



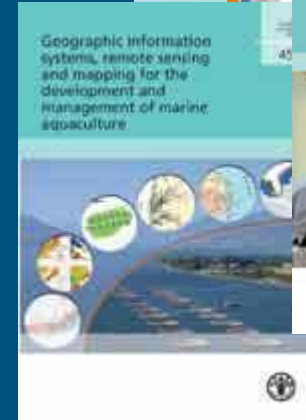
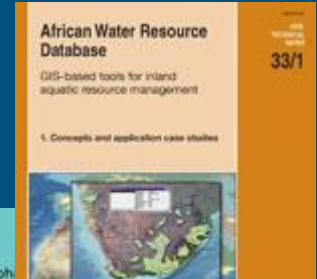
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# FAO role and experiences in spatial data analysis supporting fisheries

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# Role of FAO in geoinformation for fisheries

- ☐ Methodologies, technical guidelines and technical papers
- — **Geo-referenced data and information systems**
- — Field projects and training
- — **Metadata**
- — Scientific surveys
- — **Standards and guidelines**

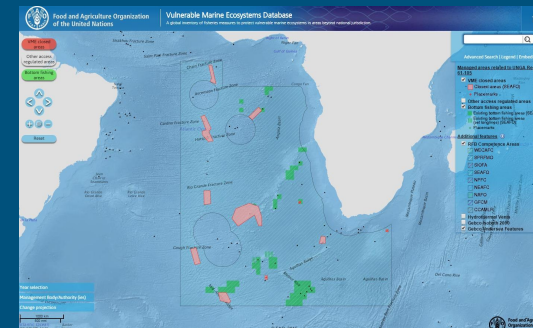
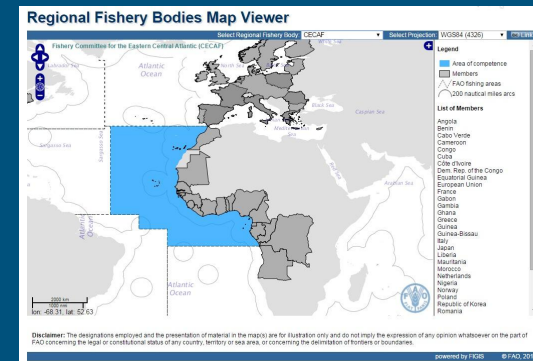
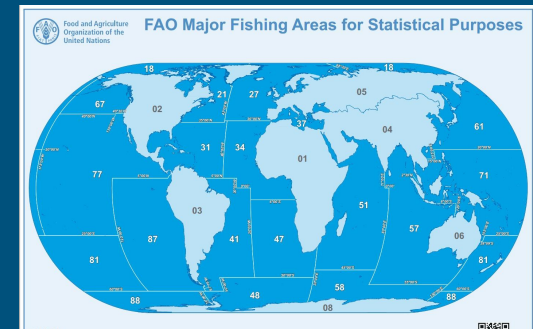


# Data - Maritime boundaries

## FAO Statistical areas

## Regional Fisheries Bodies Competence areas

## Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems management areas

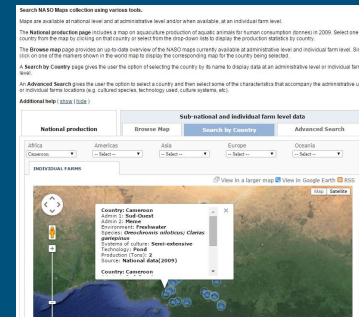
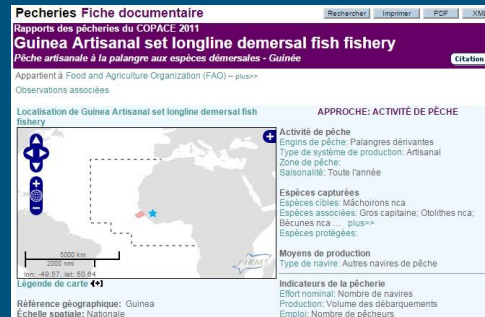
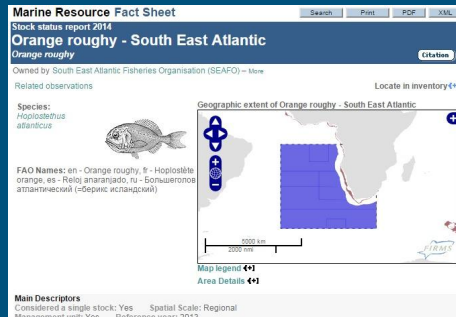
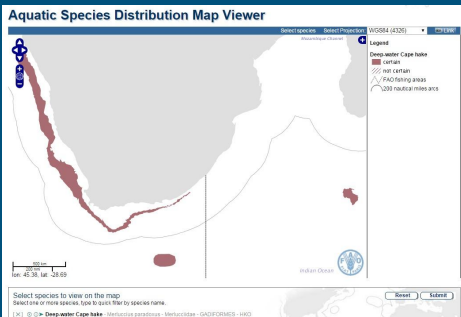


