



MAL051 - Zonqor Point

Description

Zonqor Point Pans are a series of salt pans along the coast in southern Malta, within Marsascala. The sites are easily accessible to the public through a surfaced road. The salt pans cover an approximate area of 8,120m². The majority of the salt pans are still used for salt production by a local resident, however, the ones close to the sea were overtaken by green algae. The rest of the salt pans were bare from any vegetation. The site is predominantly surrounded by natural coastal habitat, however, it is also close to a diving centre.

General information

Basic information

Wetland location:	Marine/Coastal
Wetland type:	Artificial
Natural / Artificial:	Saline
Area (Ha):	0.80
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:	South Eastern
Island:	Malta
Local council:	Marsaskala
Coordinates (WGS84):	14.574040 E - 35.868090 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
710 = Noise nuisance	Medium
920 = Drying out	High

Activities on drainage basin

Activities	Intensity
401 = continuous urbanisation	Low
502 = roads motorways	Medium
621 = nautical sports	High
622 = walking horseriding and non-motorised vehicles	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

