Ingredient	Uses	Example Product
Snail (Snail Secretion Filtrate)	Sooths reddened skin, acne assistance, moisture	Mizon AIO Snail Repair Cream
Starfish	Firms and moisturizes skin (dry skin types)	Mizon Starfish Cream
Syn-Ake	Firms skin, improves skin elasticity, anti-aging	Tosowoong Syn-Ake line
AHA (lactic acid, mandelic acid, glycolic acid)	Improves skin texture, assists with acne, PIH reduction, closed comedones	COSRX 7 AHA Whitehead Power Liquid
BHA (salicylic acid, betaine salicylate)	Assists with pore issues, sebaceous filaments, oily skin, anti-acne	COSRX 7 BHA Blackhead Power Liquid
Astaxanthin	Improves fine lines and wrinkles, revitalizes skin texture, moisture boost	Sidmool Secret of Red Astaxanthin Concentrate
Rice	Brightening/whitening	Skinfood Rice Wash Off Mask
Rose	Brightens skin tone, hydrates skin, calms skin	Aromatica Rose Absolute First Serum
Hyaluronic Acid	Attracts moisture to skin, moisturizing	Hadalabo Gokujyun Hyaluronic Acid Lotion
Pig Collagen	Firms skin, increased skin elasticity, smooths skin	Elizavecca Green Piggy Collagen Jelly Pack
Green Tea	Anti-inflammatory, soothing for redness	Innisfree Green Tea Seed Serum
Kojic Acid	Whitening/brightening	Ciracle Mela Control Whitening Cream
Honey/Propolis	Anti-inflammatory, moisture boost, acne assistance	Skinfood Royal Honey Propolis Essence / COSRX Returning A-Sol
Milk (cow milk, goat milk, donkey milk)	Moisturizing, brightening	Tonymoly Goat Milk line
Niacinamide (Vit B)	Whitening/brightening, reduction of PIH, even skin tone, anti-acne (anti-inflammatory action)	COSRX Galactomyces 95 White Power Essence
Allantoin	Moisturzes skin, anti-aging, softens skin, soothing	COSRX Centella Water Alcohol-Free Toner
Vitamin C (L-AA, MAP, SAP)	Brightening, reduction of PIH, protect skin from sun damage	OST C20 Vitamin C Serum
Arbutin	Whitening/brightening	Hadalabo Shiryojyun line
Aloe Vera	Soothing properties, helps with redness, treats burns	Holika HolikaAloe 99% Soothing Gel
Bee Venom	Collagen production, improves fine lines, lessens redness	Benton Snail Bee High Content Essence
Ferment (galactomyces, saccharomyces)	Anti-aging, brightening, firms skin, moisture boost	Innisfree Soybean Energy Essence
Licorice Extract	Whitening/brighting	Shara Shara Aqua Bomb
Glycerin	Moisture retention	Skinfood Royal Honey Good Moisturizing Cream
Centella Asiatica	Anti-irritation, soothing	COSRX Centella Blemish Cream
*Benzoyl Peroxide	Anti-bacterial, anti-inflammation, assists with acne	OTC products (i.e. Clearasil, Neutrogena
Calamine	Anti-acne (zinc properties; dries acne)	Mizon Acence Blemish Out Pink Spot
Algae/Seaweed	Skin brightening, smoothes wrinkles, promotes skin moisturization	Mizon Nonstop Waterful Aqua Cream
Bird's Nest	Smooths wrinkles, brightening, moisurizing, wound healing	Shara Shara Aqua Bomb
Ginko Biloba	Antioxidant, anti-aging, maintains moisture	SNP Birds Nest Revital Cream
Ceramides	Keeps skin supple, creates elasticity, helps with wound healing, restores skin barrier	Dr. Jart Ceramidin Cream
Ginseng	Smoothes wrinkles, anti-aging	Scinic Aqua All In One Ampoule
Peptides	Bind moisture, wound healing, anti-aging	Mizon Peptide 500 Ampoule
Beta-glucan	Anti-inflammatory, antioxidant	Mizon Snail Repair EX Cream
Cholesterol	Moisture, wound healing	Missha Near SKIN Lifting Capsule Cream
Charcoal	Draws bacteria, chemicals, dirt, impurities to surface of skin, anti-acne	Shara Shara Black Charcoal Mask
Clay	Improves skin circulation, removes dead skin cells, healthy skin glow	Innisfree Jeju Volcanic Pore Clay Mask
Tea Tree	Anti-inflammatory, anti-septic, anti-acne, lessens redness	LJH Tea Tree 90 Essence