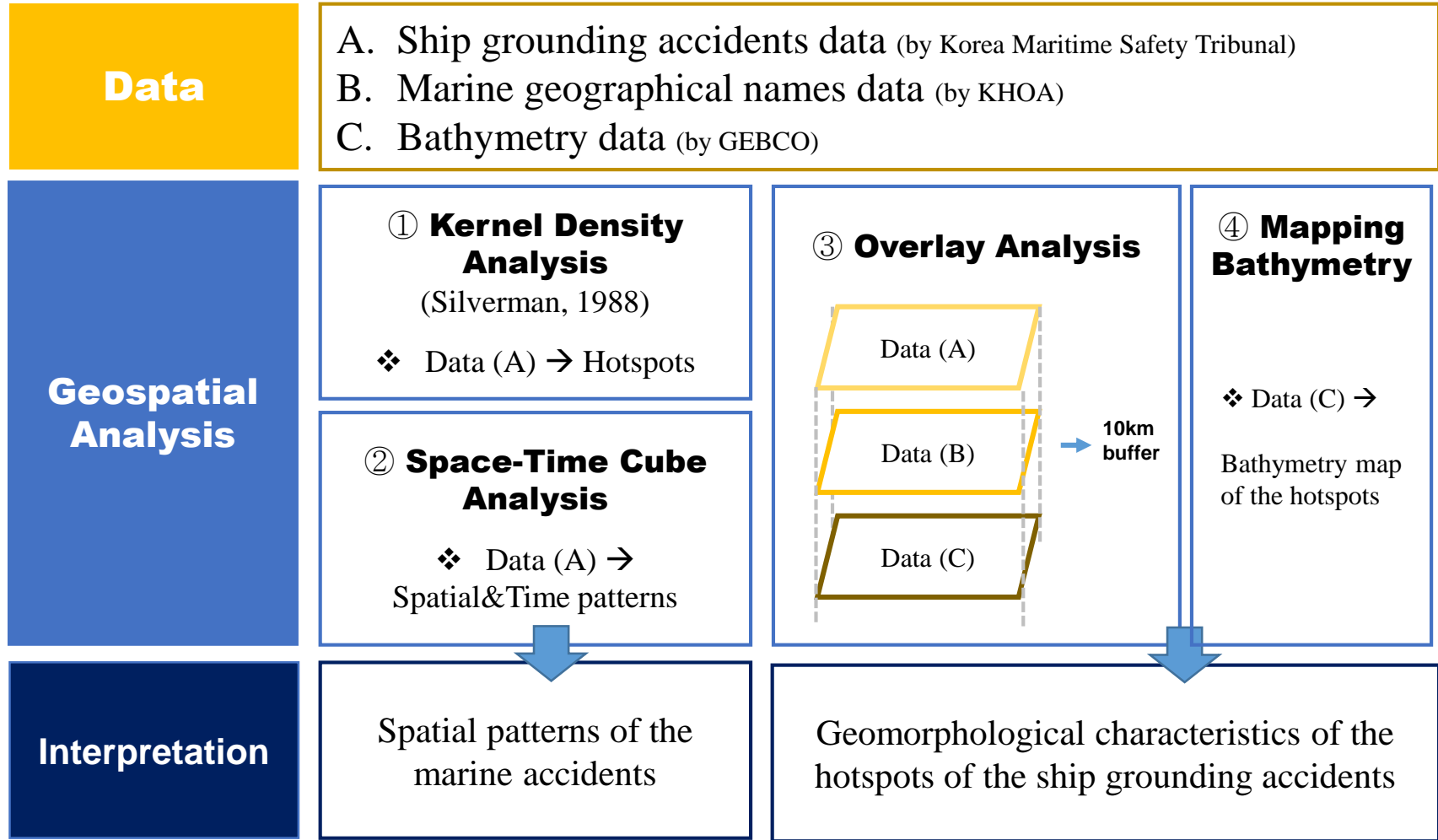
# 1.2 Research Objective

- The aim of the study is;

- A. to analyze **space-time patterns** of the marine accidents
- B. to find **geomorphological characteristics** of the hotspots of the marine accidents

- There are various types of the marine accidents from collision to fire on the ship.
- However, this study is concentrated on ‘ship grounding’ among types of the marine accidents, which the cause is not researched enough in Korea.

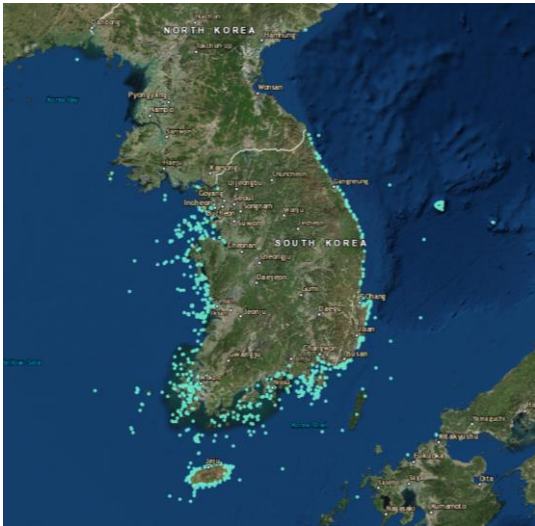
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(KMST)



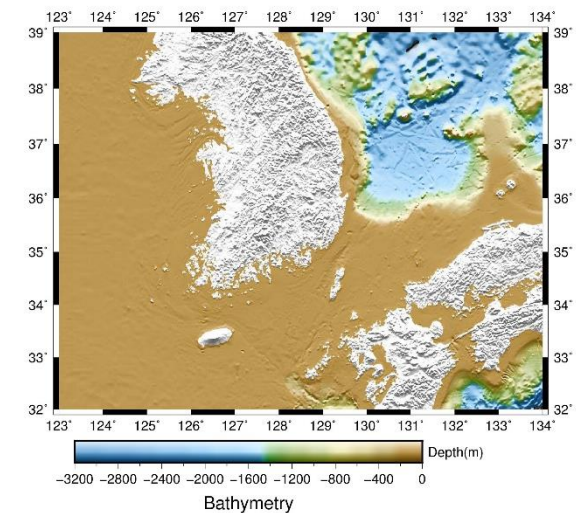
- Location of marine grounding accidents
- Time : 1997-2016
- Around 1,000 Point data

