



## 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 7,370m<sup>2</sup>. 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

<b>Wetland location:</b>	Marine/Coastal
<b>Wetland type:</b>	Artificial
<b>Natural / Artificial:</b>	Saline
<b>Area (Ha):</b>	0.70
<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>	South Eastern
<b>Island:</b>	Malta
<b>Local council:</b>	Marsaskala
<b>Coordinates (WGS84):</b>	14.572280 E - 35.863480 N

#### Biological significance

<b>Biological significance:</b>	Low
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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

### 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

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