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**PHOTO 114.** Beni Khiar beach, Cap Bon peninsula. *Posidonia oceanica* is a Phanerogam which constitutes extensive submarine meadows in the nearshore zone along the Tunisian coast. Dry leaves accumulate on the lower part of the beach, forming thick mattresses which slow down wave erosion. Unfortunately, in tourist areas, beaches are cleaned up and lose such a natural protection. (Photo: Ronald Paskoff, Université de Lyon, 10 square Saint-Florentin, 78150, Le Chesnay, France).