

Discussion

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The three papers presented in this session had many implications about the marking of *East Sea*. We could clearly understand the issues surrounding the Baltic Sea such as the Baltic Sea, the changes and characteristics of its name, and its political nature.

The first paper “The Belt” by Professor Stone does an in-depth analysis of the name of Baltic Sea from a regional perspective. Many viewpoints suggested in this research give many implications for solving the *East Sea* issue.

The second paper by Mr. Sun observes the Baltic Sea from the east, which corresponds to viewing the *East Sea* from Japan’s perspective, and has also provided some good ideas.

The third paper by Mr. Tyler pointed out the characteristics and problems of marking the names of sea in ancient Northern Europe.

These three papers pointed out the problems that Korea is currently facing and gave implications as well. In addition to this, I would like to briefly discuss about the name and boundary of the Baltic Sea shown on S.24, which is currently published by the IHO. I would like to draw results especially after comparing and analyzing the differences and similarities of Baltic Sea and *East Sea*.

It seems that both the Baltic Sea and *East Sea* have gone through similar development processes in history.

First, both seas are surrounded by many different coastal states.

Second, both experienced continuous conflicts and wars throughout history.

Third, the *East Sea* and the Baltic Sea are important seas in terms of economic history. They are located in the center of trade routes, and many goods and commodities are travel through them. Today, the economic importance of both seas still stands out.

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The name 'Baltic Sea' was created as follows.

The marking of *East Sea* has the similar process to that of the Baltic Sea. However, they have completely different aspects according to S24 published by the IHO in 1953.

First, the name that all countries involved in the naming of Baltic Sea agreed was used.

Second, however, there was no discussion among the countries in regards to the naming of *East Sea*, and it is not the name of common interest. Since 'Sea of Japan,' the name of a specific country is being used, it is as if the sea is owned by one country.

Third, the Baltic Sea used the names of many different countries such as Finland Sea historically, but the third name that is common and traditional for all was used eventually.

Fourth, while the Baltic Sea is represented by a single Baltic Sea from a macro point of view, it is divided into 3 seas with different place names for each including Finland Sea and Liga Sea from a micro point of view. I think the sea is divided into different sections very fairly.

Many claims and opinions about the Baltic Sea were expressed in this conference today, but the result seems to be clear. I would say that *East Sea* is the name that all coastal states can agree, like the topic of this conference today.

From this perspective, I believe that the name of North Sea that is adjacent to the Baltic Sea can be a good case example. As the name of sea located on the north of European continent is North Sea, it would be natural to mark the sea located on the east of Eurasia the East Sea.

This is a map of Baltic Sea made in 1786. This map gives us many implications. It can be an important material for the name changes of the Baltic Sea.

Also, this is a map of the *Sea of Japan* on S24. The differences on this map are the name and section of the sea. This old map uses the traditional name while the map on S24 uses the name of a specific country.

In addition to this, I would like to briefly compare and analyze the *East Sea* and Baltic Sea.

1. Similarities and Differences of the *East Sea* and Baltic Sea
2. Similarities: Both seas are surrounded by many different coastal states. Similar development process historically. Both experienced continuous conflicts and wars throughout history. Both are important seas in terms of economic history.

They are located in the center of trade routes. Their political and economic importance stand out today.

3. Differences: The name of Baltic Sea was set as the Baltic Sea, the traditional name, instead of the name of a country. Baltic Sea is the name that all countries concerned agree on.

The Baltic Sea is represented by a single Baltic Sea from a macro point of view, but it is divided into 3 seas with different place names for each including Finland Sea and Liga Sea from a micro view. There was no discussion among the countries in regards to the naming of *East Sea*. It is not the name of common interest. The name of a specific country is being used as the name of sea.

Conclusion

The name of sea that all coastal states can agree on. Like the common name of sea 'North Sea,' which means the sea located on the north of European continent, 'East Sea' is desirable because it is the name indicating that it is the sea located on the east of Eurasian continent and that everyone can agree on.

Figure 1. North Sea (German Ocean)



Source: 1744, Paul de Rapin-Thoyras, Published by John & Knapton, London