Data (B)  
(KHOA)



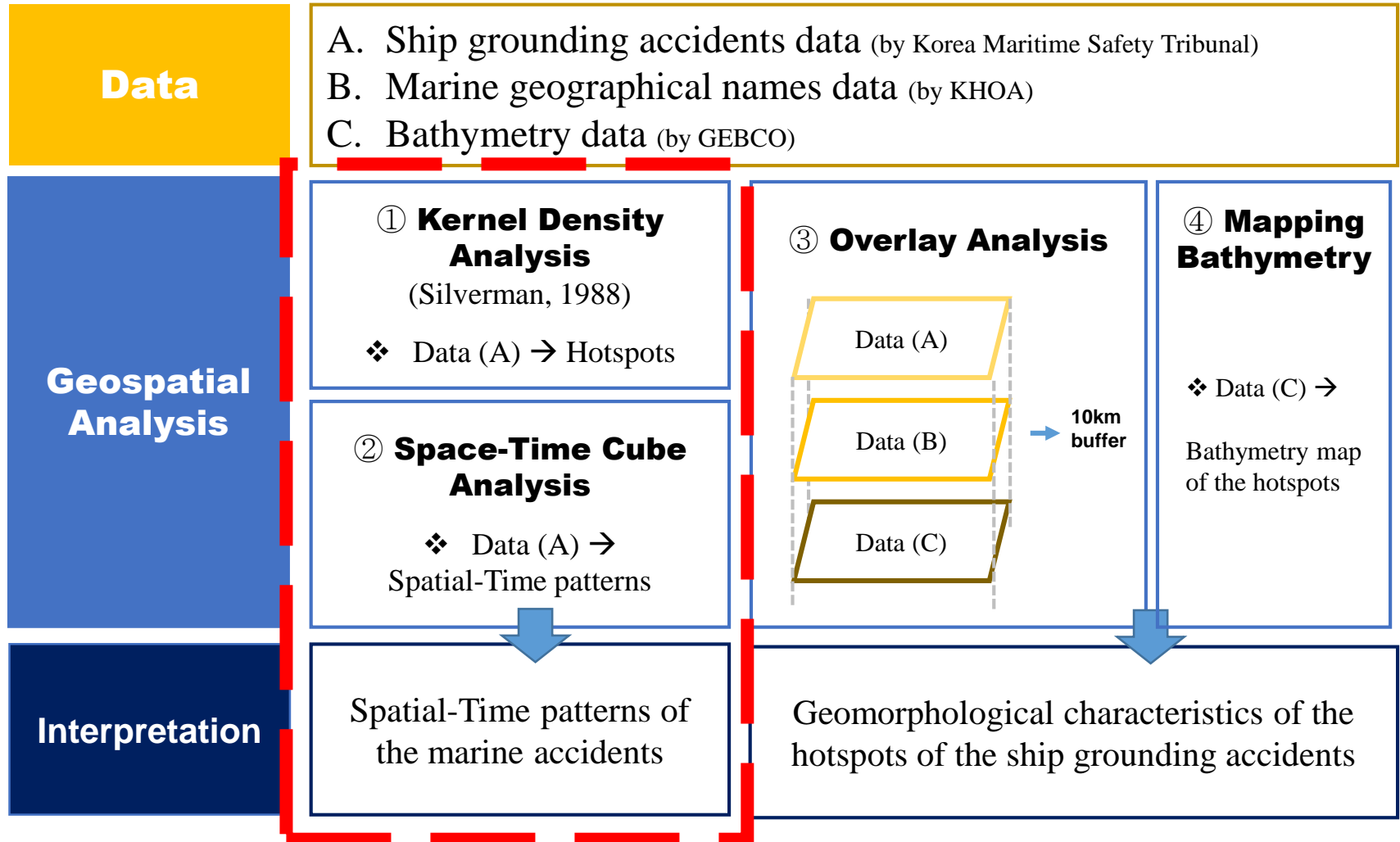
- Location of marine geographical names
- Generic Terms: Sea, Gulf, Bay, Strait, Passage, Rock, Reef etc.
- Around 960 point data

Data (C)  
(GEBCO)



- Bathymetry data around Korea

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- Kernel Density Analysis (ArcGISpro 1.4)

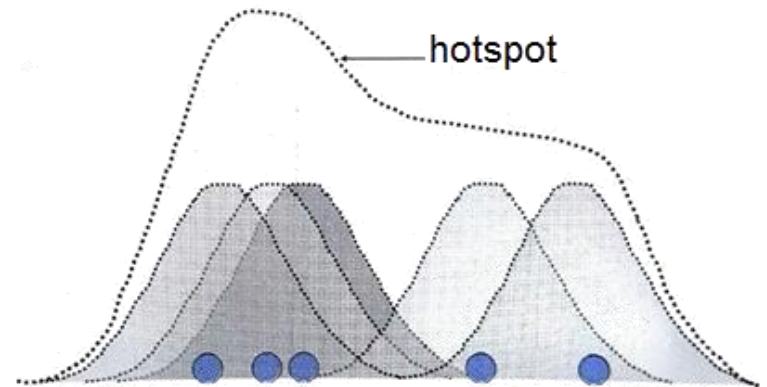
The kernel density analysis is based on the quartic kernel function (Silverman, 1986).

$$\hat{f}_h(x) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right)$$

$$K(x) = \frac{3}{4}(1 - x^2), |x| \leq 1$$

$$K(x) = 0, x > 1$$

*h* is the bandwidth,  
*x-X<sub>i</sub>* is the distance to each village with anthrax *i*.  
*K* is the quadratic kernel function.



