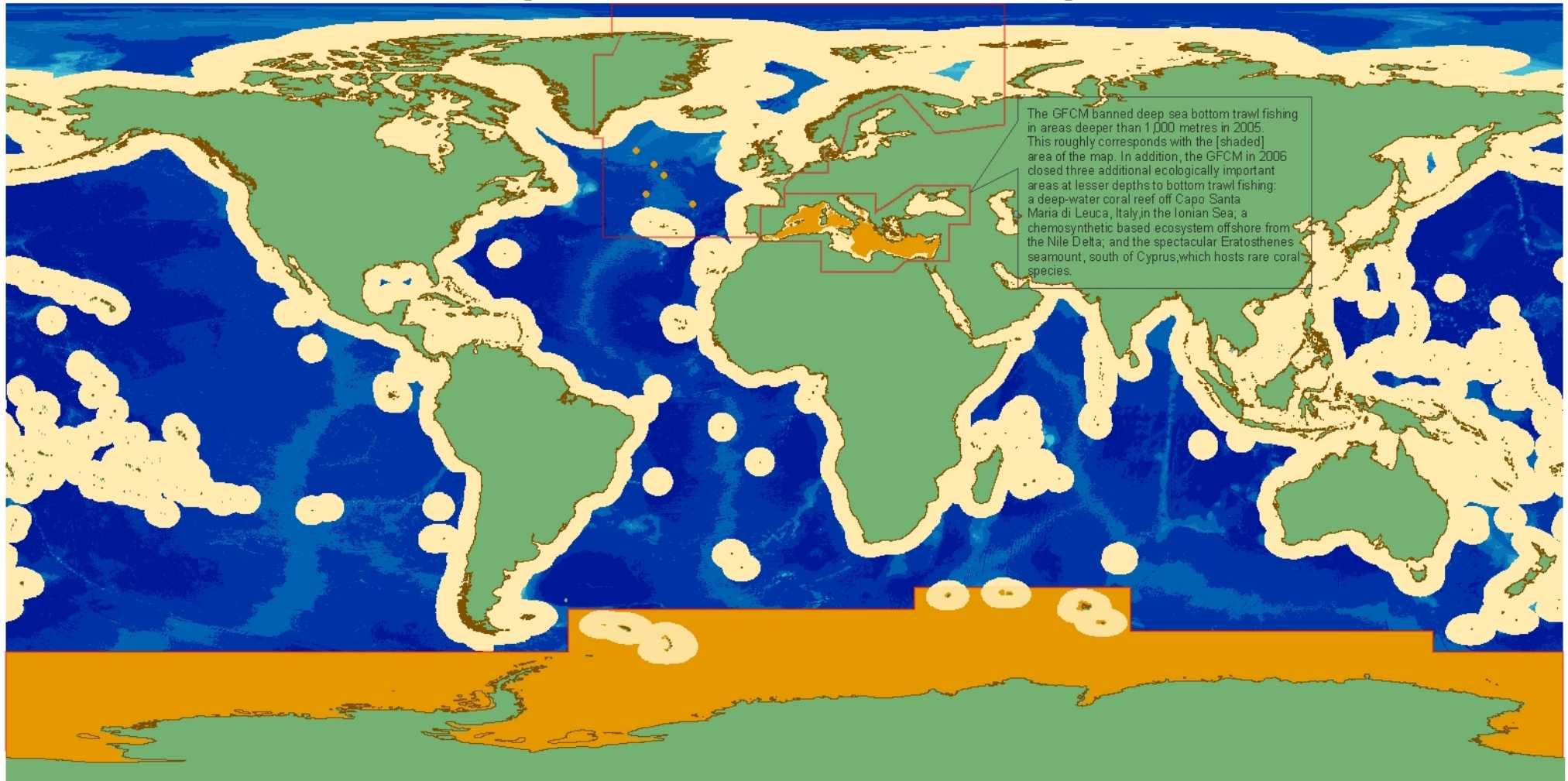


High Sea Areas Closed to Bottom Trawling



As of July 2006, on the high seas of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, no areas have been closed to deep sea bottom trawl fishing for the purpose of protecting seamounts, cold water corals, hydrothermal vents and other vulnerable deep sea ecosystems, with the exception of four seamounts and a small section of the mid-Atlantic ridge in the North Atlantic. In the Southern Ocean, around Antarctica, the area receives de facto protection through effective management regimes in place via CCAMLR.

