

TREES AND WOODLAND PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018
THE MAIN PROTECTED SPECIES

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	MALTESE NAME	ENGLISH NAME
1.	<i>Anagyris foetida</i> §	Il-Fula tal-Klieb §	Bean Trefoil Tree; Mediterranean Stinkwood §
2.	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	L-Imbragla	Strawberry Tree; Cane Apple; Western Arbutus
3.	<i>Celtis australis</i> §	Il-Buglar; iċ-Ċeltis §	Southern Nettle Tree §
4.	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Il-Ħarruba	Carob
5.	<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Is-Siġra ta' Ġuda; il-Ħarrub ta' Ġuda; l-Għarusa tal-Makkja	Judas Tree; Mediterranean Redbud
6.	<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Il-Ġummar	Dwarf Fan Palm
7.	<i>Crataegus azarolus</i>	L-Għanżalor	Azarole; Crete Hawthorn
8.	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Iż-Żagħrun	Whithorn; Common Hawthorn
9.	<i>Crataegus x ruscinonensis</i>	L-Għanżalor Selvaġġ	Hybrid Hawthorn
10.	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Iċ-Ċipressa	Italian Cypress
11.	<i>Cydonia oblonga</i>	L-Isfargel; Il-Kwins	Quince
12.	<i>Ephedra fragilis</i> §	L-Efedra §	Shrubby Horsetail; Joint Pine §
13.	<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> §	Il-Fraxnu; is-Siġar tal-Paċenzja §	Narrow-Leaved Ash §
14.	<i>Juniperus macrocarpa</i> [= <i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>macrocarpa</i>]	Il-Ġnibru x-Xewwieki	Large Fruited Juniper
15.	<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Il-Ġnibru x-Xewwieki	Prickly Juniper; Cade Juniper; Prickly Cedar; Sharp Cedar
16.	<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Il-Ġnibru tal-Punent; Il-Ġnibru tal-Feniċi	Phoenician Juniper
17.	<i>Juniperus turbinata</i>	Il-Ġnibru; Il-Ġniepru; L-Għargħar	Phoenician Juniper
18.	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Ir-Randa; il-Lawru	Bay Laurel; Sweet Bay
19.	<i>Lycium barbarum</i> §	L-Għawseġ tax-Xarq; Il-Goxi s-Selvaġġ §	Red Medlar; Himalayan Goji; Barbary Matrimony Vine; Ghost Thorn §
20.	<i>Lycium chinense</i> s.l. §	L-Għawseġ tal-Ikel; Il-Goxi §	Chinese Boxthorn; Chinese Wolfberry; Chinese Goji §
21.	<i>Lycium europaeum</i> §	L-Għawseġ §	European Tea-Tree; European Boxthorn §
22.	<i>Lycium intricatum</i> §	L-Għawseġ Selvaġġ §	Mediterranean Tea-Tree; Southern Boxthorn §
23.	<i>Lycium schweinfurthii</i> §	L-Għawseġ Selvaġġ §	Southern Tea-Tree; Southern Boxthorn §
24.	<i>Malus pumila</i> s.l.* [= <i>Malus domestica</i> s.l.; <i>Pyrus malus</i> s.l.]	Is-Siġar tat-Tuffieħ; Il-Pumicella; It-Tuffieħa tal-Billudja*	Apple Tree*
25.	<i>Malus sylvestris</i> *	It-Tuffieħ Selvaġġ*	European Crab Apple; Wild Apple*
26.	<i>Mespilus germanica</i> §	Fomm il-Lipp; Omm il-Epp; In-Naspli t-Tedeski §	Medlar; Mediterranean Medlar §
27.	<i>Morus alba</i> *	Is-Siġar taċ-Ċawwli*	White Mulberry*
28.	<i>Morus nigra</i> *	Is-Siġar tat-Tut*	Black Mulberry*
29.	<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Ir-Riħan	Myrtle

