

CIESM Congress Session : Valuation of marine ecosystems / green tourism

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Moderator's Synthesis

The varied ecosystem service assessments, though accounting for only a few of them, were mainly focused towards the development of tourism and ecotourism on one hand, and the current or potential (acidification) loss of natural capital. Ecotourism development, in positive interaction with fisheries, appears to be particularly promising for both natural and social capitals as it was demonstrated in the case of small Mediterranean islands and the most emblematic coralligenous habitat (First prize winner as a poster). A simple index of local vulnerability has been developed and discussed in regard to beach tourism and possible impacts of climate change.

