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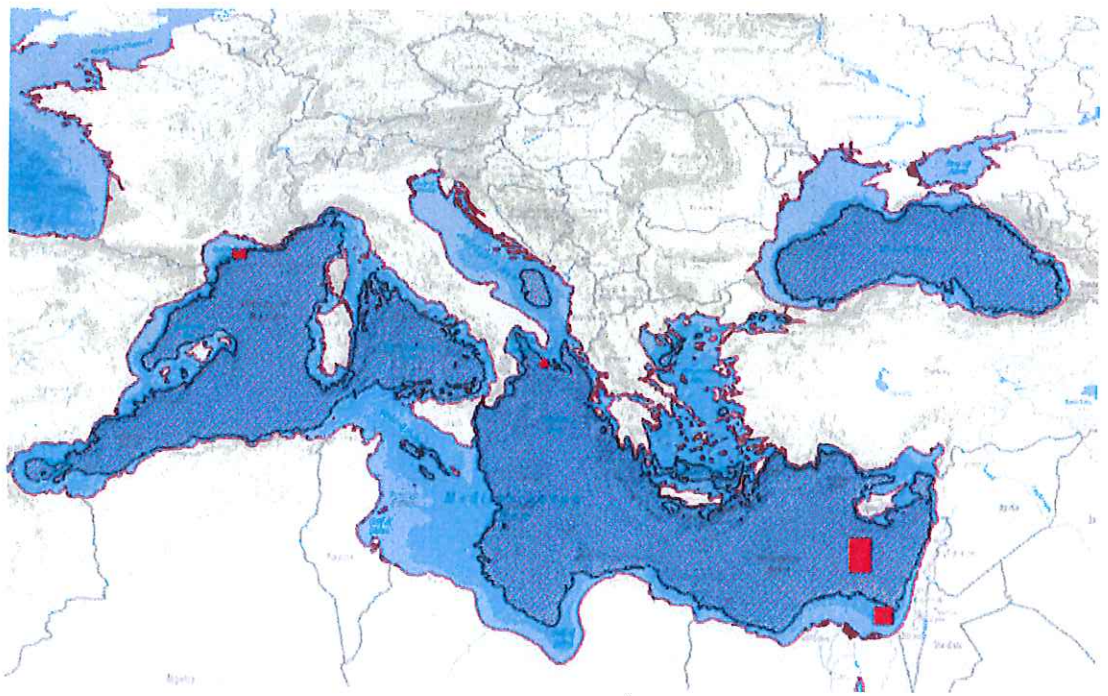
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## Fisheries Restricted Areas (FRAs)

The GFCM is one of the few RFMOs worldwide entitled to adopt spatial management measures that regulate or restrict human activities in the high seas, e.g. by introducing closures or prohibiting the use of certain gears.

Since 2006, four FRAs, falling both in high seas and national waters have been established to ensure the protection of deep sea sensitive habitats in well-delimited sites. In addition, yet in 2005 the GFCM endorsed the decision of prohibiting bottom-trawling activities in waters deeper than 1000 m in order to protect the deep-sea benthic environments of the Mediterranean and Black Sea.



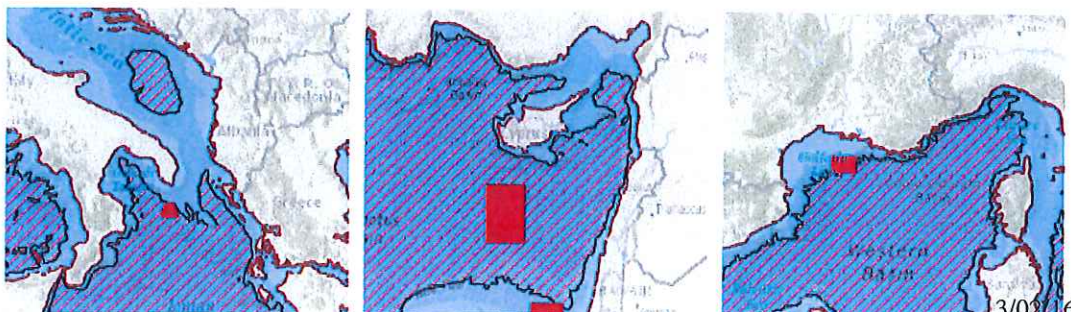
Location of the four GFCM FRAs and 1000 m isobaths in the Mediterranean and Black Sea

FRA of "Lophelia reef off Capo Santa Maria di Leuca" (976 km<sup>2</sup>, GSA 19, Italy). This area was protected from fishing activities with dredges and bottom trawl nets to guarantee the conservation of a unique ecosystem of cold-water corals (*Madrepora oculata* and *Lophelia pertusa*).

FRA of "The Nile delta area cold hydrocarbon seeps" (4377 km<sup>2</sup>, GSA 26, Egypt). This area hosts an exceptionally high concentration of cold hydrocarbon seeps supporting unique living communities of chemosynthetic organisms such as polychaetes and bivalves. In this area fishing activities with towed dredges and bottom trawl nets have been prohibited.

