# Geum-gang



# Map of River

127°E

Geographical Survey, MOC Korea

# Table of Basic Data Name: Geum-gang

Name: Geum-gang Serial No.: Korea – 9								
Location:         Chung Chong Province, Korea         N 35° 34′ 47″~ 37°03′03″         E 126° 40′ 25″~ 128°03′53								
Area: 9 885.80 km²Length of the main stream: 401.40 km								
Origin: Mt. Sin Mu (896.8 m)         Highest Pt.: Mt. Sin Mu (896.8 m)								
Outlet: West Sea (Yellow Sea)Lowest Pt.: River mouth (-2.985 m)								
Main base rocks: Pre-cretaceous granitic rocks, granite gneiss & crystalline schists								
Main tributaries: Miho stream (1860.	9 km <sup>2</sup> ), Bo Chong stream (4	496.3 km <sup>2</sup> )						
Main lakes: None								
Main reservoirs: Dae Chong Dam (1 49	$90 \times 10^6 \mathrm{m^3},1980$ )							
Mean annual precipitation.: 1 293.2 m	um (1969 ~ 1987) (basin aver	age)						
<b>Mean annual runoff</b> : 273.10 m <sup>3</sup> /s at Gong Ju (6 836.9 km <sup>2</sup> ) (1970-1993)								
Population: 2 998 634 (1992)Main cities: Tae Jon, Chong Ju								
Land use: Forest (63.7 %), Paddy fields	Land use: Forest (63.7 %), Paddy fields (24.5 %), Urban areas (1.9 %), Others (9.9 %) (1988)							

# **1. General Description**

# 1.1. General Description

The Geum-gang is one of the three largest rivers in Korea. It flows through the central western part of the Korean Peninsula. The basin has a catchment area of 9 885.8 km<sup>2</sup> and the river, which is 401.4 km long, originates from Mt. Sin Mu (896.8 m) and flows to the West Sea. The average annual precipitation in the basin is 1 293.2 mm and the average annual runoff at Gong Ju (6 836.9 km<sup>2</sup>) is 273.1 m<sup>3</sup>/s. In 1992, the population in the basin was 2 998 634. Dae Chong multi-purpose dam, which has a storage capacity of 1 490x10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> was constructed in 1980. The basin consists of relatively mountainous areas in the upper stream and well developed plain areas in the downstream of Dae Chong Dam. Tae Jon and Chong Ju are the urban areas of the basin, and the river can be considered as a typical urban stream in Korea.

# 2. Geographical Information

# 2.1. Geological Map



# 2.2. Land Use Map



<b>2.5.</b> Characteristics of River and Main Hibutane	2.3.	Characteristics of	<b>River and</b>	Main	Tributarie
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No.	Name of river	Length [km] Catchment area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Highest peak [m]	Cities Population (1992)	Land use [%]
1	Geum-gang (Main river)	401.4 9 885.2	Mt. Sinmu 896.8	Whole area 2 998 634	
2	<b>Miho stream</b> (Tributary)	82 1 159.2	Mt. Mae 472	Chong Ju City 482 142	
3	Gap stream (Tributary)	62.8 646.6	Mt. Daedun 878	Tae Jon City 1 021 000	F (63.7) P (24.5)
4	Nonsan stream (Tributary)	53.6 655.1	Mt. Daedun 878	Non San City 178 358	U (1.9) A (-)
5	Bochong stream (Tributary)	65.5 541.0	Mt. Sokni 1 058	Poun City 63 774	L (-) O (9.9)
6	<b>Cho stream</b> (Tributary)	61.0 299.5	Chupungnyong 743	Young Dong City 63 014	
7	Namdae stream (Tributary)	52.1 461.3	Mt. Minju 1 242	Mu Ju City 49 750	

F : Forest L: Lake, river, marsh P: Paddy field U : Urban; O: Orchard A : Agricultural field (vegetable field, grass field)

