



## MAL070 - Marsaskala

### Description

Marsaskala is a series of salt pans along the coast in southern Malta, within the locality of Marsaskala. The site is easily accessible from numerous different pathways from a nearby surfaced road. The salt pans cover an approximate area of 4,850m<sup>2</sup>. It is unclear whether the salt pans are still actively being used for salt harvesting, however, the presence of green algae is an indication that they are probably not still in use. No vegetation was present growing within and around the site.

### General information

#### Basic information

<b>Wetland location:</b>	Marine/Coastal
<b>Wetland type:</b>	Artificial
<b>Natural / Artificial:</b>	Saline
<b>Area (Ha):</b>	0.50
<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>	14.572140 E - 35.858930 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	Low
710 = Noise nuisance	Medium
920 = Drying out	High

### Activities on drainage basin

Activities	Intensity
401 = continuous urbanisation	High
502 = roads motorways	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

## Species

## References

## Representative Image & Map



