



MAL064 - Il-Mitquba

Description

Il-Mitquba is a series of salt pans along the coast in southern Malta, within Marsaskala. The site is easily accessible to the public from numerous different areas via a nearby surfaced road. The salt pans cover an approximate area of 7,370m². Most of the salt pans are covered with green algae, indicating that it is likely that they are no longer in use for salt production. The site is predominantly surrounded by a promenade and bungalow residence. No vegetation was present growing within the site and basin, however, a garrigue habitat is located nearby.

General information

Basic information

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| Wetland location: | Marine/Coastal |
| Wetland type: | Artificial |
| Natural / Artificial: | Saline |
| Area (Ha): | 0.70 |
| 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

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| Census district: | South Eastern |
| Island: | Malta |
| Local council: | Marsaskala |
| Coordinates (WGS84): | 14.572280 E - 35.863480 N |

Biological significance

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| Biological significance: | Low |
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Ramsar wetland types

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

Property status

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| Public |
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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 | High |
| 502 = roads motorways | High |
| 690 = Other leisure and tourism impacts | 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

References

Representative Image & Map