# 2.4. Longitudinal Profiles



# 3. Climatological Information

# 3.1. Annual Isohyetal Map and Observation Stations



Based on the data of Ministry of Construction

No.	Station	Elevation [m]	Location	Observation period	Mean annual precipitation <sup>1)</sup> [mm]	Mean annual evaporation <sup>2)</sup>	Observation items
202*	Gong ju	10.0	N 36°27' 20" E127° 07' 20"	1913~present	1 321.4	1 124.1	P(TB)
208*	Jinchun	70.0	N 36° 46' 45" E127° 27' 32"	1973~present	1 229.4		P(TB)
219*	Chong ju	15.0	N 36° 01' 34" E127° 29' 03"	1993~ present	1 250.5	1 056.5	P(TB)
223*	Ogchun	80.0	N 36° 05' 21" E127° 34' 33"	1931~present	1 257.0		P(TB)
239*	Muju	230.0	N 36°00' 35" E127° 40' 00"	1916~present	1 141.3		P(TB)
244*	Jinan	290.0	N 35° 47' 17" E127° 25' 31"	1916~present	1 230.9		P(TB)
248*	Gangkyung	48.0	N36° 09' 17" E127° 00' 43"	1911~present	998.4		P(TB)
200*	Chongyang	100.0	N 36° 27' 00" E126° 48' 32"	1929~present	1 224.2		P(TB)
236*	Moseo	220.0	N 36° 20' 25" E127° 57' 42"	1962~present	1 249.6		P(TB)
**	Yeongdong	110.0	N 36° 11' 00" E127° 47' 00"	1960~present	1 048.7		P(TB)
**	Kumsan	163.0	N 36° 06' 00" E127° 30' 00"	1962~present	1 277.3		P(TB)

List of Meteorological Observation Stations 3.2.

\*: Serial number used by Ministry of Construction and Transportation
 \*\*: Weather Office, Korea Meteorological Agency
 Precipitation, TB: Tipping bucket with recording chart
 Period for the mean is from the beginning of the observation period to 1992
 Measured by 20 cm pan

#### 3.3. **Monthly Climate Data**

### **Station: Taejon**

Observation item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Period for the mean
Temperature [°C]	-2.3	-0.1	4.9	12.2	17.5	21.9	24.5	25.4	20.2	13.6	6.5	0.9	12.2	1970~1991
Precipitation [mm]	33.9	42.9	64.7	95.7	96.9	164.3	320.8	275.9	156.9	56.7	50.5	32.0	1 391.1	1970~1991
Evaporation [mm]*	35.9	45.1	79.8	119.4	147.4	140.1	121.4	130.7	102.3	80.9	46.5	36.4	1 086.9	1980~1991
Duration of sunshine[hr]	153.6	149.2	197.2	219.6	241.3	199.7	161.1	190.3	182.0	199.9	149.4	143.5	2 186.6	1970~1991

### Station: Chongju

Observation item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Period for the mean
Temperature [°C]	-3.4	-0.8	4.5	11.9	17.5	21.9	25.1	25.3	19.9	13.0	5.7	-0.7	11.7	1970 ~1991
Precipitation [mm]	30.8	33.3	55.7	83.6	89.1	153.2	303.3	240.7	150.7	49.8	50.1	28.3	1 268.6	1970 ~1991
Evaporation [mm]*	31.9	42.0	74.5	115.8	143.1	142.8	121.6	132.0	100.8	76.2	43.2	34.1	1 058.0	1980 ~1991
Duration of sunshine[hr]	160.4	153.1	199.4	220.8	243.5	198.9	165.7	191.7	181.7	198.1	150.5	150.6	<b>2</b> 213.9	1970 ~ 1991

\*measured by 20 cm pan



# 3.4. Long-term Variation of Monthly Precipitation Series

# 4. Hydrological Information

# 4.1. Map of Streamflow Observation Stations



# 4.2. List of Hydrological Observation Stations

No.*	Station	Location	Catchment area (A) [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Observation Period	Observation Items (frequency)
124*	Gyuam	N 36° 15' 23" E 126° 53' 37"	8 152.3	1915~95	H1
140*	Gongju	N 36° 27' 52″ E 127° 07' 38″	6 836.9	1915~95	H1
129*	Seokwha	N 36° 37' 11" E 127° 21' 15"	1 180.0	1918~95	H1
29*	Ogchun	N 36° 16' 09" E 127° 39' 06"	2 843.0	1979~present	H1
145*	Sutong	N 36° 02' 48″ E 127° 35' 52″	1 056.6	1962~present	H1
146*	Yongdam	N 36° 57' 44″ E 127° 36' 47″	909.5	1962~present	H1