# Data - Information systems

## Biotics: Aquatic fisheries resources distribution

## Fisheries and resources status: FIRMS stock inventory

## Production: NASO Inventory



# Metadata and standards

OGC standards, INSPIRE and ISO 19115

Ontology - GEMS

FAO GeoNetwork ([www.fao.org/geonetwork](http://www.fao.org/geonetwork))



**GEMS - GIS Enforcing Metadata & Semantic**

# Data analysis - The R/V Frj. Nansen surveys

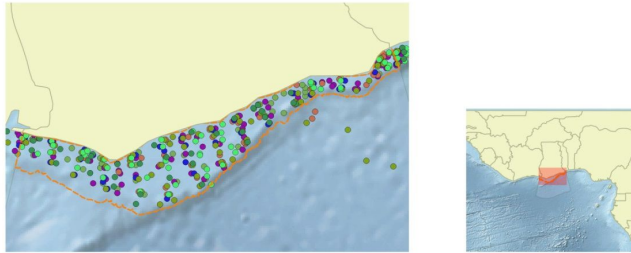
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Biomass estimates

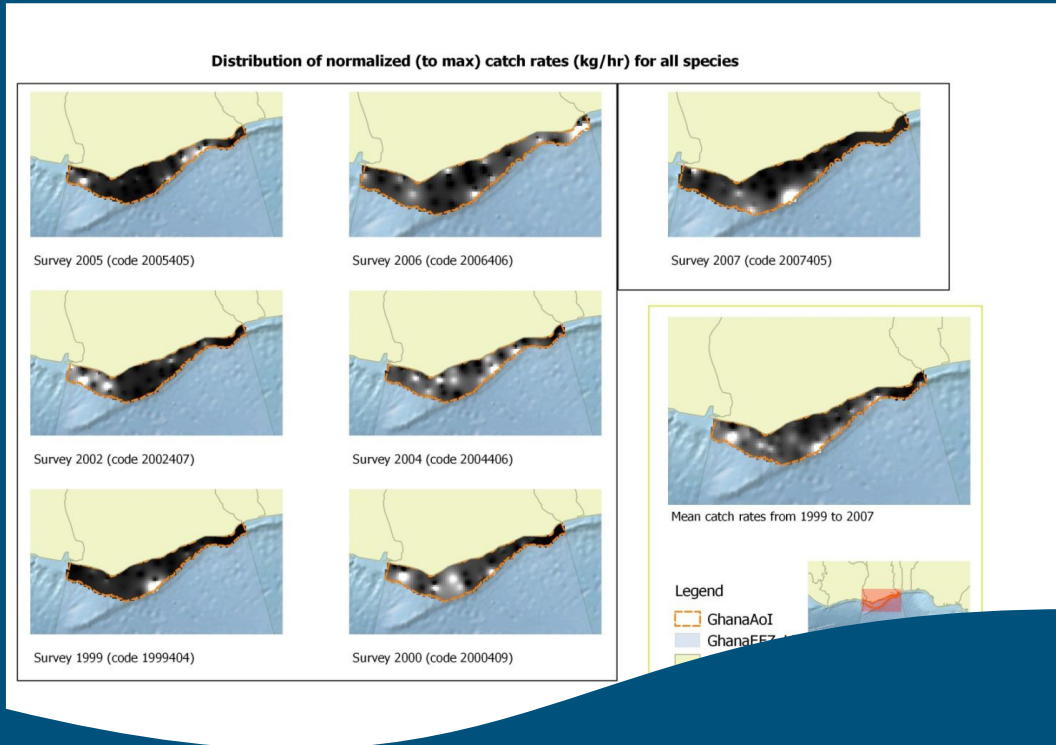
Biomass change rates

Juveniles occurrences

Location of sampling stations of Nansen surveys  
Period 1999 - 2007

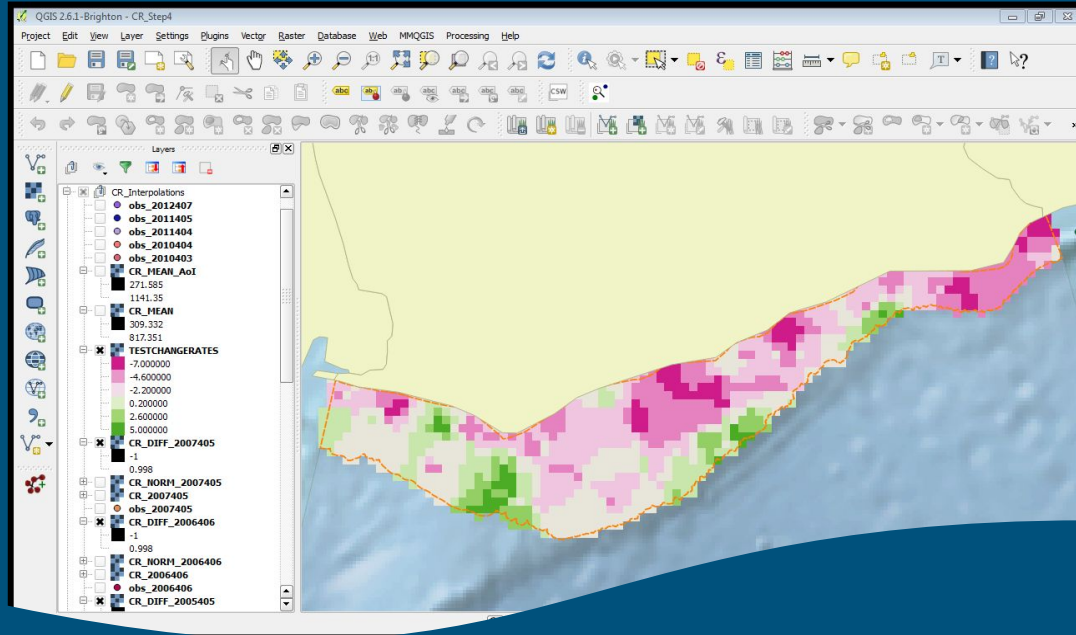


A set of surveys within the EEZ of Ghana



Changes of normalized total biomass across years (IDW interpolation)





The measure of changes in total biomass (persistent change rates (above/below means); low change rates)

