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ORDNI TA' KONSERVAZZJONI

CONSERVATION ORDER

Regolament 17 tar-Regolamenti dwar il-Protezzjoni tal-Fawna, il-Flora u l-Ambjenti Naturali, 2006 (L.S.549.44)

Regulation 17 of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (S.L.549.44)

Att dwar il-Protezzjoni tal-Ambjent, 2016

Environment Protection Act, 2016

L-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar l-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi hija tal-fehma li l-proprietà li ġejja, jiġifieri:

The Environment & Resources Authority is of the opinion that the following property, namely:

L-Ghadira s-Safra

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(kif indikat f'**Tabella 1**) hija ta' importanza Ekoloġika u Xjentifika tant li s-sit ġie identifikat bħala Zona Speċjali ta' Konservazzjoni (SAC) ta' Importanza Internazzjonali (MT0000008) fl-2007 (Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern 112/07) u huwa sit Natura 2000.

(as indicated on **Figure 1**) is of Ecological and Scientific importance such that the site has been designated a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) of International Importance (MT0000008) in 2007 (Government Notice 112/07) and included in the EU's Natura 2000 network.

L-Awtorità hija tal-opinjoni li s-sit ser jibbenefika minn aktar miżuri ta' konservazzjoni u, bis-saħħa tas-setgħa mogħtija lilha bir-Regolament 17 tar-Regolamenti tal-2006 dwar il-Protezzjoni tal-Fawna, il-Flora u l-Ambjenti Naturali (L.S.549.44) (Att dwar il-Protezzjoni tal-Ambjent, 2016), li permezz tiegħu tagħmel, fir-rigward ta' kwalunkwe sit fi hdan sit protett, Ordni ta' Konservazzjoni biex tikkontribwixxi għall-iżgurar tal-protezzjoni tal-biodiversità permezz tal-konservazzjoni ta' ambjenti naturali u ta' flora jew fawna selvaġġi u biex jinżammu jew jiġu restawrati ambjenti naturali u speċi ta' flora u fawna selvaġġi jew karatteristiċi ġeoloġiċi, ġeomorfoloġiċi jew fiżjografiċi, l-Awtorità b'dan qiegħda toħroġ Ordni ta' Konservazzjoni fir-rigward tas-sit msemmi hawn fuq.

The Authority is of the opinion that the site will benefit from further conservation measures and, by virtue of its powers under Regulation 17 of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (S.L.549.44) (Environment Protection Act, 2016), through which it may make, in respect of any site, within a protected site, a Conservation Order to contribute towards ensuring the protection of biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora or fauna and to maintain and restore natural habitats and species of wild flora and fauna or geological, geomorphological or physiographic features, the Authority is hereby issuing a Conservation Order in respect of the above site.

Importanza tas-Sit

Importance of the Site

Fl-Ghadira s-Safra jeżistu l-ambjenti naturali t'Anness I (Direttiva 92/43/KEE) li ġejjin:

L-Ghadira s-Safra supports the following Annex I Habitats (Directive 92/43/EEC):

- **1420 – Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic halophilous scrubs**
- **3170* – Mediterranean temporary pools**

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L-ispeċi fl-Anness II (Direttiva 92/43/KEE) li huma preżenti fis-sit:

The following Annex II species (Directive 92/43/EEC) are present at this site:

- *Riella helicophylla*

- *Riella helicophylla* (liverwort)

Speċi importanti oħra rrappurtati mis-sit jinkludu:

Other important species known from the site include:

Anness IV (Direttiva 92/43/KEE) u/jew speċi ta' annimali fir-"Red Data Book":

Annex IV (Directive 92/43/EEC) and/or Red Data Book animal species:

Triop scancriformis
Branchipus schaefferi
Branchipus visnyai
Tylos latreillei sardous

Triops cancriformis (Tadpole Shrimp)
Branchipus schaefferi (Fairy Shrimp)
Branchipus visnyai (Fairy Shrimp)
Tylos latreillei sardous (Woodlouse)

L-importanza tal-wirt tas-sit hija aktar emfasizzata bl-inkluzjoni tiegħu fil-lista tal-Proprietajiet Skedati skont it-Taqsim 81 tal-Att dwar l-Ambjent u l-Ippjanar tal-Iżvilupp 2010 bhala Żona ta' Importanza Ekoloġika (SSI) livell 1 u Sit ta' Importanza Xjentifika (SSI) livell 1 (NG 288 tal-1995). Il-baħar li jagħmel mal-Għadira s-Safra huwa wkoll protett bhala Żona Speċjali ta' Konservazzjoni fil-Baħar ta' Importanza Internazzjonali (MT0000105 – Il-Grigal ta' Malta) u Sit ta' Natura 2000.

Il-Konservazzjoni tal-Għadira s-Safra ser tintlaħaq prinċipalment bir-restrizzjoni għall-aċċess għall-għadajjar, bi tkabbir ta' żona biex tilqa l-impatti, bit-titjib tal-kuxjenza dwar l-importanza tas-sit, l-monitoraġġ tas-sit u infurzar effettiv tal-legislazzjoni.

Viżjoni għas-Sit

Il-viżjoni għall-Gżejjer ta' San Pawl (Selmunett) hija sommarju tar-riżultat mixtieq għas-sit wara perjodu ta' tmexxija ta' din iż-żona protetta. Il-viżjoni għas-sit hija:

L-Għadira s-Safra hija waħda mill-iżgħar "SACs" tal-Gżejjer Maltin u fiha jgħixu speċi uniċi u rari hafna ta' krustaċji tal-ilma helu u pjanti. Is-sit ser jespandi fid-daqs permezz ta' rilokazzjoni aktar il-ġewwa ta' Triq il-Kosta u r-riabilitazzjoni tal-karreġġata preżenti sabiex tiżdied iż-żona intiża biex tilqa l-impatti u tifred it-triq traffikuża immens u l-għadajjar temporanji Mediterranji importanti. L-għadajjar innfushom ser ikunu protetti minn interferenza umana bla bżonn, li ser tissalvagwardja ukoll lill-organiżmi mikroskopiċi tagħhom sabiex is-sit jiggwadanja fir-rappreżentattività u n-naturalizza. L-ambjenti naturali u l-popolazzjonijiet ta' flora u fauna tal-post, inkluż l-ambjenti naturali kostali sal-"waterline", huma sostnuti. Is-sit ser ikompli jirċievi protezzjoni legali sħiħa implimentata skont l-legislazzjoni nazzjonali u l-politiki lokali filwaqt li jservi bhala riżorsa edukattiva importanti sabiex tiżdied il-kuxjenza dwar l-ambjenti tal-ilma helu.