Density is estimated using two different distance parameters in the respective kernel functions

# 2. Data and Methodology

- Space Time Cube and Emerging Hot Spot Analysis (ArcGISpro 1.4)
  - The Hot Spot analysis method is calculating the Getis-Ord  $G_i^*$  statistic.

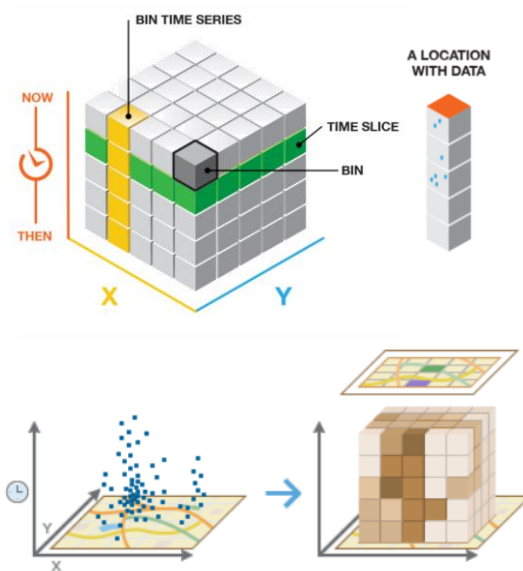


Figure 2 Illustration of space-time cube  
(pro.arcgis.com)

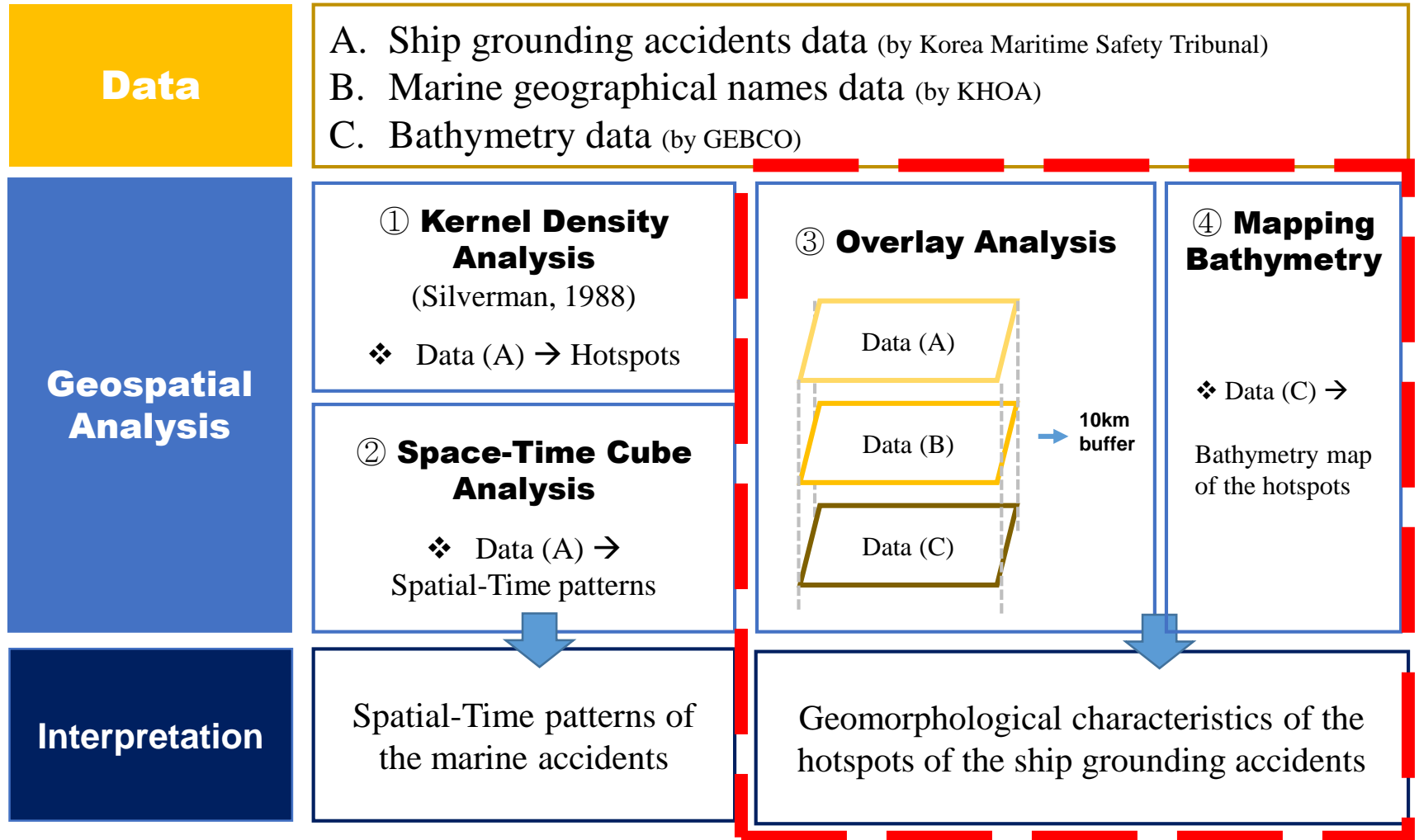
$$G_i^* = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n w_{i,j} x_j - \bar{X} \sum_{j=1}^n w_{i,j}}{S \sqrt{\left[ \frac{n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{i,j}^2 - \left( \sum_{j=1}^n w_{i,j} \right)^2}{n-1} \right]}}$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j}{n}$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2}{n} - (\bar{X})^2}$$

