



Lasting heatwave in the Mediterranean Sea

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Fig. 1 - S3 SLSTR (26->28.07.2022) - In 2022, with water up to 6.5°C higher than normal, gorgonians and posidonia are dying off en masse. 3D view



With a mean increase in water temperature of +0.04°C a years, the Mediterranean is becoming favourable for the development of tropical species. Traveling through the Suez Canal, tropical species such as the barracuda, the rabbitfish, the lionfish, the octopus fish and the silver-banded puffer fish are now settled in Eastern Mediterranean.

Fig. 2 - S3 SLSTR - 26->28.07.2016->2018 - It forces fish & crustaceans, already threatened by these predators of tropical origin, to migrate. 3D view



Fig. 3 - S3 SLSTR (26->28.07.2016->2018; 26-<u>>28.07.2022) - Difference</u> on a 3-days period between 2022 and 2016-2018.

<u>3D view</u>



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