L-Objettivi ta' Tmexxija

L-objettivi ta' Tmexxija għas-sit huma:

1. Li jiġi żgurat li l-medda tal-ambjent naturali 1420 tiżdied u l-istruttura u l-funzjoni tiegħu jitjiebu.
2. Li jiġi żgurat li l-medda tal-ambjent naturali 3170* tinżamm u l-istruttura u l-funzjoni jitjiebu.
3. Li jiġi żgurat li l-firxa u d-daqs tal-popolazzjoni *Riella helicophylla* huma miżmuma u l-ambjent naturali tagħha mtejjeb.
4. Li jinżamm popolazzjonijiet f'saħħithom tal-fawna tar-"RDB" preżenti fis-sit.
5. Li jiżdied id-daqs tas-sit.
6. Li l-aċċess għall-pubbliku jkun limitat.

The site's heritage importance is further emphasised by its inclusion in the list of Scheduled Properties in terms of Section 81 of the Environment Protection, Act 2016 as a Level 1 Area of Ecological Importance (AEI) and a Level 1 Site of Scientific Importance (SSI) (GN 288 of 1995). The sea directly off L-Għadira s-Safra is also protected as a Marine Special Area of Conservation of International Importance (MT0000105 – Il-Grigal ta' Malta) and a Natura 2000 site.

Conservation of L-Għadira s-Safra will be mainly achieved through restricting access to the pools, increasing the buffer to the site, improving awareness of the site's importance, site monitoring and effective enforcement of legislation.

Vision for the Site

The vision for L-Għadira s-Safra summarises the desired outcome for the site after a period of management of this protected area. The vision for the site is:

L-Għadira s-Safra is one of the smallest SACs of the Maltese Islands and supports unique and very rare species of freshwater crustaceans and lower plants. The site will expand in size through the inland relocation of the Coast Road and the rehabilitation of the current carriageway to increase the buffer area between the highly trafficked road and the important Mediterranean temporary pools. The pools themselves will be protected from unnecessary human interference, which will also safeguard their microscopic organisms such that the site gains in representativity and naturalness. The natural habitats and the populations of native flora and fauna, including the coastal habitats up to the waterline, are sustained. The site continues to receive full legal protection implemented in accordance with national legislation and local policies while serving as an important educational resource to increase awareness on freshwater habitats.

Management Objectives

The Management Objectives for the site are:

1. To ensure that the area of habitat 1420 is increased and its structure and function are improved.
2. To ensure that the area of habitat 3170* is maintained and its structure and function are improved.
3. To ensure that the range and population size of *Riella helicophylla* are maintained and its habitat is improved.
4. To maintain healthy populations of the RDB fauna present at the site.
5. To increase the size of the site.
6. To limit public access to the site.

Filwaqt li l-Għadira s-Safra hija kkunsidrata li għandha valur konsiderevoli minn perspettiva ekoloġika u xjentifika, hija tbatu minn impatti mhux imtaffija minn skart, irfis, preżenza ta' speċi opportunisti li jimirġu f'ambjenti disturbati u speċi aljeni invażivi u d-distruzzjoni permanenti tas-saff tat-tafal fil-passat li rriżulta f'perjodu idroloġiku mnaqqas għall-għadajjar temporanji. It-theddid prinċipali għas-sit huma d-daqs żgħir tiegħu, u l-preżenza ta' triq arterjali u zona ta' waqfa li tmiss mal-konfini tan-naħa t'isfel tiegħu, flimkien mal-anonimità ġenerali tas-sit u n-nuqqas ta' apprezzament tal-importanza tal-ambjenti tal-ilma helu mill-biċċa l-kbira tal-popolazzjoni.

Għall-konservazzjoni tas-sit l-atteggjament il ġej ser jittiehed:

1. Iz-zona ser tkun konservata billi tiġi estiża ż-zona intiża biex tilqa l-impatti fil-konfini n-naħa t'isfel tagħha galadarba jsir l-allinjament mill-ġdid ta' Triq il-Kosta.
2. L-aċċess għas-sit ser ikun ristrett minħabba l-fragilità tas-sit.
3. Speċi opportunisti li jimirġu f'ambjenti disturbati u speċi aljeni invażivi eżistenti li jaffettwaw l-ambjenti naturali ser jitneħħew u s-sit ikun immonitorjat biex jiġi żgurat li ma jergħux jinbtu mill-ġdid.
4. Programmi ta' spezzjonijiet u monitoraġġ ser jiżguraw is-sopravivenza fit-tul ta' żmien tal-ispeċi li jeżistu fiż-zona.
5. It-tmexxija tal-Għadira s-Safra ser tibqa' r-responsabbiltà tal-Gvern ta' Malta permezz tal-ERA (minn issa 'il quddiem msejha 'il-Maniġer tas-Sit')

Il-kundizzjonijiet u d-dispożizzjonijiet li ġejjin marbuta, mal-obiettivi tat-tmexxija għandhom ikunu applikati fit-tmexxija/fil-konservazzjoni taż-zona:

A. Żamma tal-ambjenti naturali u l-ispeċi

1. Il-manġer tas-sit għandu jagħmel spezzjonijiet stagjonali sabiex jimmonitorja l-firxa u jivvaluta d-daqs tal-popolazzjoni tal-irjella *Riella helicophylla* fl-ambjent naturali 1420.
2. Il-manġer tas-sit għandu jwettaq sħarriġ annwali tal-ambjent naturali 1420 sabiex jirrekordja l-firxa, l-istruttura u l-funzjoni ta' dan l-ambjent naturali, il-preżenza ta' speċi opportunisti li jimirġu f'ambjenti disturbati u speċi oħra mhux xierqa, u l-inħawi tiegħu matul il-kosta.
3. Fl-ewwel sena wara l-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, il-manġer tas-sit jintervjeni biex ineħħi speċi aljeni invażivi u speċi opportunisti li jimirġu f'ambjenti disturbati mill-ambjent naturali 1420. Wara l-ewwel intervent, il-manġer tas-sit għandu jispezzjona regolarment is-sit għal kwalunkwe interventi oħra li jista' jkun hemm bżonn biex jitneħħew kwalunkwe nebbieta godda ta' tali speċi.

