

MAL098 - Maghtab Siltation Ponds 2 & 3

Description

Similar to the adjacent siltation pond, this body of water was also created to capture water running-off the waste management site. This pond seemed slightly more naturalised than the first one including populations of Typha domingensis and some Tamarisk. Arundo donax (Giant Reed) is also present. The T. domigensis population covers about 75% of the site. This pond also dries out during the summer months.

General information

Basic information

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Wetland location:	Inland	
Wetland type:	Artificial	
Natural / Artificial:	Membrane covered reservoir	
Area (Ha):	0.40	
Hydrological interaction with other wetland:	No -	
Water salinity:	Fresh (< 0.5 g/l)	
Fresh water entry:	Catchment area (precipitation)	
Surface water runoff:	There is no obvious water outflow	
Open water area (%):	76 - 95	
Hydroperiod:	Seasonal	
Geographic information Census district:	Northern	
Island:	Malta	
Local council:	In-Naxxar	
Coordinates (WGS84):	14.445020 E - 35.948370 N	
Biological significance Biological significance:	Low	
biological orginication	LOW	
Ramsar wetland types Ramsar type	Coverage (%)	

8 -- Wastewater treatment areas; sewage farms, settling ponds, oxidation basins, etc.

Property status

Public

Protection statuses & other designations

Ecosystem Services, Activities & Impacts

Ecosystem Services			
Type of Ecosystem service	Ecosystem service	Scale of Benefit	Importance
Regulatory services	Flood hazard regulation		
Supporting services	Provision of habitat		
Activities on wetland			
Activities			Intensity
701 = water pollution			Medium
Activities on drainage	basin		
Activities			Intensity
220 = Leisure fishing			High
800 = Landfill land reclamation a	nd drying out		High

Habitats & Vegetation

Vegetation types

Vegetation type	Coverage (%)
Emergent	51 - 75
Shrubby / Arborescent	5 - 25

Species

Flora		
Species	Dominance	Reference
Arundo donax		
Tamarix sp.		
Typha domingensis		

References

Representative Image & Map

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