$x_j$  is the attribute value for feature  $j$   
 $w_j$  is the spatial weight between feature  $i$  and  $j$ .  
 $n$  is equal to the total number of features

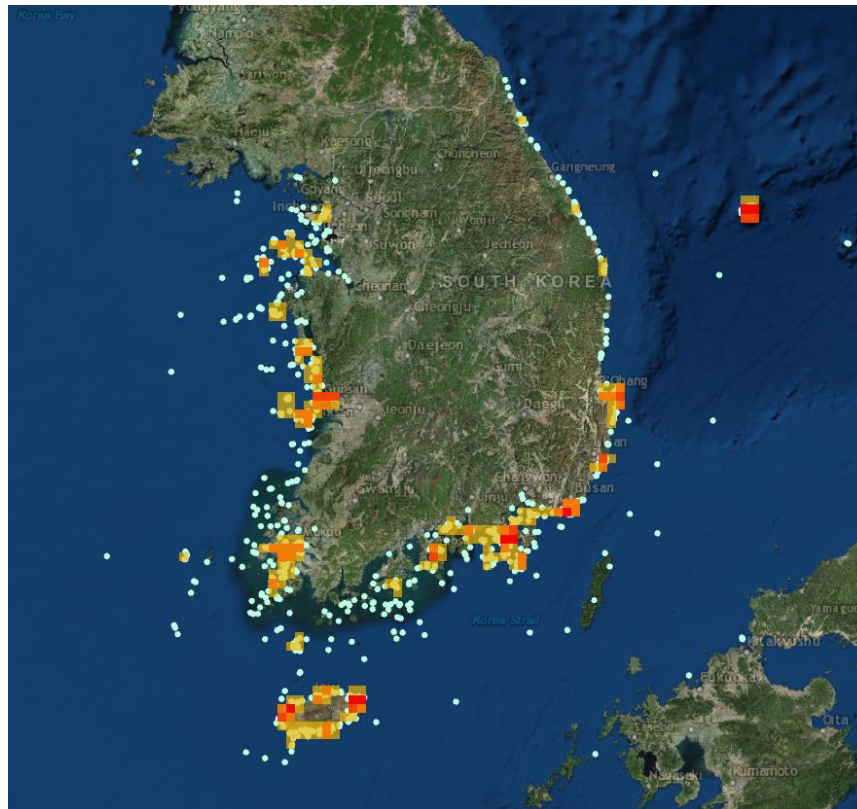
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# 3. Patterns of Marine Accidents Occurred in Korea

## 3.1 Kernel Density map

- The figure 3 is Kernel Density map of the grounding accidents



- the Yellow Sea and southern coast of Korea
- The Hotspots were characterized by **major port location and port-based industrial distribution of Korea.**

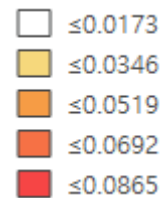


Figure 3 Kernel Density map of the Marine Accidents.  
(bandwidth of 15 km with an output cell size of 100km<sup>2</sup>)