Whereas l-Għadira s-Safra is considered to be of considerable value from a scientific and ecological perspective it suffers from unmitigated impacts from littering, trampling, presence of ruderals and invasive alien species, and the permanent destruction of the clay layer in the past that has resulted in a much reduced mean hydroperiod for the temporary pools. The main threats to the site are its small size, and the presence of an arterial road and stopping area abutting its southern border, coupled with the site's general anonymity and the lack of appreciation of the importance of such freshwater habitats in the population at large.

The following approach to the site's conservation will be taken:

1. The area is to be conserved by extending the buffer on its southern border once the Coast Road re-alignment is carried out.
2. Access to the site is to be restricted in view of the site's fragility.
3. Existing ruderals and invasive alien species affecting the habitats will be removed and the site monitored to ensure against their re-emergence.
4. Inspections and monitoring programmes will ensure the long-term survival of the species inhabiting the area.
5. The management of l-Għadira s-Safra will remain the responsibility of the Government of Malta through the ERA (hereinafter referred to as the "site manager").

The following conditions and provisions linked to the Management Objectives are to be applied when managing/conserving the area:

A. Maintaining habitats and species

1. The site manager shall undertake seasonal inspections to monitor the range and assess the population size of the liverwort *Riella helicophylla* in habitat 1420.
2. The site manager shall carry out annual surveys of habitat 1420 to record the extent, structure and function of this habitat, the presence of ruderals and other inappropriate species, and its interface with the coastal fringe.
3. Within the first year following the issue of this Order, the site manager shall intervene to remove alien invasive species and ruderal species from habitat 1420. Following the initial intervention, the site manager shall regularly inspect the site for any additional interventions that may be necessary to remove any new sproutings of such species.

4. Kull sena wara l-ewwel ħalbiet tax-xita meta l-għadajjar ikunu mimlijin ilma, il-maniġer tas-sit għandu jispezzjona l-ambjent naturali 3170* biex jirrekordja il-preżenza tal-gamblu tal-elmu u tal-gamblu tal-għadajjar.
 5. Fuq bażi annwali u mill-inqas għal tliet snin, il-maniġer tas-sit għandu (wara l-ewwel ħalbiet tax-xita), jiġbor informazzjoni dwar il-firxa tal-għadajjar fl-ambjent naturali 3170*, il-fond tal-ilma, il-kwalità u l-permanenza tagħhom. Din l-informazzjoni għanda tingabar matul l-istaġun tax-xita sakemm jinxfu l-għadajjar.
 6. Fi tliet snin mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, il-maniġer tas-sit għandu jikkumissjona studju biex jiddetermina l-fattibbiltà biex jerġa' jkun stabbilit mill-ġdid is-saff tat-tafal fl-ambjent naturali 3170* u, jekk dan ikun meqjus bħala fattibbli, jivvaluta l-impatti ta' tali interventi fuq l-ambjent naturali u l-ispeċi tiegħu. L-ebda interventi m'għandhom isiru sakemm valutazzjoni dettaljata tkun disponibbli u approvata mill-maniġer tas-sit.
 7. Sa l-ewwel staġun xott wara l-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, il-maniġer tas-sit għandu jwettaq tindif tal-“SAC” biex jitneħħew materjali aljeni u bċejjeċ li jzommu fil-wiċċ tal-ilma (“flotsam”) u depożitati tul il-kosta. Il-maniġer tas-sit għandu jispezzjona regolarment l-“SAC” biex jiddetermina l-bżonn ta' aktar tindif (speċjalment ta' bċejjeċ li jzommu fil-wiċċ tal-ilma (“flotsam”) matul is-snin sussegwenti.
 8. Fi tliet snin mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, il-maniġer tas-sit għandu jfassal Pjanijiet ta' Azzjoni għal speċi fl-Anness IV u fir-“RDB” irrappurtati minn din l-“SAC” għal miżuri ta' tmexxija fil-futur li jikkonċernaw dawn l-ispeċi.
 9. F'sitt xhur mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, il-maniġer tas-sit għandu jinvolvi ruħu f'diskussjonijiet ma' Transport Malta bil-viżjoni li jinkorpora il-medda ta' Triq il-Kosta li ma għadiex tintuża li tmiss mal-konfini tannaħa t'isfel tal-“SAC” (li mhux ser tkun iktar parti mill-karreġġjata wara x-xogħlijiet ta' ammeljorament tar-Rotta 1 TEN-T) bħala parti mill-“SAC” sabiex tipprovdi zona adegwata biex tilqa l-impatti għall-għadajjar fragli (ara Tabella 2). L-ERA ser ukoll tikkunsidra li testendi l-konfini tal-“SAC” biex tinkorpora iż-zona ntiża biex tilqa l-impatti.
 10. F'sentejn mill-inkorporazzjoni tal-medda ta' triq li ma għadiex tintuża (skont ir-regolament A(9) hawn fuq - ara **Tabella 2**), il-maniġer tas-sit għandu jfassal pjan ta' riabilitazzjoni biex ikopri t-tneħħija tal-uċuħ iebsa u l-estensjoni tal-ambjent naturali 1420 fiż-zona l-ġdida.
 11. F'sentejn mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, l-ERA għandha tikkunsidra li testendi il-konfini ta' din l-“SAC” biex tinkorpora l-Blata tal-Għallis minhabba l-importanza tagħha għall-avifawna (ara **Tabella 3**).
4. On an annual basis after the first rains when the pools are full of water, the site manager shall inspect habitat 3170* to record the presence or otherwise of the tadpole shrimp and fairy shrimps.
 5. On an annual basis and for at least three years, the site manager shall (after the first rains), collect information on the extent of the pools in habitat 3170*, the depth of the water, its quality and permanence. This information shall be collected throughout the wet season until the pools dry up.
 6. Within three years from the issue of this Order, the site manager will commission a study to determine the feasibility of re-establishing the clay layer in habitat 3170* and, if this is deemed to be feasible, assess the impacts of such interventions on the habitat and its species. No interventions shall be undertaken until a detailed assessment is available and approved by the site manager.
 7. By the first dry season following the issue of this Order, the site manager shall undertake a clean-up of the SAC to remove alien materials and non-biological flotsam deposited on the coastal fringe. The site manager shall regular inspect the SAC to determine the need for additional clean-ups (especially of flotsam) throughout the subsequent years.
 8. Within three years from the issue of this Order, the site manager shall elaborate Action Plans for the Annex IV and RDB species known from this SAC for future management measures concerning these species.
 9. Within six months from the issue of this Order, the site manager shall engage in discussions with Transport Malta with a view to incorporating the redundant stretch of Coast Road abutting the southern border of the SAC (which will no longer be a carriageway following the upgrading works on the TEN-T Route 1) as part of the SAC in order to provide an adequate buffer area to the fragile pools (see **Figure 2**). The ERA will likewise consider extending the SAC boundary to incorporate this buffer.
 10. Within two years of the incorporation of the redundant stretch of road (as per regulation A(9) above – see **Figure 2**), the site manager shall devise a rehabilitation plan to cover the removal of the hard surfaces and the extension of habitat 1420 into the new area.
 11. Within two years of the issue of this Order, the ERA shall consider extending the boundary of this SAC to also incorporate Għallis Rocks in view of their importance for avifauna (see **Figure 3**).

