

New MARBEFES study by Bartolini et al. presents the first ecosystem accounts for Marine-Based Tourism (MBT) in Italy, offering a comprehensive analysis of the link between marine ecosystems and the tourism sector. Using the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting framework, the authors assess the extent and condition of key marine habitats like *Posidonia oceanica*, a crucial seagrass species, and quantify its contribution to coastal tourism.

Posidonia oceanica significantly supports MBT, generating exchange values of €6 million in 2019 and €3.7 million in 2021. This research emphasises the need for improved data collection, organisation, and monitoring of marine ecosystems to enhance sustainable tourism practices.

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