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## 3.1 Kernel Density map

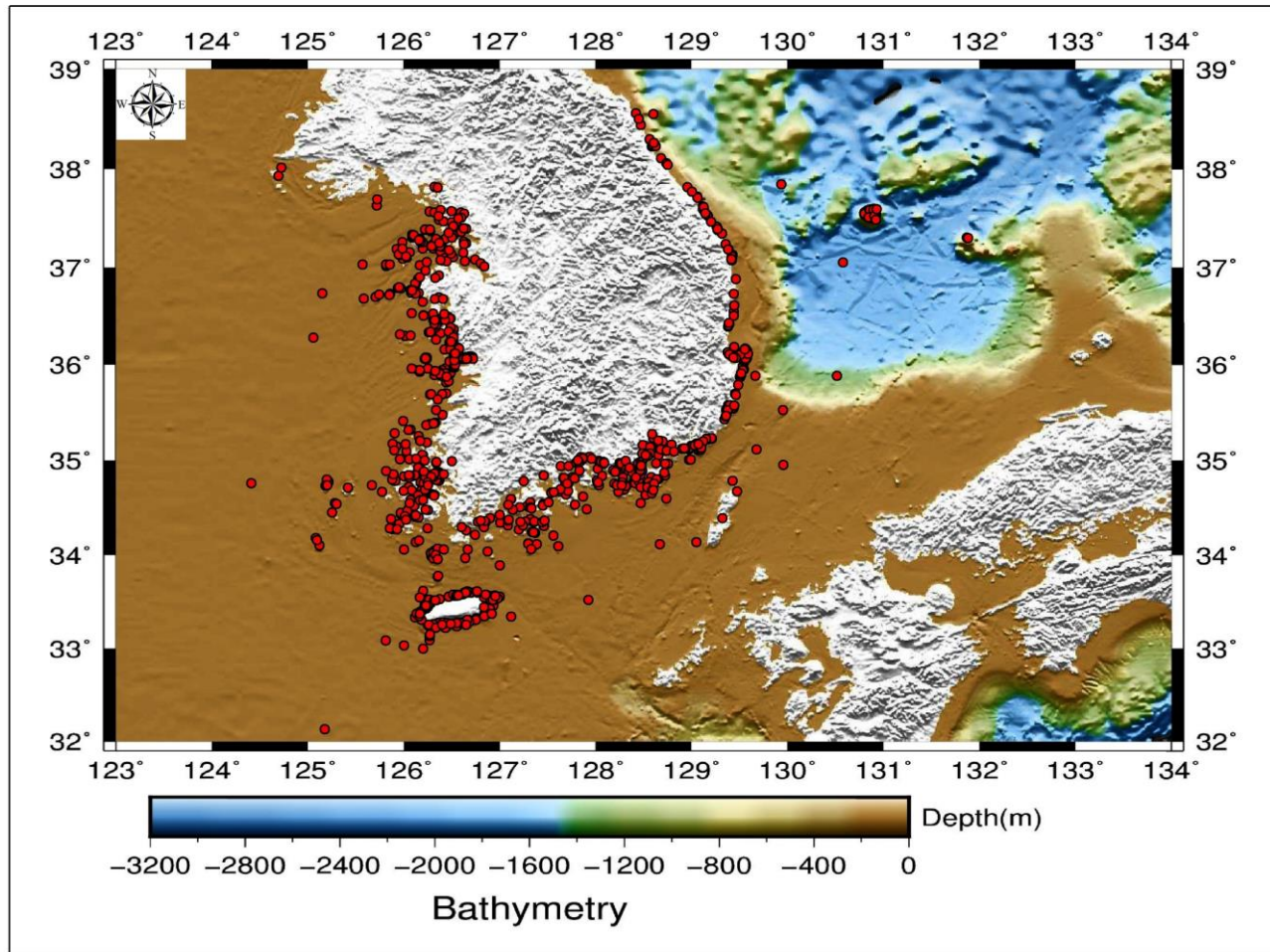


Figure 4 Basic Bathymetry Map of Korea



# 3. Patterns of Marine Accidents Occurred in Korea

## 3.2 Space Time Cube and Emerging Hot Spot Analysis

- Emerging hot spot analysis based on STC was performed
- There are three types, new, sporadic and **consecutive** hot spot.

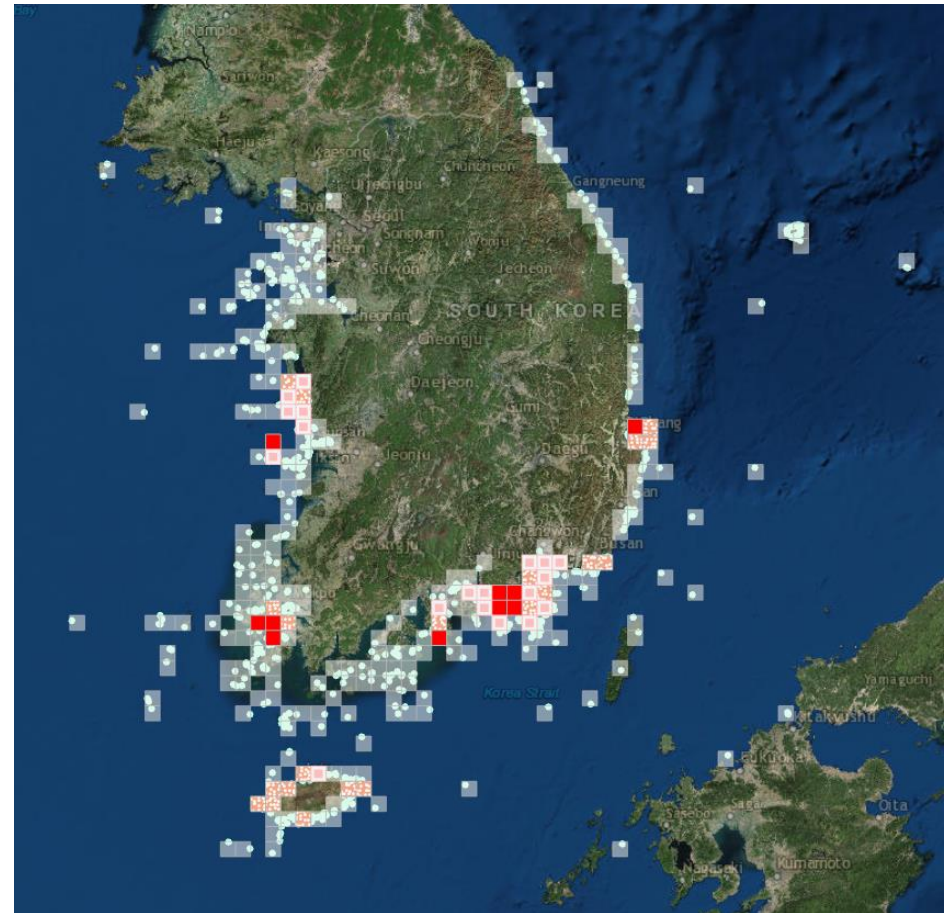


Figure 5 Hotspots analysis map of the grounding accidents based on space time cube by a year.



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## 3.2 Space-time pattern of the marine accidents

- The red cell means ‘**Consecutive Hot Spot**’ where the grounding accidents have been continuously occurred.

