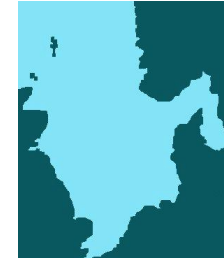


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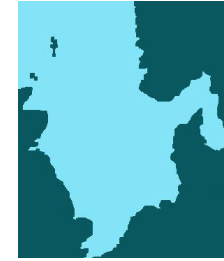


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Aim: ‘To develop clear criteria for assessing proposals for spatial measures, including MPAs and other managed areas, whether they are being established for fisheries management or other purposes’

Task of Focus group: Develop a draft paper for the Spatial Planning Working Group (deadline Oct 5 OSPAR MASH?)

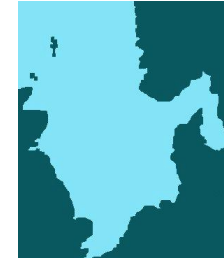
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PAPERS FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM:

- 1) Paper 1 provided by the Chair
- 2) Paper 2 provided by Joe Horwood (CEFAS)

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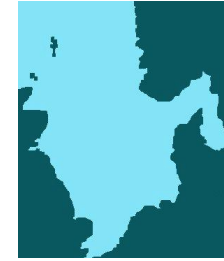


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Hamburg clarification of aims: to ensure that:

- The NSRAC can promote to the Commission, MSs etc the criteria needed for specially managed areas for fish conservation and other spatial measures that might affect fishing
- Such criteria will help these bodies make proposals more acceptable to the NSRAC
- Such criteria will also inform any spatial measures the NSRAC itself may propose

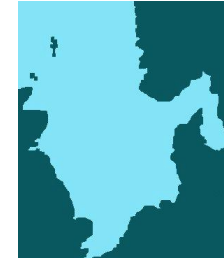
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Spatial measures should include:

- Clear objectives
- Evaluation of how measure should meet objectives
- Identified standards for success
- Socio/economic analysis of impacts on sector
- Assess wider environmental benefits/impacts

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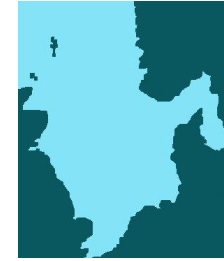


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Spatial measures should include (cont....) :

- Specified procedures, review period, exit strategy
- 'Sunset clause' for revisiting measures to assess their worth
- Communication of results of any evaluation
- Consideration of any trans-boundary effects

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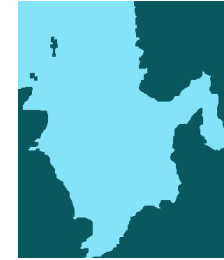
The purpose of the focus group should be:

To develop this set of criteria* and broaden its scope to a wider spectrum of spatial measures

*Note also CEFAS Paper

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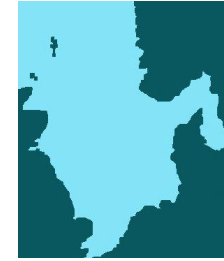


Some reflections on broadening the scope:

- Priority is to develop criteria for fish stock conservation (Demersal Working Group, Glasgow, May 2005)
- Will also benefit 'multi-purpose' (fisheries/biodiversity) areas
- However, different parameters apply to spatial measures for purely biodiversity purposes (N2000, OSPAR), e.g:
 - * objectives/criteria for site selection already well developed and accepted
 - * site designation quite advanced (e.g. marine SACs)
 - * presumption is that Natura 2000 network will be permanent, though subject to 6-yearly monitoring

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CONCLUSIONS:

- **Developing criteria for spatial measures of all kinds is not a one-size-fits-all process**
- **Most obvious role – and immediate need - for the NSRAC is to develop spatial measure criteria for fish stock conservation purposes**
- **In the case of spatial measures to protect biodiversity, criteria already exist (N2K, OSPAR) and consideration of management implications for fisheries may be more relevant at this stage**