No.	$\overline{Q}^{^{2)}}_{\mathbf{m}^{3}/\mathbf{s}]}$	<sup>3)</sup> Q <sub>max</sub> [m/s]	$\frac{\overline{Q}_{max}^{4)}}{[m^{3}/s]}$	$\frac{\overline{Q}_{\min}^{5)}}{[\mathbf{m}^{3}/\mathbf{s}]}$	$\frac{\overline{Q}}{[m^3/s/100km^2]}$	$\frac{Q_{max}/A}{[m^3/s/100km^2]}$	Period of statistics
124*	9.00	4 583.60	1 895.50	0.06	0.11	56.22	1970~1994
140*	273.10	5 363.00	4 126.30	3.15	3.99	78.44	1970~1994
129*	49.50	1 142.50	193.00	4.83	2.66	96.822	1970~1994
145*	3.50	2 912.70	1 173.10	-	0.33	275.70	1970~1994
146*	16.46	1 703.30	684.00	8.98	1.81	187.30	1970~1994

\*: Serial number used by Ministry of Construction H1: water level in recording chart,

Mean annual discharge
 Maximum discharge
 Mean maximum discharge
 Mean minimum discharge



#### 4.3. Long-term Variation of Monthly Discharge Series



4.4. Annual Pattern of Discharge Series



#### 4.5. **Unique Hydrological Features**





Note that Daechong Dam was constructed in 1880.

# 4.6. Annual Maximum and Minimum Discharges

	Ma	ximum	Mir	nimum		Max	imum	Min	imum
Year	Date	Discharge [m³/s]	Month	Discharge [m³/s]	Year	Date	Discharge [m <sup>3</sup> /s]	Month	Discharge [m <sup>3</sup> /s]
1963	5.31	4 375.81	1	13.86	1979	6.26	5 070.69	1	47.06
1964	8.9	3 300.34	12	16.22	1980	7.23	2 670.98	11	42.99
1965	7.23	5 303.86	3	8.49	1981	8.30	1 782.95	6	13.94
1966	7.24	4 362.84	1	22.42	1982	7.21	1 238.70	7	4.50
1967	8.17	1 033.89	10	10.61	1983	7.20	1 371.89	2	32.41
1968	7.17	2 071.13	5	0.34	1984	9.3	3 285.78	12	7.27
1969	8.8	5 972.11	6	4.43	1985	9.20	5 095.30	5	0.00
1970	8.8	3 417.62	1	36.61	1986	7.19	2 437.30	2	0.54
1971	7.27	4 164.26	12	40.37	1987	7.23	7 027.07	12	15.72
1972	8.20	79.81	6	11.70	1988	7.15	1 593.61	12	0.28
1973	8.4	2 386.18	3	30.74	1989	7.28	4 755.66	1	1.17
1974	7.9	3 453.20	12	26.42	1990	9.12	3 555.33	1	18.58
1975	7.7	2 278.69	1/5	29.63	1991	7.26	1 630.63	11	7.91
1976	8.31	1 856.01	11/5	25.39	1992	8.28	1 346.40	7	1.17
1977	8.9	2 327.24	11/5	0.05	1993	8.9	1 734.62	12	4.11
1978	8.20	5 362.97	6/5	0.18	1994	8.29	639.29	12	86.28

### At Gongju (6 836.9 km<sup>2</sup>)

# 4.7. Hyetographs and Hydrographs of Major Floods



Based on the data of Ministry of Construction and transportation

# 5. Water Resources

# 5.1. General Description

The Geum-gang, which has a catchment area of 9 885.8  $\text{km}^2$  consists of mountainous areas in the upstream and a plain area in the downstream. The agricultural and forest areas in the basin respectively occupy about 63.7 % and 24.5 % of the total area. The dry weather flow in the river is very small whereas the flood flow in the rainy season can be substantial. The Daechong Reservoir provides almost all the drinking water needs of the large cities located in the upstream of the basin.

The demands for drinking water in Taejon and Chongju, which are the largest cities in the watershed are about 400 000 m<sup>3</sup>/day and 150 000 m<sup>3</sup>/day respectively. The raw water from Daechong Reservoir is treated in four treatment plants before it is delivered to the consumers. The Daechong Reservoir, which is multi-purpose, has a gross storage capacity of about  $1490 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup>, a flood control capacity of about  $250 \times 106$  m<sup>3</sup> and an annual energy output of about  $240 \times 10^6$  kWh. The dam is located 12 km northeast of Taejon. Drinking water for cities such as Buyeo, Junju and Gunsan, downstream of the dam, are provided directly from the river via the Buyeo water treatment plant.