FRA of "The Eratosthenes Seamount" (10306 km<sup>2</sup>, GSA 25, Cyprus). The area has a rich and diverse ecosystem, notably composed by species of scleractinian corals (*Caryophyllia calveri* and *Desmophyllum cristagalli*) and of deep sea sponges. In this area fishing activities with dredges and bottom trawl nets have been prohibited.

FRA of "The Gulf of Lion" (2018 km<sup>2</sup>, GSA 07, France). This area within the Gulf of Lion was recognized as an important zone where aggregations of spawners of many exploited species (hake, monk fish, lobsters) occur. The fishing effort in this area has been frozen to the level of 2008 (see also [Vessels' List](#))



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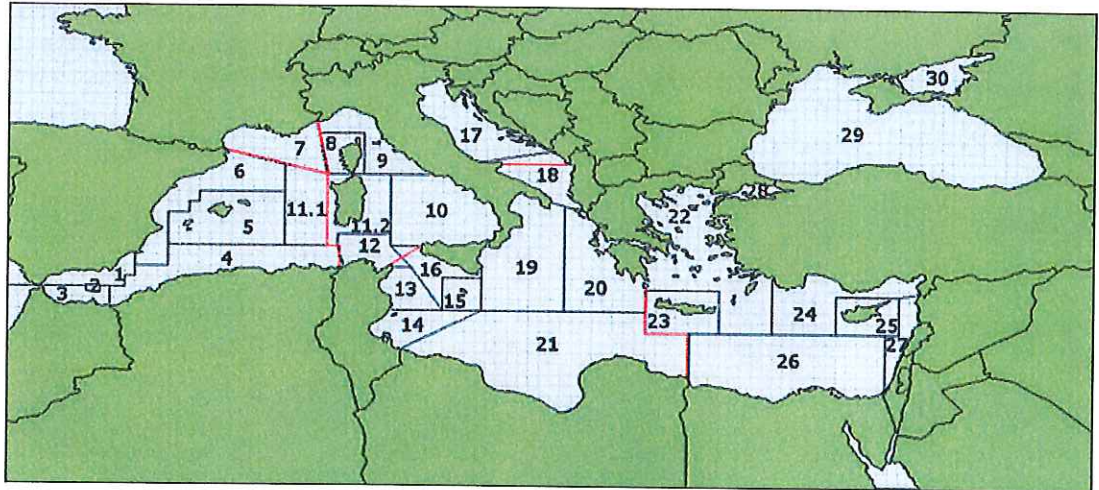
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| 1 Northern Alboran Sea              | 16 South of Sicily       |
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| 4 Algeria 19                        | 19 Western Ionian Sea    |
| 5 Balearic Island                   | 20 Eastern Ionian Sea    |
| 6 Northern Spain                    | 21 Southern Ionian Sea   |
| 7 Gulf of Lion                      | 22 Aegean Sea            |
| 8 Corsica Island                    | 23 Crete Island          |
| 9 Ligurian and North Tyrrhenian Sea | 24 North Levant          |
| 10 South Tyrrhenian Sea             | 25 Cyprus Island         |
| 11.1 Sardinia (west)                | 26 South Levant          |
| 11.2 Sardinia (east)                | 27 Levant                |
| 12 Northern Tunisia                 | 28 Marmara Sea           |
| 13 Gulf of Hammamet                 | 29 Black Sea             |
| 14 Gulf of Gabes                    | 30 Azov Sea              |
| 15 Malta Island                     |                          |

[Download the Resolution GFCM/33/2009/2 Establishment of Geographical Sub-Areas in the GFCM area](#)

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## FAO Major Fishing Area 37 - Mediterranean And Black Sea

Western Mediterranean (Subarea 37.1)

Balearic (Division 37.1.1)  
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Central Mediterranean (Subarea 37.2)