B. Trawwim tal-kuxjenza dwar l-importanza tas-sit u l-ambjenti naturali tal-ilma ħelu

1. Il-manigier tas-sit għandu, f'sena mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, jfassal kampanja pubbliċitarja li tiffoka fuq l-importanza tal-ambjenti tal-ilma ħelu b'mod iġenerali u partikolarment l-Għadira s-Safra u tinkludi wkoll raġunijiet għalxiex l-aċċess għal din l-"SAC" għandu jkun limitat.
2. F'ħames snin mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, il-manigier tas-sit għandu jkun iproduċa fuljetti ta' informazzjoni u materjal edukattiv ieħor bil-mira li jilħaq tfal tal-iskola u partijiet ikkonċernati lokali bl-għan li tiżdied il-kuxjenza dwar l-ambjenti tal-ilma ħelu. Dan għandu jsir skont l-istrategija tal-interpretazzjoni għal Natura 2000 li ser issir man-Nazzjon kollu.
3. Il-manigier tas-sit għandu jinvolve ruħu f'diskussjonijiet ma' Transport Malta biex jiżgura li l-ebda aċċess ma jingħata bl-ammeljorament ġdid ta' Triq il-Kosta għas-sit biex jitnaqqas l-irfis ġewwa l-"SAC".
4. Fi tliet snin mill-inkluzjoni tal-medda tat-triq mhux użata bħala parti minn din l-"SAC" (skont ir-regolament A(9) hawn fuq - ara **Tabella 2**), il-manigier tas-sit għandu jikkunsidra l-possibiltajiet li jinkludi post għall-osservazzjoni tal-għasafar biex anke jippromwovi l-"SAC" u l-Blata tal-Għallis fil-qrib għall-interess ornitoloġiku tagħhom sakemm dawn l-interventi ma jaffetwax ħażin l-ambjenti fragli tal-"SAC".
5. F'sena mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, il-manigier tas-sit għandu jinstalla barrieri ta' ħbula baxxi biex jiddemarka l-firxa tal-ambjent naturali 1420 (ara **tabella 4**). Il-barriera trid tinkludi sinjalar li jwissi l-viżitaturi biex ma jirfsux lil 'l hinn mill-barriera tal-ħabel.
6. F'sentejn mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni, il-manigier tas-sit għandu jinstalla tabelli informattivi fil-konfini tas-sit biex jipprovdi informazzjoni dwar l-importanza tal-"SAC" u jemfasizza l-azzjonijiet li l-pubbliku għandu jevita fiż-żona biex jissalvagwardja l-ambjent fragli. Dan għandu jsir skont l-istrategija tal-interpretazzjoni għal Natura 2000 li ser issir man-Nazzjon kollu.

C. Regolazzjoni tal-Attivitajiet

1. Minħabba n-natura fragli tal-ambjenti naturali fl-Għadira s-Safra, l-aċċess għaż-żoni okkupati minn ambjenti naturali 1420 u 3170* (u ddemarkati skont ir-regolament B(5) hawn fuq – ara **Tabella 4**), għandu jkun ristrett esklussivament għal interventi essenzjali ta' tmexxija u għal riċerka xjentifika awtorizzata hekk kif provdut f'din l-Ordni. Aċċess għaż-żona ntiża biex tilqa' l-impatti u tul il-kosta għandu jibqa' liberu u m'għandux ikun mxekkel sakemm rekweżiti addizzjonali ta' konservazzjoni ma jiġux identifikati fil-futur.

B. Raising awareness on the importance of the site and freshwater habitats

1. The site manager shall, within one year from the issue of this Order, devise a publicity campaign focusing on the importance of freshwater habitats in general and L-Għadira s-Safra in particular and including reasons why access to this SAC should be limited.
2. Within five years from the issue of this Order, the site manager shall have produced information leaflets and other educational material to target school children and local stakeholders with the aim of increasing awareness on freshwater habitats. This shall be done in accordance with the interpretation strategy for Natura 2000 that will be carried out nationwide.
3. The site manager shall engage in discussions with Transport Malta to ensure that no accesses are provided from the new upgraded coast road to the site to minimise trampling within the SAC.
4. Within three years from the inclusion of the redundant road stretch as part of this SAC (as per regulation A(9) above – see **Figure 2**), the site manager shall consider possibilities of including a bird observation post to also promote the SAC and the adjacent Għallis Rocks for their ornithological interest as long as such interventions do not negatively affect the fragile habitats of the SAC.
5. Within one year from the issue of this Order, the site manager shall install low rope barriers to demarcate the extent of habitat 1420 (see **Figure 4**). The barrier is to include signage warning visitors not to trample beyond the rope barrier.
6. Within two years from the issue of this order, the site manager shall install information boards at the boundary of the site to provide information on the importance of the SAC and highlighting actions that the public should avoid doing in the area in order to safeguard the fragile environment. This shall be done in accordance with the interpretation strategy for Natura 2000 that will be carried out nationwide.

C. Regulation of activities

1. In view of the fragile nature of the habitats at L-Għadira s-Safra, access to the areas occupied by habitats 1420 and 3170* (and demarcated as per regulation B(5) above –see **Figure 4**), shall be restricted solely to essential management interventions and for authorised scientific research as provided for in this Order. Access to the buffer area and the coastal fringe shall remain free and unhindered unless additional conservation requirements are identified in future.

