

## Big Neptunes Grass -Posidonia oceanica

... is endemic to the Mediterranean, which means it doesn't exist anywhere else in the world.

...is one of the biggest carbon sinks available, helping to prevent climate change from worsening.

...is home for about one third of all species in the Mediterranean sea.

... is the most important nursery and breeding ground of the Mediterranean.

...helps to stop erosion, making it important to keep sand beaches intact.

## But also our seagrass is in danger:

- About 25% of meadows in the Med have been lost in the last 10 years.
- Existing meadows are thinning.
- Meadows are threatened by anchors, dragnets but also from incredible amounts of nutrition working their way down rivers and into the sea.

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With various threats to Posidonia oceanica we are in the process of building a team to help us keep seagrass healthy in the Mediterranean sea, and you can be part of the team!

## What can you do?

- If you find ripped out seagrass (with rhizome and roots attached) you can keep it in an airtight bag in the fridge for several days.
- If you find seeds, you can keep them in a jar of saltwater in the fridge for weeks.
- Drop off the collected seagrass and/or seeds in a participating dive center. And the dive center will make sure that your collected items find their way back into the wild!

If you want to further support our work and help us outfit dive centers with more gear to keep plants in better environments, please consider supporting our work:





