



GOZ001 - Northern Gozo Salt Pans

Description

Northern Gozo Salt Pans are a series of salt pans along the coast in northern Gozo within Iz-Zebbug's administrative area. The site is accessible from Iz-Zebbug or from Xwejini Bay. The salt pans cover an area of approximately 88,240 m². The site is still actively being used for salt production and tours are done by the owners of the site. The surrounding basin include a coast road, agricultural land and an old disused landfill which is located on elevated ground. There is no vegetation present within the site or its basin. There is no data present regarding wildlife, however, it is likely that marine fish and insects to be present.

General information

Basic information

Wetland location:	Marine/Coastal
Wetland type:	Artificial
Natural / Artificial:	Saline
Area (Ha):	8.80
Hydrological interaction with other wetland:	No -
Water salinity:	Salty (> 18.0 g/l)
Fresh water entry:	Catchment area (precipitation)
Surface water runoff:	Other
Open water area (%):	76 - 95
Hydroperiod:	Permanent

Geographic information

Census district:	Gozo and Comino
Island:	Gozo
Local council:	Iz-Zebbug
Coordinates (WGS84):	14.237250 E - 36.080820 N

Biological significance

Biological significance:	Low
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Ramsar wetland types

Ramsar type	Coverage (%)
5 -- Salt exploitation sites; salt pans, salines, etc.	

Property status

Public

Protection statuses & other designations

Ecosystem Services, Activities & Impacts

Ecosystem Services

Type of Ecosystem service	Ecosystem service	Scale of Benefit	Importance
Cultural services	Cultural heritage		
Supporting services	Provision of habitat		

Activities on wetland

Activities	Intensity
020 = Resource conservation	High
340 = Salt works	High

Activities on drainage basin

Activities	Intensity
501 = paths tracks cycling tracks	High
621 = nautical sports	High
800 = Landfill land reclamation and drying out	High

Impacts

Impact type	Intensity
EB- = Increase in aesthetic qualities	
EE- = Increase of economic potential	
EF- = Increase in protection from natural forces	
EO- = Increase potential for natural products	
EU- = Increase of tourist/recreation potential	

Habitats & Vegetation

Species

References

Representative Image & Map

