



# MAL087 - Il-Kalanka L-Fonda & Il-Ponta tat-Tawwalija

## Description

Il-Kalanka L-Fonda & il-Ponta tat-Tawwalija are a series of salt pans, located in southern Malta, between St. Peter's Pool and Kalanka Bay within Marsaxlokk. The site is accessible to the public through multiple different unsurfaced roads. The salt pans cover an approximate area of 22,480m<sup>2</sup>. The salt pans were in derelict condition. Thus, it is likely they are not being used for salt production. The site is predominantly surrounded by natural habitats, with a handful of scattered residential buildings. *Chrithmum maritimum* and *Suaeda maritima* are present close to the salt pans. Due to the surrounding cliffs, the salt pans are classified as an Area of Ecological Importance under G.N. 400/ 96 and lie 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>	2.20
<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>	14.562980 E - 35.826420 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

### 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	Low

### 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

Flora

Species	Dominance	Reference
Crithmum maritimum		
Suaeda maritima		

References

Representative Image & Map