2. Sakemm mhux previst f'din l-Ordni, ebda żvilupp fiżiku jew installazzjoni ta' tagħmir huma x'inhuma m'huma permessi imkien fl-"SAC" jew maġenb l-Blata tal-Għallis. B'mod partikolari, l-ebda tħaffir ta' trinek, tqegħid ta' "cables" jew xogħol simili infrastrutturali ma huwa permess imkien fl-SAC.
 3. Il-kaċċa u l-insib tal-għasafar m'hux permess imkien ġewwa l-"SAC" u kwalunkwe dura preżenti għandha tiżżarma fi żmien sitt xhur mill-ħruġ ta' din l-Ordni.
 4. Ebda piknik, barbikju jew attività rikreazzjonali oħra ma jithallew isiru fiż-żona demarkata bil-barrieri tal-habel skont ir-regolament B(5) hawn fuq (ara **Tabella 4**).
 5. Ebda attivitajiet kummerċjali jew attivitajiet organizzati oħra ma jithallew isiru imkien fis-sit jew zona ntiza biex tilqa' l-impatti.
 6. Għawm, sajd, "wind surfing" jew attivitajiet oħra ibbażati fl-ilma, 'l barra mill-"SAC" jithallew sakemm l-aċċess għall-baħar ma jseħx miż-żona demarkata bil-barrieri ta' ħbula baxxi (ara regolament B(5) hawn fuq – ara **Tabella 4**) u l-attività ma jkollix impatt fuq l-ambjenti naturali fragli ġewwa l-"SAC".
 7. Mixi, passiġġati u attivitajiet simili jithallew matul il-kosta iżda mhux minn ġoż-żona demarkata bil-barrieri tal-ħbula (ara regolament B(5) hawn fuq - ara **Tabella 4**). Is-sidien ta' klieb jew ta' "pets" oħra għandhom iħallu lill-"pets" tagħhom biċ-ċinga meta jkunu fl-"SAC" u għandhom jiżguraw li ma jidhlux fiż-żona demarkata.
 8. Aċċess għall-vetturi bil-mutur, roti jew oħrajn simili huwa strettament proibit kullimkien ġewwa l-"SAC".
 9. Tfiieġ jew rimi ta' skart ta' kwalunkwe materjal ġewwa l-"SAC" huwa strettament ipprobit.
 10. Il-manijer tas-sit għandu jispezzjona is-sit fuq bazi regolari u mill-inqas kull staġun u wara maltempati kbar.
 11. Ebda persuna m'għandha ttwettaq kwalunkwe riċerka xjentifika *in situ* fl-Għadira s-Safra jew fuq il-fawna u l-flora tagħha sakemm mhux f'pussess ta' permess mill-ERA.
 12. Applikazzjonijiet għall-permess għal kwalunkwe attività jew operazzjoni regolata b'dawn ir-regolamenti għandhom jaslu għand l-ERA mill-inqas 30 gurnata tax-xogħol qabel l-attività jew l-operazzjoni inkwistjoni.
2. Except as provided for in this Order, no physical development or installation of equipment whatsoever shall be allowed anywhere within the SAC or on the adjacent Għallis Rocks. In particular, no trenching, cabling or similar infrastructural works shall be allowed anywhere within the SAC.
 3. Hunting or trapping of birds is not allowed anywhere within the SAC and any hunting hides present shall be dismantled within six months of the issue of this Order.
 4. No picnics, barbecues, or other recreational activities are allowed within the area demarcated by the rope barriers as per regulation B(5) above (see **Figure 4**).
 5. No commercial or other organised activities are allowed to take place anywhere within the site or its buffer zone.
 6. Swimming, fishing, wind surfing or other water-based activities off the SAC are allowed as long as access to the sea does not take place through the area demarcated by the low rope barriers (see regulation B(5) above –see **Figure 4**) and the activity does not impact the fragile habitats within this SAC.
 7. Walking, trekking and similar pursuits are allowed along the coastal fringe but not through the area demarcated by rope barriers (see regulation B(5) above –see **Figure 4**). Dog and other pet owners shall keep their pets on a leash when within the SAC and shall ensure that they do not enter the demarcated area.
 8. Access by motorised vehicles, bicycles or similar is strictly prohibited anywhere within the SAC.
 9. Littering, dumping or discarding of any material anywhere within the SAC is strictly prohibited.
 10. The site manager shall inspect the site on a regular basis and at least seasonally and after heavy storms.
 11. No person shall undertake any *in situ* scientific research at L-Għadira s-Safra or on its fauna and flora unless in possession of a permit from the ERA.
 12. Permit applications for any activities or operations regulated by these regulations are to be received by the ERA at least 30 working days prior to the activity or operation in question.

Jekk il-propjetà soġġetta ta' din l-Ordni ta' Konservazzjoni b'xi mod tiġrilha ħsara jew tkun mibdula f'kontravvenzjoni ma' din l-Ordni jew l-istat tagħha bħala sit ta' Żona Speċjali ta' Konservazzjoni/sit Natura 2000 huwa bi kwalunkwe mod ipperikolat jew irrevokat, jew jekk kwalunkwe persuna ttwettaq attivitajiet jew azzjonijiet bi ksar tad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' din l-Ordni tal-Konservazzjoni, l-Awtorità għandha teżerċita l-poteri ta' infurzar tagħha kif stabbilit fir-Regolament 49 tal-Avviz Legali tal-2006, kif ikun applikabbli.

If the property subject of this Conservation Order is in any way damaged or altered in contravention of this Order or its status as a Special Area of Conservation / Natura 2000 site is in any way jeopardised or rescinded, or if any person undertakes activities or actions in breach of the provisions of this Conservation Order, the Authority shall exercise its powers of enforcement as set out in Article 49 of the Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (S.L.549.44), as may be applicable.

