The Mediterranean a biodiversity hotspot

Rich biodiversity under threat
The Mediterranean hosts up to 18% of the marine species known in the world and 17,000 marine species in just 0.3% of the ocean volume. Highest rate of endemism in the world: 20-30% of marine species are endemic

At least 78 marine species and 168 coastal endangered species

1,000 non-indigenous marine species in the Mediterranean, 10% of which are invasive

48% of wetland habitats have disappeared since 1970

41% decrease in marine predators (including mammals)

78% of assessed fish stocks are overexploited

9% of the marine area is officially protected and only 10% of these sites implement management plans

Loss of biodiversity
means loss of services rendered by ecosystems: protection against erosion, water purification, flood and drought mitigation, food supply, pollination, carbon storage, cultural and recreational services, ...

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