



GOZ002 - Qbajjar Salt Pans

Description

Qbajjar Salt Pans are a series of salt pans, located in northern Gozo within the limits of Ħaż-Żebbuġ. The site is accessible by the public through a pathway. The salt pans cover an area of approximately 3,350m² and were originally constructed for the production of sea salt, however, the silt deposited in the salt pans and the broken salt pans present indicate that they are no longer being used. *Limbarda chrithmoides* was growing in between the salt pans throughout the site.

General information

Basic information

Wetland location:	Marine/Coastal
Wetland type:	Artificial
Natural / Artificial:	Saline
Area (Ha):	0.30
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 (%):	51 - 75
Hydroperiod:	Permanent

Geographic information

Census district:	Gozo and Comino
Island:	Gozo
Local council:	Iz-Zebbug
Coordinates (WGS84):	14.251370 E - 36.079810 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
690 = Other leisure and tourism impacts	High
920 = Drying out	High

Activities on drainage basin

Activities	Intensity
402 = discontinuous urbanisation	Low
501 = paths tracks cycling tracks	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

Vegetation types

Vegetation type	Coverage (%)
Halophytic	< 5

Species

Flora

Species	Dominance	Reference
Jacobaea crithmoides		

References

Representative Image & Map