Tabella 1: L-“SAC” tal-Għadira s-Safra

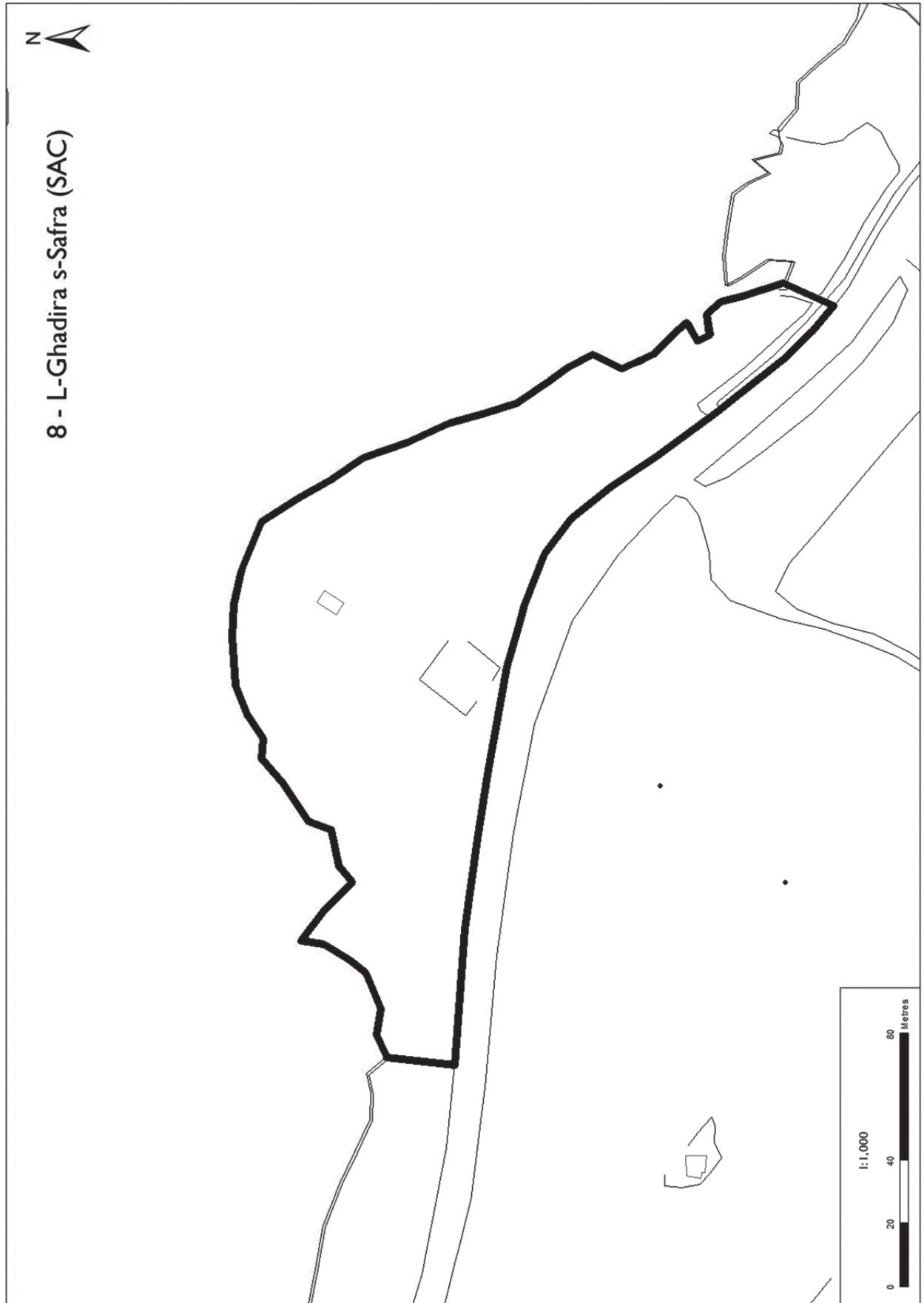


Figure 1: L-Ghadira s-Safra SAC

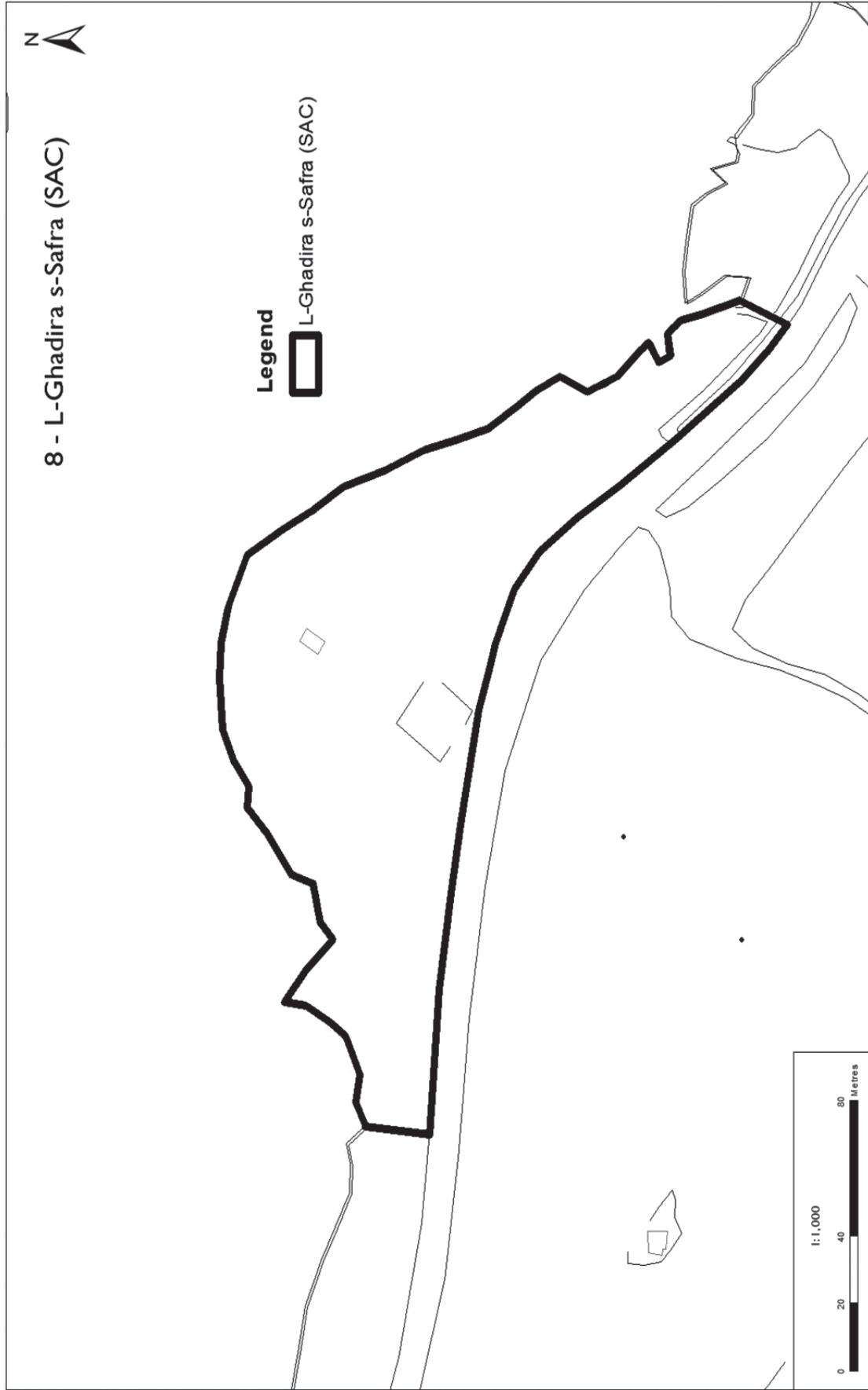


Tabella 2: Medda żejda ta' triq li tigi inkluża fl-“SAC”

