



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 4,150m². 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

Wetland location:	Marine/Coastal
Wetland type:	Artificial
Natural / Artificial:	Saline
Area (Ha):	0.40
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:	Northern
Island:	Malta
Local council:	In-Naxxar
Coordinates (WGS84):	14.458830 E - 35.939970 N

Biological significance

Biological significance:	Neutral
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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

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



