



## MAL089 - Il-Ponta tal-Gidien & Il-Ponta ta' Delimara

### Description

Il-Ponta tal-Gidien & il-Ponta ta' Delimara are a series of salt pans, located in the outer periphery of Il-Kalanka tal-Gidien Bay within Marsaxlokk. The site is accessible to the public through an unsurfaced road. The salt pans cover an approximate area of 13,760m<sup>2</sup>. The salt pans are likely no longer being utilised for salt production due to the presence of green algae in most of the salt pans. The site is predominantly surrounded by coastal habitat and in close proximity to the Kalanka Lighthouse. Some species present close to the salt pans include *Crithmum maritimum* and *Suaeda maritima*. Due to the presence of Coastal cliffs the Salt pans are classified as an Area of Ecological Importance under G.N. 400/96 and Area of High Landscape Value under G.N. No. 903/15 - GF 124/08. The site is within a No Trapping Zone under S.L 504.71.

### General information

#### Basic information

<b>Wetland location:</b>	Marine/Coastal
<b>Wetland type:</b>	Artificial
<b>Natural / Artificial:</b>	Saline
<b>Area (Ha):</b>	1.40
<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>	14.561690 E - 35.821390 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

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 Rdimijiet	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

### Vegetation types

Vegetation type	Coverage (%)
Halophytic	< 5
Shrubby / Arborescent	< 5

## Species

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## References

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## Representative Image & Map

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