



## MAL083 - Xrobb I-Ghagin

### Description

Xrobb I-Għagin are a series of salt pans, located in southern Malta, within Xrobb I-Għagin peninsula in Marsaxlokk. The site is not accessible to the public as it is completely surrounded by a concrete wall and is located on privately-owned land. The salt pans cover an approximate area of 21,310m<sup>2</sup>. The salt pans are still in use for large-scale salt harvesting. The site is surrounded by unsurfaced roads and multiple abandoned buildings. No vegetation was present growing within and around the site. Due to the cliffs in the surrounding area, the salt pans are within an area classified as an Area of Ecological Importance under G.N. 400/96. The site lies within a No Trapping Zone under S.L. 504.1.

### General information

#### Basic information

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Wetland location:</b>                            | Marine/Coastal                 |
| <b>Wetland type:</b>                                | Artificial                     |
| <b>Natural / Artificial:</b>                        | Saline                         |
| <b>Area (Ha):</b>                                   | 2.10                           |
| <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>       | Marsaxlokk                |
| <b>Coordinates (WGS84):</b> | 14.571160 E - 35.840370 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

|         |
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| Private |
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## Protection statuses & other designations

### Protection status

| Protection status category | Protection status subcategory | Site name   | Code      | Coverage (%) | Legislation                                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------|--------------|--|
| National                   | Area of Ecological Importance | Irdumijiet Ta' Madwar il-Kosta mid-Dahla ta' San Tumas sas-Sarc | 14784     | 100          | Development Planning Act (Act VII of 2016) |
| National                   | Area of High Landscape Value  | Diversi Rdumijiet   | 555546316 | 100          | Development Planning Act (Act VII of 2016) |

### CDDA protection status

| CDDA code | Category                      |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| MT01      | Area of Ecological Importance |
| MT15      | Area of High Landscape Value  |

## 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       |
| 800 = Landfill land reclamation and drying out | High      |
| 920 = Drying out                               | High      |

### Activities on drainage basin

| Activities                        | Intensity |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 501 = paths tracks cycling tracks | 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

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### Representative Image & Map

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