



MAL093 - Taht I-Irdum

Description

Taht I-Irdum are a series of salt pans, located in southern Malta, on the western peninsula of Il-Ponta ta' Delimara, within Marsaxlokk. The site is not accessible to the public as it can be reached via a flight of stairs through a gated passageway. The salt pans cover an approximate area of 6,080m². The salt pans are still being used for salt harvesting due to the presence of industrial equipment for the hoisting of harvested salt on the overlying cliff face. The harvested salt is stored in rooms adjacent to the hoisting equipment. The site is predominantly surrounded by natural habitat and a series of derelict structures. Kalanka Lighthouse is also located within a close proximity of the site. No vegetation was present growing within and around the site. The salt pans area 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 due to the presence of coastal cliffs. The site is within a No Trapping Zone under S.L 504.71.

General information

Basic information

Wetland location:	Marine/Coastal
Wetland type:	Artificial
Natural / Artificial:	Saline
Area (Ha):	0.60
Hydrological interaction with other wetland:	No -
Water salinity:	Salty (> 18.0 g/l)
Fresh water entry:	Catchment area (precipitation)
Surface water runoff:	Other
Open water area (%):	76 - 95
Hydroperiod:	Permanent

Geographic information

Census district:	South Eastern
Island:	Malta
Local council:	Marsaxlokk
Coordinates (WGS84):	14.559510 E - 35.819390 N

Biological significance

Biological significance:	Low
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Ramsar wetland types

Ramsar type	Coverage (%)
5 -- Salt exploitation sites; salt pans, salines, etc.	

Property status

Private

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	High

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

Representative Image & Map



