



GOZ029 - Ras il-Bajda Salt Pans

Description

Ras il-Bajda Salt Pans are a series of salt pans, located in south-western Gozo within the limits of Xlendi. The site is accessible to the public through a hiking trail. The salt pans cover an area of approximately 2,270m². The site is a popular tourist destination, and the salt pans are no longer used for salt production. No vegetation was present growing within and around the site. The site is located within the Wied Ix-Xlendi Area of High Landscape Value, Il-Wied Tal-Kantra (Cliffs / Valley) Area of Ecological Importance/Site of Scientific Importance under G.N. 776/08, and a Special Area of Conservation - International Importance under L.N. 311/06 and G.N. 233/05.

General information

Basic information

Wetland location:	Marine/Coastal
Wetland type:	Artificial
Natural / Artificial:	Saline
Area (Ha):	0.20
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 (%):	5 - 25
Hydroperiod:	Permanent

Geographic information

Census district:	Gozo and Comino
Island:	Gozo
Local council:	Il-Munxar
Coordinates (WGS84):	14.212550 E - 36.027610 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

Protection status

Protection status category	Protection status subcategory	Site name	Code	Coverage (%)	Legislation
National	Area of Ecological Importance/Site of Scientific Importance	Wied ix-Xlendi, Wied il-Lunzjata u l-inhawi taghhom, fil-limiti ta' Kercem, il-Munxar, Fontana u r-Rabat (Ghawdex)	14819	100	Development Planning Act (Act VII of 2016)
National	Area of High Landscape Value	Wied ix-Xlendi	555546309	100	Development Planning Act (Act VII of 2016)
International	Special Areas of Conservation - International Importance	L-Inhawi tax-Xlendi - Wied tal-Kantra	330734	100	Environment Protection Act (Act I of 2016)

CDDA protection status

CDDA code	Category
MT02	Area of Ecological Importance/Site of Scientific Importance
MT15	Area of High Landscape Value
MT11	Special Areas of Conservation - International Importance

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
800 = Landfill land reclamation and drying out	High
920 = Drying out	High

Activities on drainage basin

Activities	Intensity
501 = paths tracks cycling tracks	Low

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