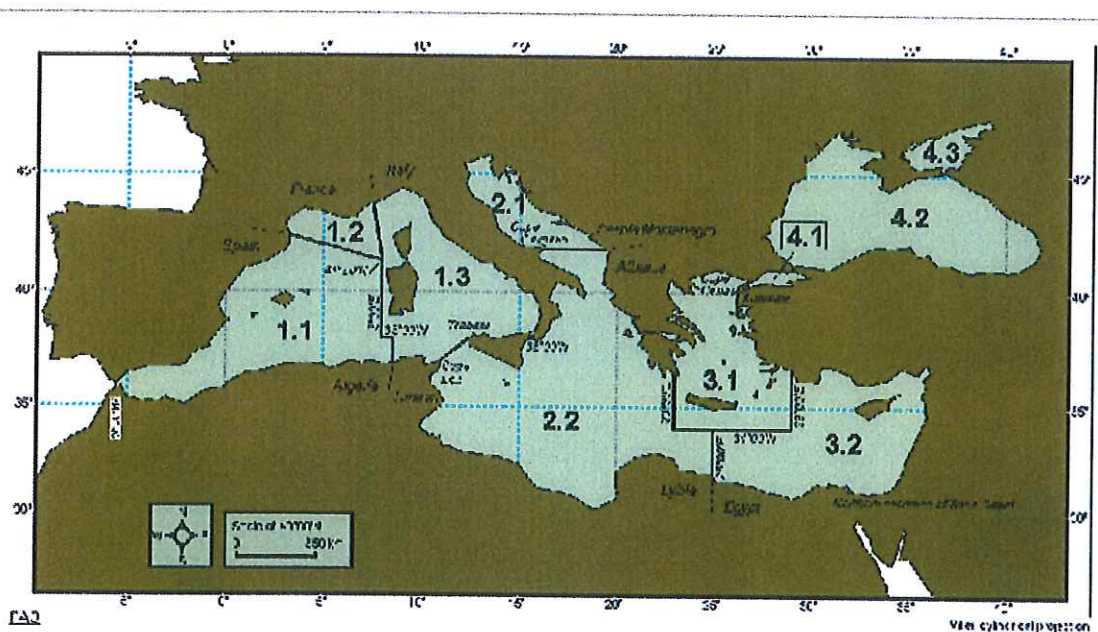
Adriatic (Division 37.2.1)  
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Aegean (Division 37.3.1)  
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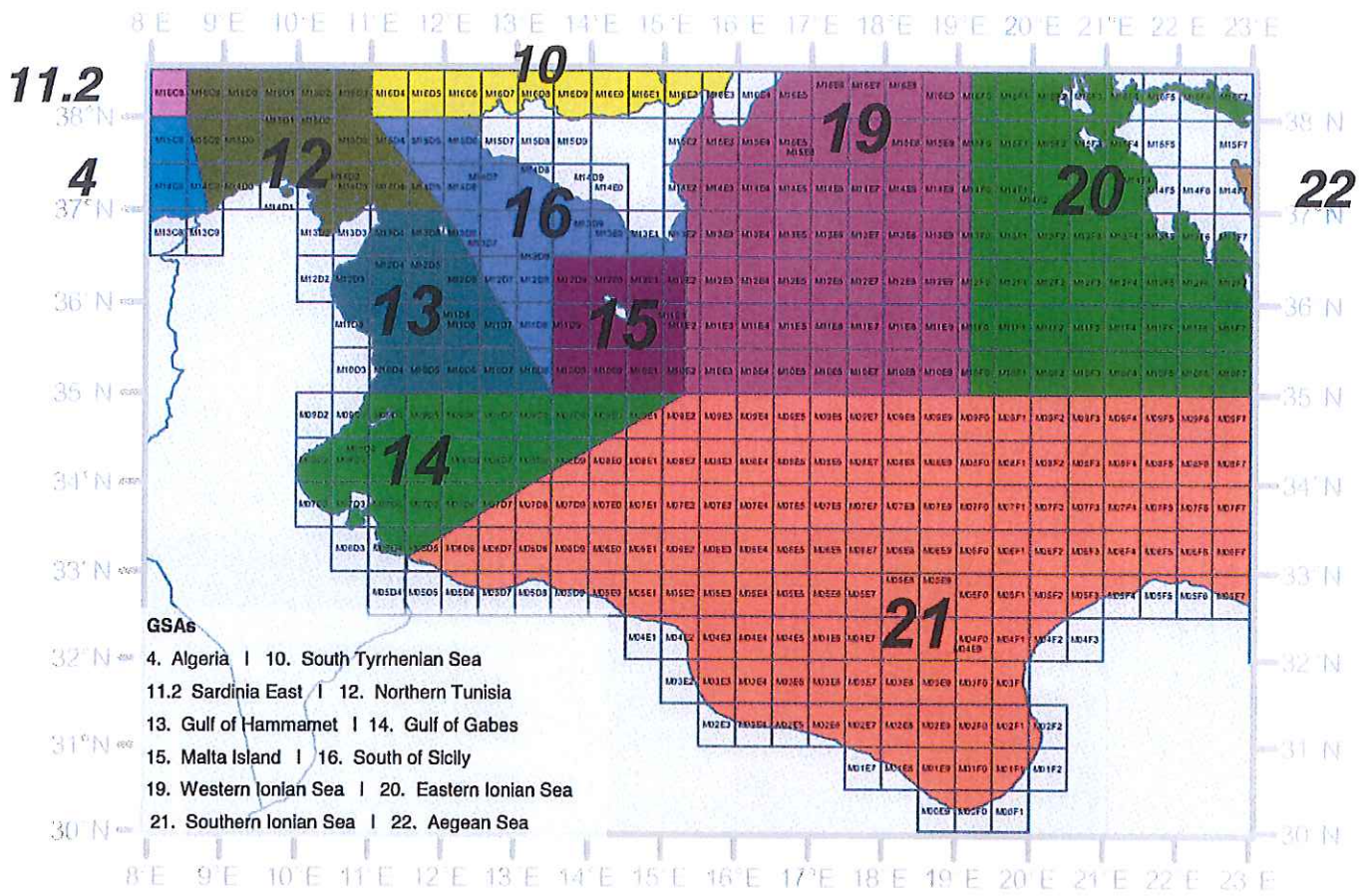
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