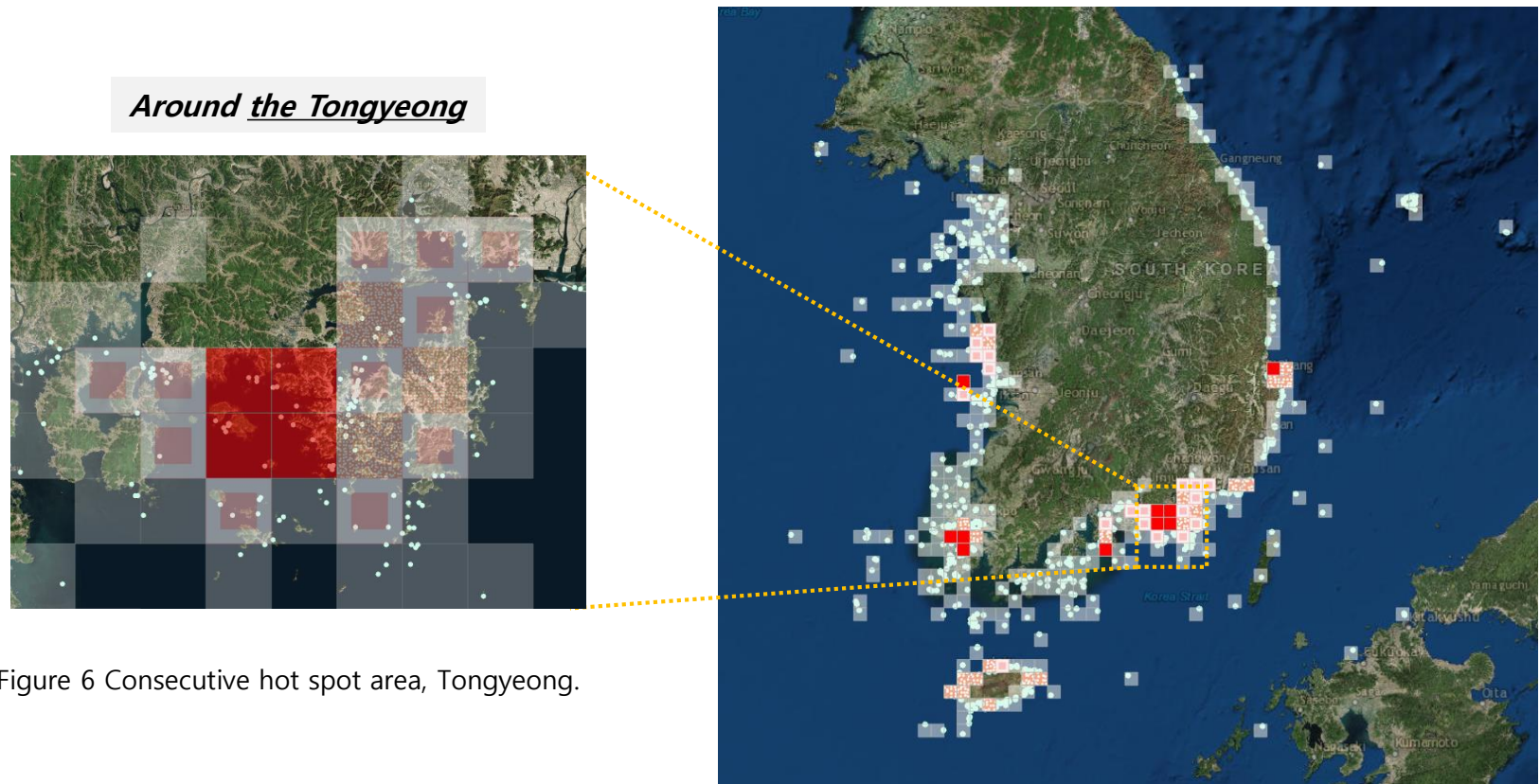


Figure 6 Consecutive hot spot area, Tongyeong.

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## 3.2 Space-time pattern of the marine accidents

- On the other hand, monthly differences of the accidents **did not appear** clearly.

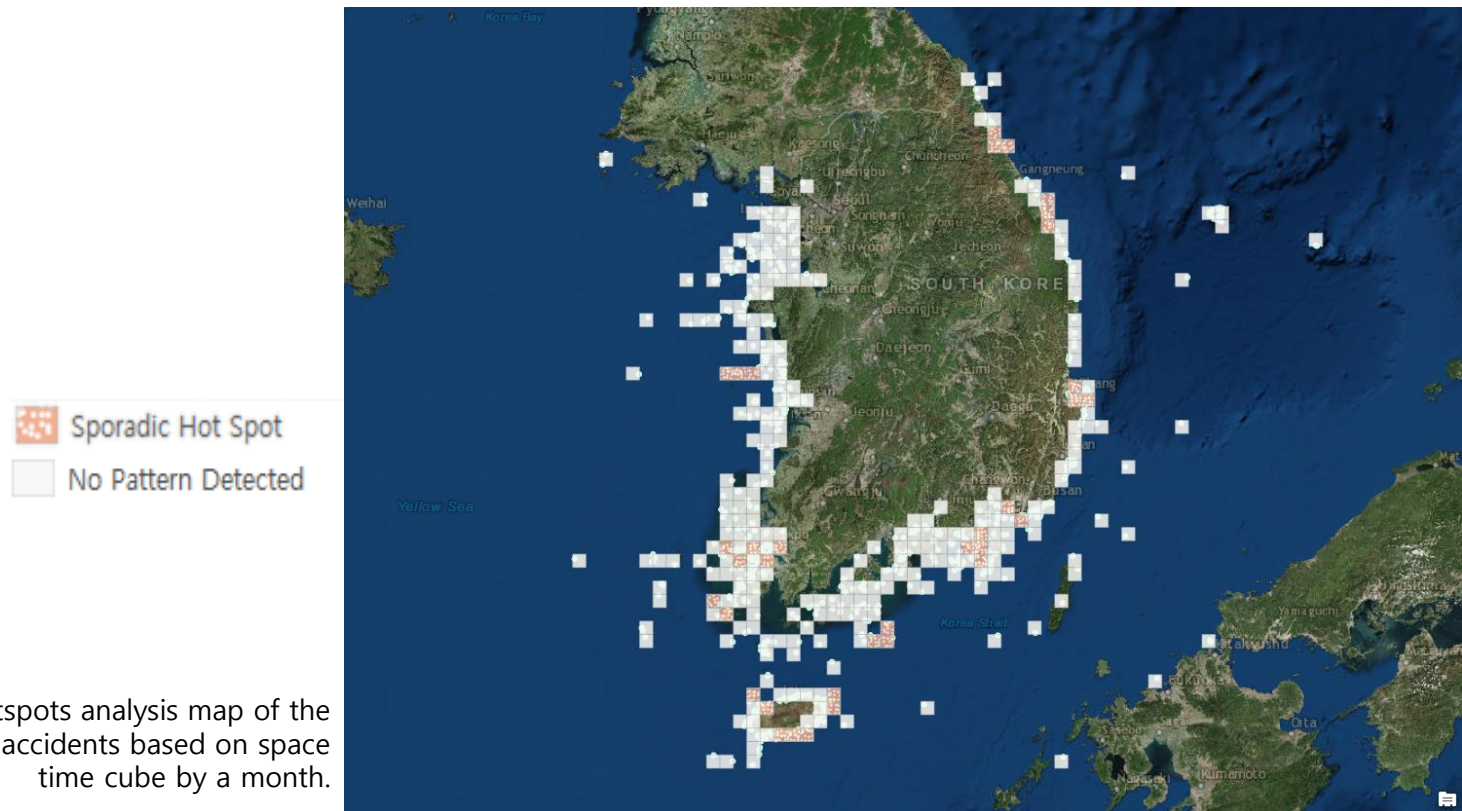


Figure 7 Hotspots analysis map of the grounding accidents based on space time cube by a month.

