



## MAL017 - Bahar ic-Cagħaq

### Description

Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq are a series of interconnected salt pans, located in northern Malta within the Limits of Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq. The site is easily accessible to the public from a nearby surfaced road. The salt pans cover an approximate area of 4,150m<sup>2</sup>. It is unclear whether the salt pans are still being used for salt production. The site is predominantly surrounded by natural coastal habitat. It is also, however, within close proximity to a water park. The basin of the salt pans was dominated by *Limbarda crithmoides*.

### General information

#### Basic information

<b>Wetland location:</b>	Marine/Coastal
<b>Wetland type:</b>	Artificial
<b>Natural / Artificial:</b>	Saline
<b>Area (Ha):</b>	0.40
<b>Hydrological interaction with other wetland:</b>	No -
<b>Water salinity:</b>	Salty (> 18.0 g/l)
<b>Fresh water entry:</b>	Catchment area (precipitation)
<b>Surface water runoff:</b>	Other
<b>Open water area (%):</b>	76 - 95
<b>Hydroperiod:</b>	Permanent

#### Geographic information

<b>Census district:</b>	Northern
<b>Island:</b>	Malta
<b>Local council:</b>	In-Naxxar
<b>Coordinates (WGS84):</b>	14.458830 E - 35.939970 N

#### Biological significance

<b>Biological significance:</b>	Neutral
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#### Ramsar wetland types

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

#### Property status

Public
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## Protection statuses & other designations

## Ecosystem Services, Activities & Impacts

### Activities on wetland

Activities	Intensity
020 = Resource conservation	High
340 = Salt works	High
690 = Other leisure and tourism impacts	Medium
720 = Trampling overuse	Medium
920 = Drying out	High

### Activities on drainage basin

Activities	Intensity
402 = discontinuous urbanisation	Medium
419 = other industrial / commercial areas	High
502 = roads motorways	High
690 = Other leisure and tourism impacts	Medium

### 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
Other	

## Species

### Flora

Species	Dominance	Reference
Carpobrotus edulis		
Jacobaea crithmoides		

## References

## Representative Image & Map

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