



# MAL074 - Tal-Isqof 1

## Description

Tal-Isqof is an artificial pond inside a quarry, located in south-western Malta within L-Imqabba. The quarry is still actively being used, and the pond within it is shallow and covers an area of approximately 1,050m<sup>2</sup>. The site is not accessible to the public as it is locked behind a gate and is located on privately-owned land. There is no clear indication as to what the pond is being used for, however, hunting hides within the area indicate it is potentially used for hunting activities. A small population of *Typha domingensis* is present. The site is not protected by any legislation.

## General information

### Basic information

<b>Wetland location:</b>	Inland
<b>Wetland type:</b>	Artificial
<b>Natural / Artificial:</b>	Excavations/gravel/brick/clay pit pool
<b>Area (Ha):</b>	0.10
<b>Hydrological interaction with other wetland:</b>	No -
<b>Water salinity:</b>	Fresh (< 0.5 g/l)
<b>Fresh water entry:</b>	Catchment area (precipitation)
<b>Surface water runoff:</b>	There is no obvious water outflow
<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>	L-Imqabba
<b>Coordinates (WGS84):</b>	14.473560 E - 35.848760 N

### Biological significance

<b>Biological significance:</b>	Low
---------------------------------	-----

### Ramsar wetland types

Ramsar type	Coverage (%)
7 -- Excavations; gravel/brick/clay pits; borrow pits, mining pools	

### Property status

Private
---------

## Protection statuses & other designations

## Ecosystem Services, Activities & Impacts

### Ecosystem Services

Type of Ecosystem service	Ecosystem service	Scale of Benefit	Importance
Provisioning services	Fresh water		
Regulatory services	Water regulation		

### Activities on wetland

Activities	Intensity
301 = quarries	High
920 = Drying out	Medium

### Activities on drainage basin

Activities	Intensity
301 = quarries	High
410 = Industrial or commercial areas	Medium
412 = industrial stockage	High
419 = other industrial / commercial areas	Medium
440 = Storage of materials	Medium
501 = paths tracks cycling tracks	Low
800 = Landfill land reclamation and drying out	Medium

### Impacts

Impact type	Intensity
ES- = Increase in water supply	

## Habitats & Vegetation

## Species

## References

## Representative Image & Map