## 4. Geomorphological Characteristics of the Hotspots of the Marine Accidents

- Overlaying the marine accidents layer with the marine geographical names layer.
  - The geographical names consist of the specific and the generic term.
  - We could infer a geomorphological characteristics through **the generic term**.
- 10km buffer polygons of the grounding point were created.

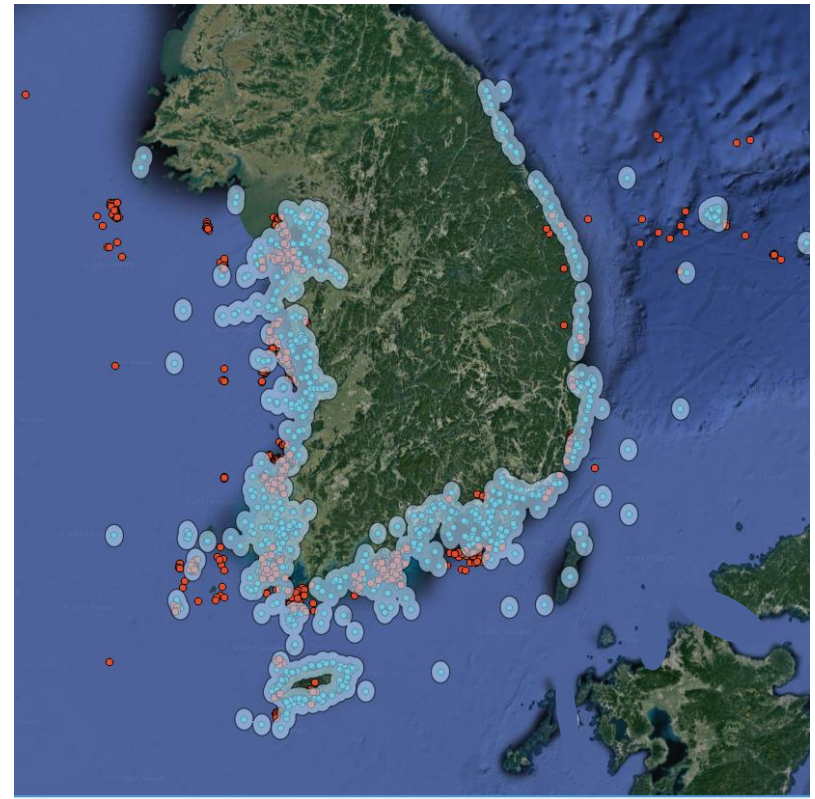
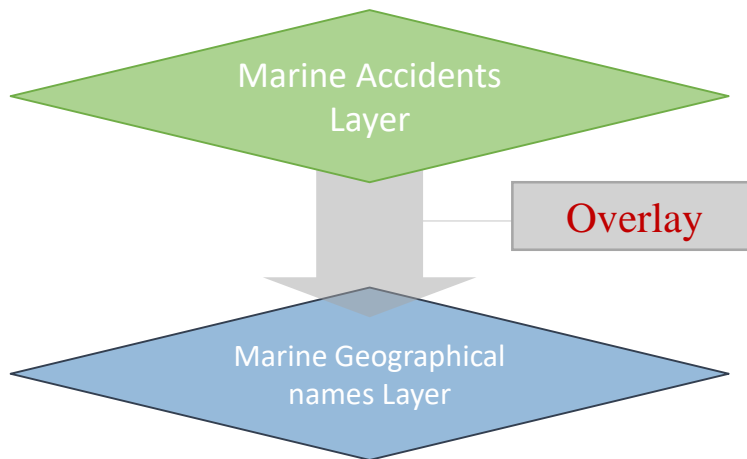


Figure 8 Overlaid the marine accidents layer and the feature names layer.

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- After, the percentage of which generic terms in the buffer zones around the Tongyeong was calculated.