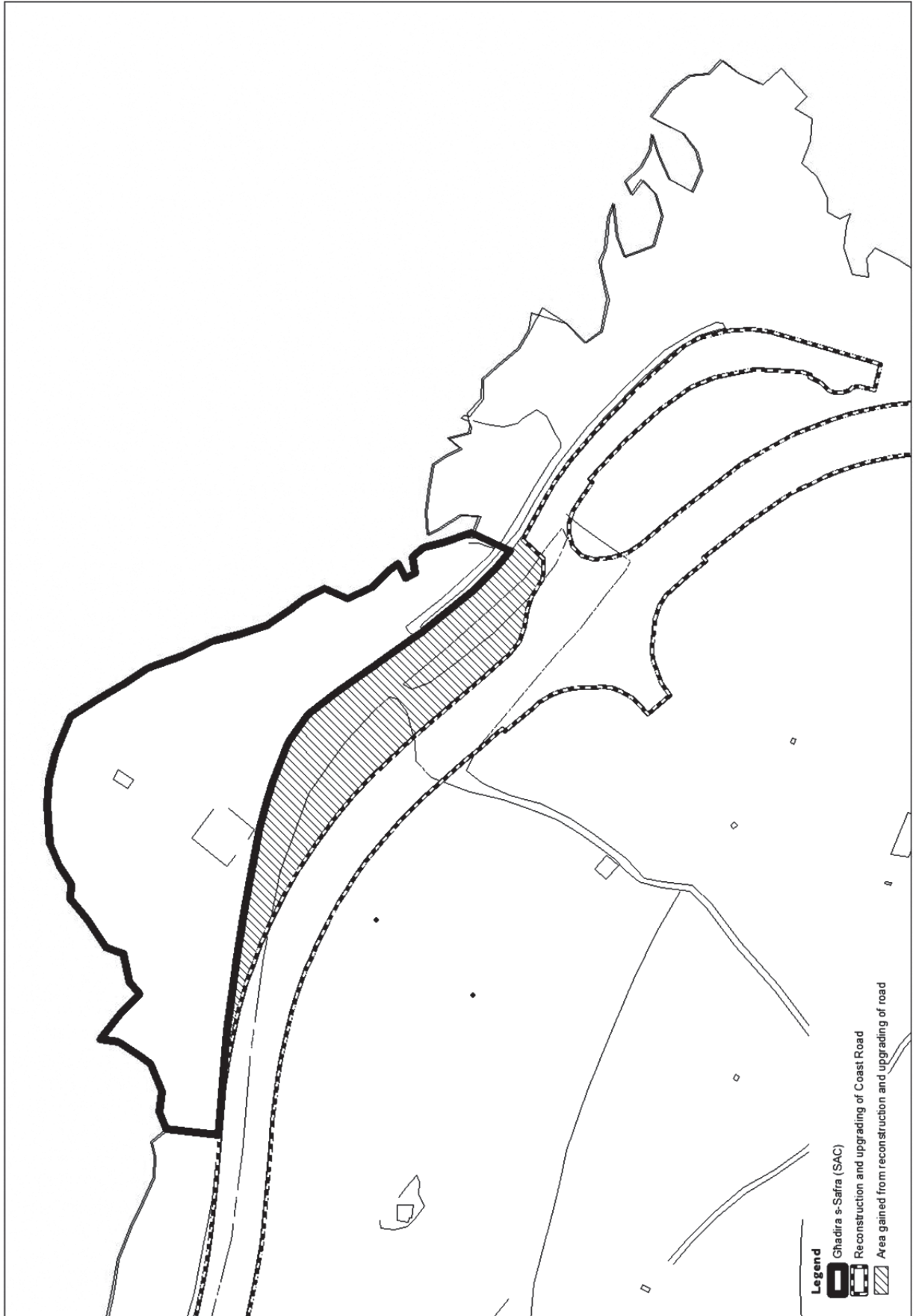


Figure 2: Stretch of redundant road to be included in SAC

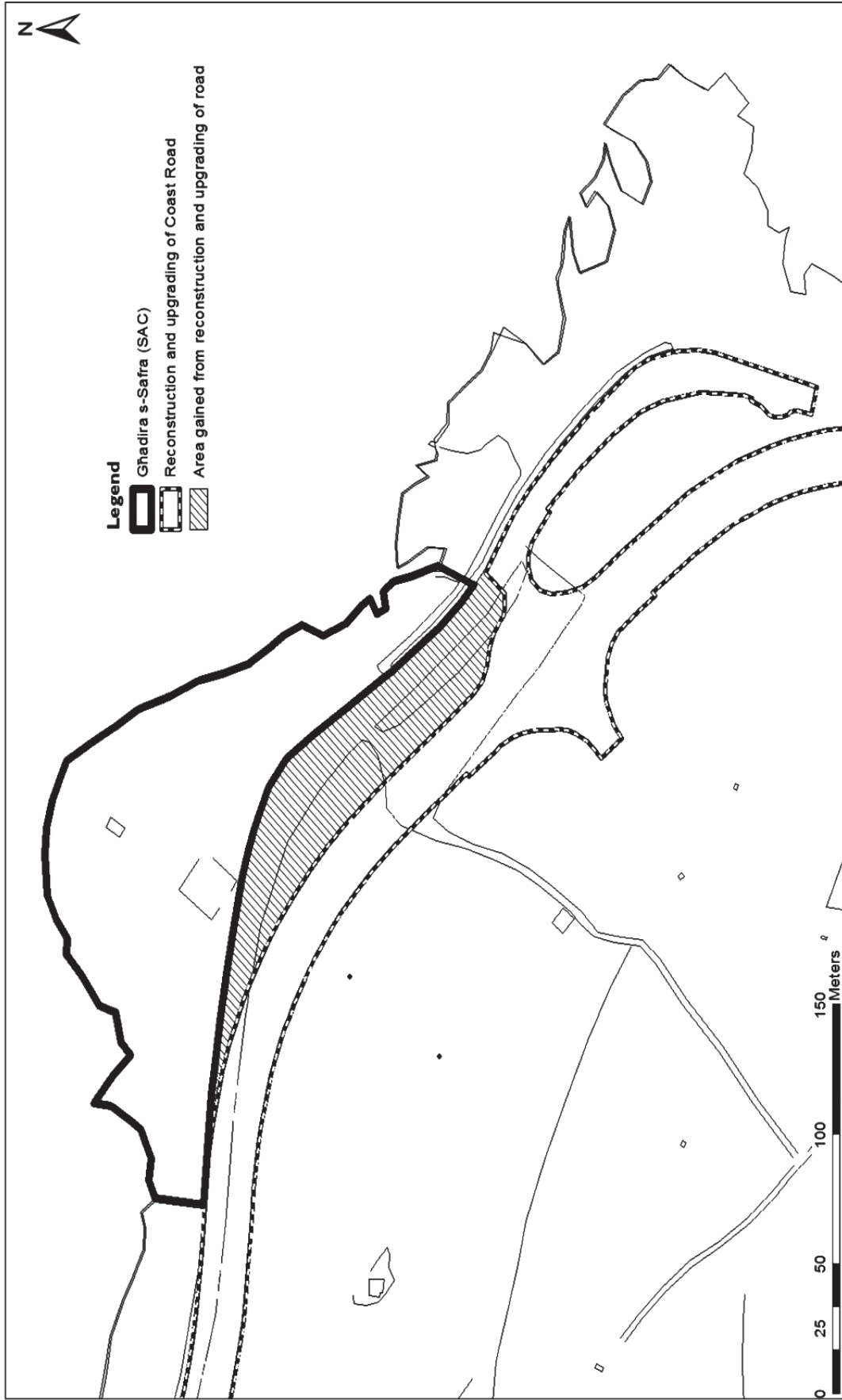


Tabella 3: Il-Blata tal-Għallis