# 5.2. Map of Water Resources Systems



# 5.3. List of Major Water Resources Facilities

Name of river	Name of dam	Catchment area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Gross capacity [10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> ]	Effective capacity [10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> ]	Purpose <sup>1)</sup>	Year of completion
Geum(main)	Daechong	4 134	1 490	790	F,A,I,W,P	1980

### **Major Reservoirs**

### **Major Interbasin Transfer**

Name of transfer	Name of rive	ers connected	Length	Maximum	Purposo <sup>1)</sup>	Year of
line	From	То	[km]	capacity[m <sup>3</sup> /s]	1 ur pose	completion
Chongju - Intake tower	Daechong Dam	Jibuk Filter Plant				
Daechong wide area watersupply	Daechong Dam	Chunan	89.80	2.89	W	1988
Daechong wide area water supply	Daechong Dam	A-san	115.0	11.34	W	1985
Geumriver wide area water supply	Bu-yeo	Gunsan Junju	126.03	3.47	W	2000
Junju systematical wide area water supply	Yongdam Dam	Junju Gunsan	93.4	8.10	W	1998

1) F: Flood control; A: Agricultural use; I: Industrial use; W: Municipal water supply, P: Hydro-electric power.

# 5.4. Major Flood and Drought Experiences

Date	Peak discharge [m <sup>3</sup> /s]	Rainfall [mm] Duration Period	Meteorological cause	Dead and missing	Major damages (Districts affected)
1970. 7.21	1 950.00	424 7.21 ~22	Storm	80 19	Poun
1987. 7.21	7 510.26	344 7.21 ~23	Storm	1	Chongju, Chongwon
1988. 7.13	1 945.82	180 7.13 ~15	Storm	-	Gongju
1987. 9.9	1 296.98	54 9.10 ~11	Storm	-	Buyeo
1995. 8.29	2 862.00	184 9.30	Storm	-	Taejon

# Major Floods at Gongju (Catchment area 6 8346.9 km<sup>2</sup>)

### **Major Droughts**

Period	Areas affected	Major damages and counteractions					
1977 January ~ July	Youngdong Poun	Crop damage 10%					
1981 ~ 1982	Gongju	Supply cut ratio at the first stage: 10%					
1981 May ~ September	Poun	Supply cut ratio at the first stage: 10%					
1987 ~ 1988	Youngdong Poun	Crop damage 10%					
1994 ~ 1995	Muju Youngdong	Supply cut ratio at the first stage: 30%					

### 5.5. Groundwater and Water Quality

Date	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
рН	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.3	7.3	6.9	7.6	7.5	7.1
BOD [mg/l]	5.6	5.2	4.2	6.2	5.2	5.1	6.2	3.8	2.5	5.2	3.9	2.9
COD <sub>Mn</sub> [mg/l]	7.2	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.1	8.5	6.8	7.1	5.9	7.1	4.7	5.5
SS [mg/l]	11.8	15.2	13.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.1	7.2	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.7
Coliform group <sup>3)</sup> [MPN/100 ml]	$3.7 \times 10^3$	4.7× 10 <sup>2</sup>	$4.3 \times 10^2$	4.5× 10 <sup>2</sup>	$4.5 \times 10^2$	5.1× 10 <sup>2</sup>	$\begin{array}{c} 2.7\times\\ 10^2\end{array}$	1.6× 10 <sup>2</sup>	1.7× 10 <sup>2</sup>	183	660	907
Discharge [m <sup>3</sup> /s] <sup>4</sup> )	29.35	25.55	26.36	24.54	32.82	67.14	52.34	110.31	90.16	36.83	7.85	18.94

### **River Water Quality**<sup>1)</sup> at Gongju Bridge<sup>2)</sup>, 1995

1) Observed once a month on a dry day normally several days after rainfall.

Located near Chongju City 12km from the river mouth.
 Measurement method: BGLB (brilliant green lactose bile) method.

4) Discharge on the water quality observation date.

# 6. Socio-cultural Characteristics

The Geum-gang is located in the mid-west of the country. It plays a very important role in the main transport systems in the country (Seoul-Pusan highway, Seoul-Taejon highway, Seoul-Pusan railway and Seoul-Kwangju railway). Taejon, which is the capital city of the Chung Nam province is also the centre of administrative, economic, social and cultural activities in the middle part of the country. The city hosted the 1993 EXPO, and it has eight administration halls of administrative organizations in the country. Chongju, which is the capital city of the Chungbuk province, is the centre of political, economic, social and cultural activities in the middle part of the stwo impressive museums where an antique first metal printing letters in the world are preserved.

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