

Poseidon's garden

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Duration: 13'
Versions: Format: HD

A field of Poseidonia, the most common marine plant in the Mediterranean, waves in front of the camera. This valuable plant is now in serious danger due to man's uncontrolled use of dragnets for fishing. The film demonstrates the important ecological role played by these submerged plant fields. They provide a refuge for the eggs laid by many marine organisms and also act as nurseries for the larvae of many species of fish, including several of commercial importance. Other fishing methods also pose a threat, especially those employing poisons and explosives that disturb the delicate balance of marine ecology. The film concludes with an analysis of several recent initiatives designed to save the marine environment and its resources, with special attention focused on artificial barriers, underwater ruins and marine reserves.