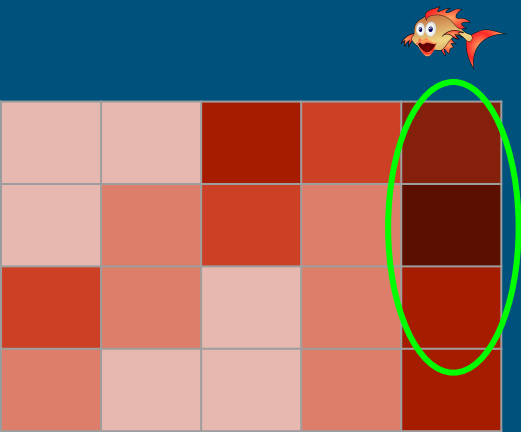
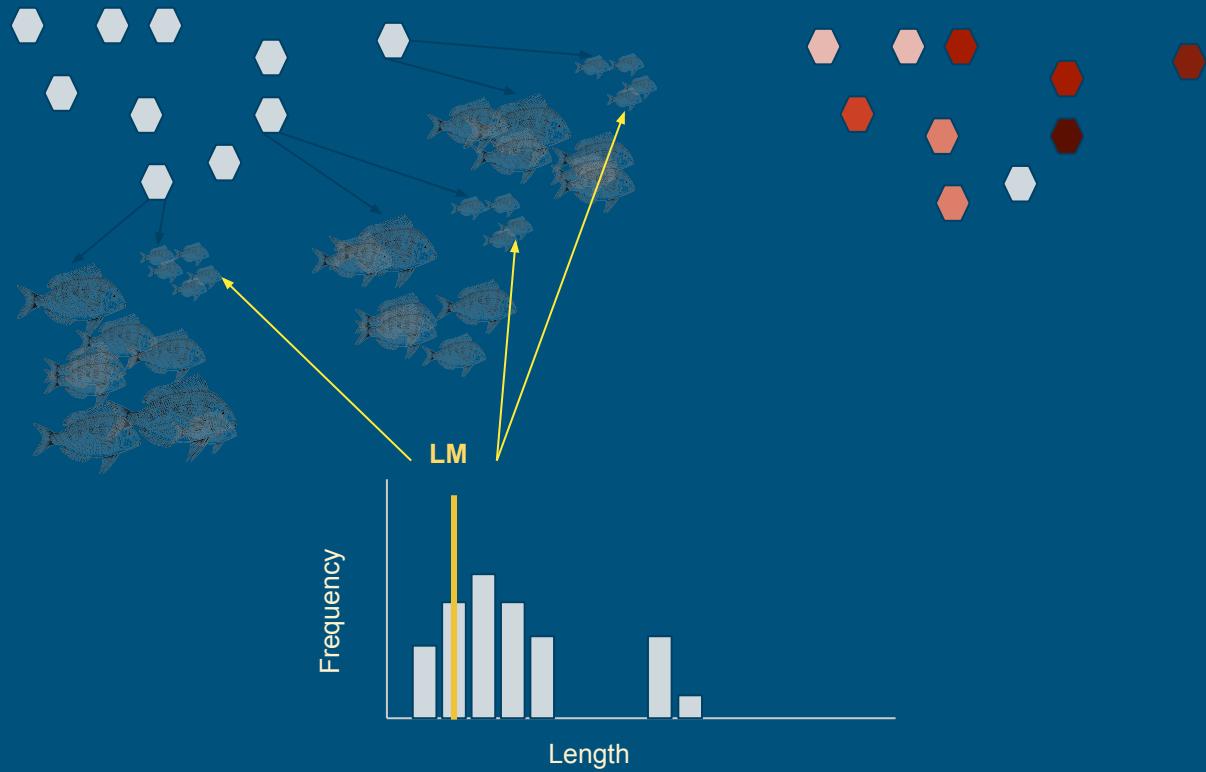
# Juvenile ratio

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Understanding the presence, abundance, distribution and seasonal shifts of juveniles

Identifying those areas might help focusing management measures

# Juvenile ratio



# Limits

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For some species/areas, Nansis reports too few stations with L/F and only for some species

In general, the survey were not designed for identification of nursery areas

Seasonal variability are not well recorded across the surveys

The L/F may not accurately reflect the composition of the sampling

No analysis can be done for species caught as large single individuals

LM values amy not be accurate

# What to expect from this workshop?

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How to apply technology to enhance access to geo-data?

How FAO can contribute?

How to support the sustainable use of sea resources?

How to improve co-operation among countries and sector?

How to recognize the role of each UN Agencies operating in the area?

# Thank you

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# Juvenile ratio

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Reclassification of the length frequency @ station where length/frequency for selected species is available

Length at maturity,  $L_m$ , from literature (i.e. FishBase)

The length frequency measures for each station and for each species are reclassified according to the individuals above and below the  $L_m$  over the total number of individuals measured in the sample

This number can be used as a probability of presence of nursery areas over the AoI