

July 2021 Description by Professor Taewon Kim- Last week I visited Jeju for research instruction and found a very interesting spot related to a sea turtle fairy tale. In Sindori, west of Jeju Island, there are three tide pools called Doguri. According to the tale, three sea turtles were captured in each tide pool and a good daughter named Soondoek intended to kill them for the medicine for her sick mother. Three sea turtles begged her to release them, insisting that they are actually sons of Jade Emperor, dragon king and queen. Instead, they promised to grant wishes of her. Following the direction by the turtles, the daughter took the spring water and her mother got healed by drinking the water. She also found a good husband. Attached photos are the tide pools. Also, this location is known as the landing site of Dutch seaman Hendrick Harmel who survived in the shipwreck and introduced Jeju to the western world.