Figure 3: Ghallis Rocks

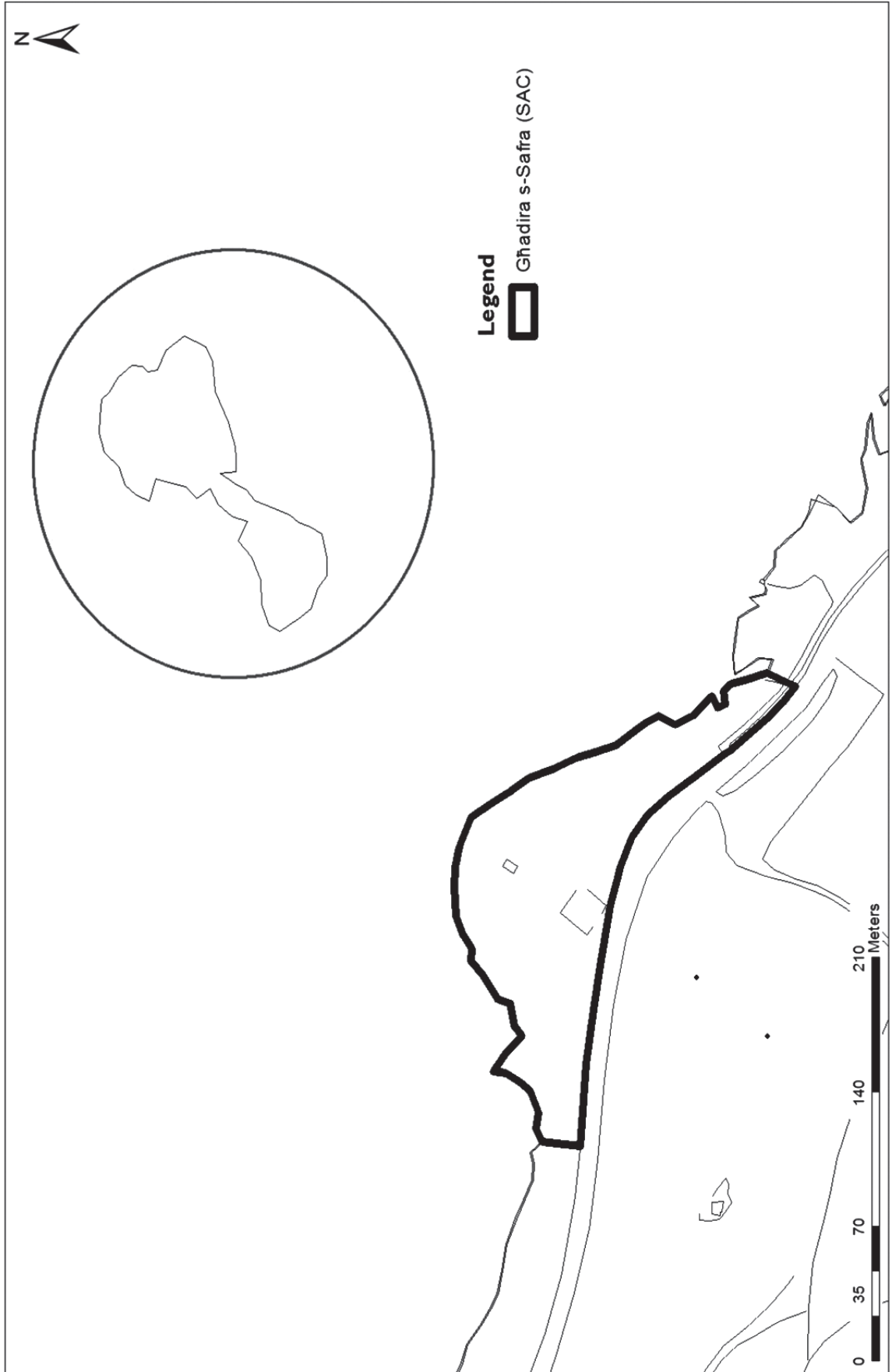


Tabella 4: Żona li tigi demarkata bil-ħbula baxxi



Figure 4: Area to be demarcated by low rope barriers

