

**Transversal Workshop (SCSA / SCMEE / SCESS) on Spatial Based Approach to
Fishery Management.
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Due to the increasing use of Marine Protected Areas and more specifically Fishery Restricted Areas in management and conservation framework, the 12th Session of the Subcommittee on Stock Assessment held in 2011 recommended to investigate the role of spatial based approach to fishery management. Since these tools have ecological, economic and social effects the Sub-Committee proposed a transversal meeting in strong link with the Subcommittee on Marine Environment and Ecosystems (SCMEE) and the Subcommittee of Economic and Social Sciences (SCESS) to tackle this issue.

At its 35th Session, the GFCM held in Rome in May 2011, the venue and dates were set and the terms of reference as stated here below, were endorsed.

1. Review main experiences of Spatial based Approach to Fishery Management (SAFM) in the world.
2. Examine SAFM in the more wide context of the Integrated Management of the Coastal Zone
3. Explore methods and propose case studies to assess the impact of Fishery Restricted Area (FRA) on commercial stocks, marine ecosystems and fisheries
4. Evaluate the role of FRA, Territorial Use Right of Fisheries (TURF) and other SAFM tools in designing fisheries management plans.
5. Analyse the current and future approach to monitoring, surveillance and control within the SAFM context.