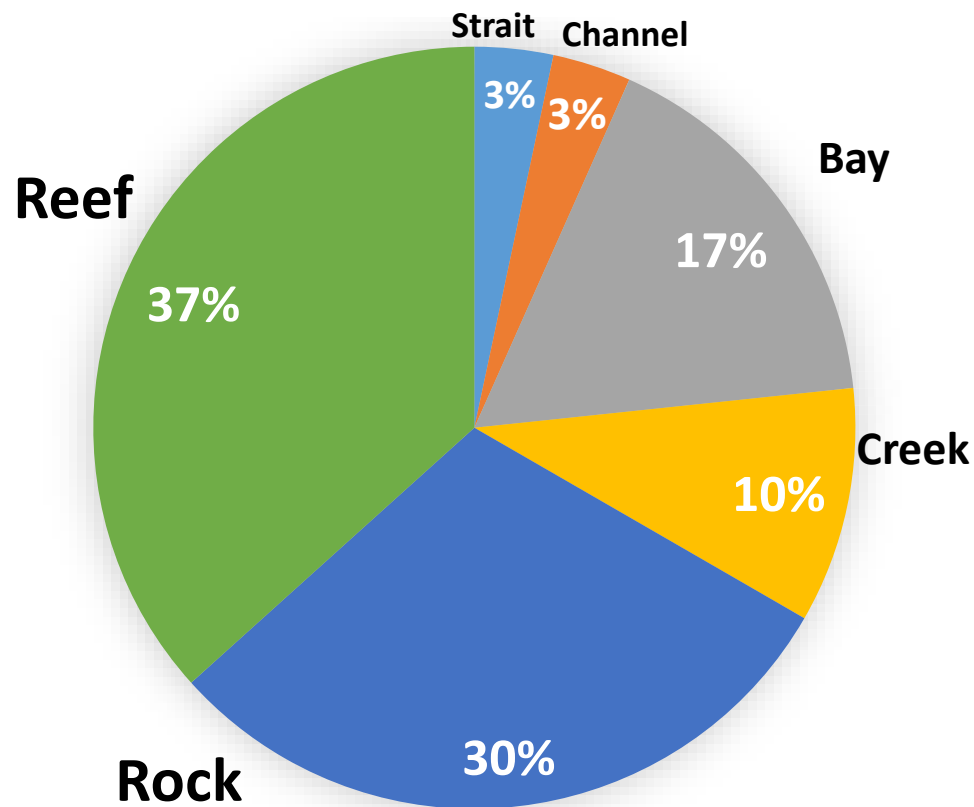
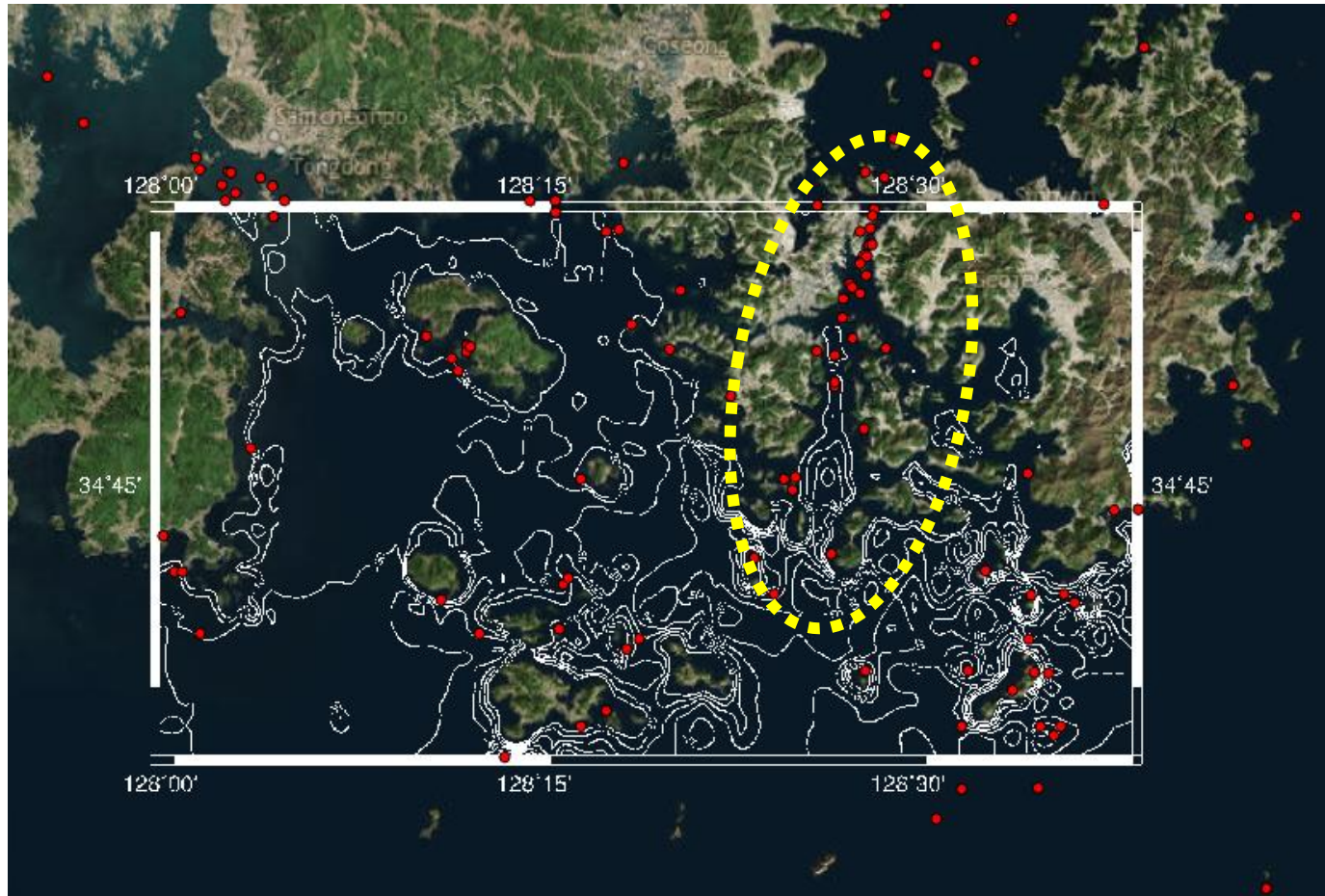


Figure 9 the percentage of the generic terms in the buffer zones.



## 4. Geomorphological Characteristics of the Hotspots of the Marine Accidents

- The bathymetry map of around Tondyeong was constructed(GMT 5.1.0).



## 5. Conclusion

- The area near the Yellow sea and the southern coast of Korea shows high kernel density.
- The area around the Tongyeong is the ‘consecutive hot spot’ as a result of Space Time Cube analysis.
- As geomorphological characteristics, the ‘Reef’ and ‘Rock’ are mainly found in the hotspot areas among generic terms of undersea feature names.
- In addition, many ship groundings have occurred in the channel, especially in area with narrow width and shallow depth.



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# Q & A

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