

MAL072 - Wied ta' Sant' Andrija

Description

Wied ta' Sant Andrija is an artificially constructed reservoir, intended for water storage and flood prevention, located in western Malta within Is-Siġġiewi. The reservoir is constructed out of cement and covers an approximate area of 1,200m2. The site is accessible to the public by a surfaced road. A culvert was present on an active surfaced road, channelling water to the reservoir indicating it is being used as a flood prevention measure. The site is surrounded by surfaced roads and residential dwellings, however, active agricultural land is present to the north. It is unclear if the reservoir is being used for irrigation as pipelines were not visible. Within the basin of the reservoir, a sizable population of rudimental species were present, whilst within the reservoir a minute population of Rumex conglomeratus was present. The site is not protected under any legislation

General information

Wetland location:	Inland
Wetland type:	Artificial
Natural / Artificial:	Reservoir
Area (Ha):	0.10
Hydrological interaction with other wetland:	No -
Water salinity:	Fresh (< 0.5 g/l)
Fresh water entry:	Catchment area (precipitation)
Surface water runoff:	There is no obvious water outflow
Open water area (%):	> 95
Hydroperiod:	Permanent

Census district:	Western
Island:	Malta
Local council:	Is-Siggiewi
Coordinates (WGS84):	14.434480 E - 35.847290 N

Biological significance

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Ramsar wetland types

Ramsar type Coverage (%) 6 -- Water storage areas; reservoirs/barrages/dams/impoundments (generally over 8 ha)

Property status

Public

Protection statuses & other designations

Ecosystem Services, Activities & Impacts

Ecosystem Services

Type of Ecosystem service	Ecosystem service	Scale of Benefit	Importance
Provisioning services	Food		
Provisioning services	Fresh water		

Activities on wetland

Activities	Intensity
020 = Resource conservation	High
130 = Irrigation	Medium
701 = water pollution	Medium

Activities on drainage basin

Activities	Intensity
100 = Cultivation	Medium
110 = Use of pesticides	Medium
120 = Fertilisation	Medium
130 = Irrigation	Medium
402 = discontinuous urbanisation	Medium
430 = Agricultural structures	Low
502 = roads motorways	High
701 = water pollution	Medium

Impacts

Impact type	Intensity
EE- = Increase of economic potential	
ES- = Increase in water supply	
PF- = Fertilizer/Excess nutrient pollution	
PP- = Pesticide pollution	

Habitats & Vegetation

Vegetation types

Vegetation type	Coverage (%)
Wet meadow	< 5

Species

Flora

Species	Dominance	Reference
Plantago major		

References

Representative Image & Map