30.	<i>Nerium oleander</i> ^x	Id-Difla; Siġret il-Ġarab; Siġret il-Bass; Is-Siġar tal-Wirdien; l-Oleandru ^x	Oleander ^x
31.	<i>Olea europaea</i> s.l.*	Iż-Żebbuġa; Iż-Żejtuna*	Olive*
32.	<i>Olea oleaster</i> s.l., including <i>Olea europaea</i> var. <i>sylvestris</i>	Iż-Żebbuġ Selvaġġ	Wild Olive; Oleaster
33.	<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i> [§]	Ix-Xewk tal-Kuruna; Ix-Xewk ta' Kristu [§]	Christ's Thorn Tree [§]
34.	<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i> [§]	L-Olivastru; il-Fillirja [§]	Mock Privet; Jasmine Box [§]
35.	<i>Phillyrea media</i> [§]	L-Olivastru; il-Fillirja [§]	Mock Privet; Jasmine Box [§]
36.	<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Il-Palm tat-Tamar; In-Naħla; Is-Siġar tat-Tamar	Date Palm
37.	<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Iż-Żnuber il-Ħamra; Iż-Żnuber tal-Lvant	Brutia Pine; Calabrian Pine; Turkish Pine
38.	<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	Iż-Żnuber il-Kbira; Iż-Żnuber tal-Kanarji	Canary Island Pine
39.	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Iż-Żnuber; Is-Siġar tal-Prinjol; Is-Siġar tal-Arżnu; l-Arżnu s-Selvaġġ	Aleppo Pine; Jerusalem Pine
40.	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Iż-Żnuber tal-Muntanji	Black Pine; Austrian Pine
41.	<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	Iż-Żnuber tal-Baħar; Iż-Żnuber tax-Xatt; Il-Prinjol tal-Ġewnaħ	Maritime Pine; Cluster Pine
42.	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Iż-Żnuber tal-Ikel; Iż-Żnuber tal-Umbrella; Is-Siġra tal-Prinjol	Stone Pine; Umbrella Pine; Parasol Pine
43.	<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Id-Deru; Id-Deluwa	Lentisk; Mastic Tree
44.	<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i> [§]	Il-Botna; L-Iskornabekk; Is-Siġar tat-Turpentina; It-Trementina; Is-Siġar tal-Fosdoq; it-Terebintu [§]	Terebinth; Turpentine Tree [§]
45.	<i>Pistacia x saportae</i> [§]	Id-Deru l-Baġħal [§]	Hybrid Mastic Tree [§]
46.	<i>Populus alba</i>	Il-Luqa; Is-Siġar taċ-Ċopp; Is-Siġra tal-Luq	White Poplar
47.	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> * [= <i>Armeniaca vulgaris</i> ; <i>Amygdalus armeniaca</i>]	Is-Siġra tal-Berquq; Il-Lixandrina*	Apricot; Armenian Plum*
48.	<i>Prunus avium</i> * [= <i>Cerasus avium</i> ; <i>Prunus cerasus</i> var. <i>avium</i>]	Iċ-Ċirasa; l-Amarena*	Wild Cherry; Sweet Cherry; Gean*
49.	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> s.l.*, including <i>Prunus myrobalana</i> *	Iċ-Ċuplamm; l-Għanbaqar il-Kbir*	Cherry Plum; Myrobalan Plum*
50.	<i>Prunus cerasus</i> * [= <i>Cerasus vulgaris</i>]	Iċ-Ċirasa s-Selvaġġa*	Dwarf Cherry; Sour Cherry; Tart Cherry*
51.	<i>Prunus domestica</i> s.l.*, including <i>Prunus institia</i> * [= <i>Druparia prunus</i> ; <i>Druparia institia</i> ; <i>Prunus communis</i> s.l.]	Il-Prajn; l-Għanbaqar; Il-Prajjen; Il-Pruna; Is-Sużina *	Plum Tree; Prune Tree; Bullace; Damascene; Damson; Greengage*
52.	<i>Prunus dulcis</i> s.l.* [= <i>Amygdalus communis</i>]	Is-Siġra tal-Lewż*	Common Almond Tree*
53.	<i>Prunus mahaleb</i> [= <i>Cerasus mahaleb</i> ; <i>Druparia mahaleb</i>] [§]	Iċ-Ċirasa Baġħlija; Iċ-Ċirasa s-Selvaġġa [§]	Mahaleb Cherry; St Lucie Cherry [§]
54.	<i>Prunus persica</i> s.l.* [= <i>Persica vulgaris</i> s.l.; <i>Amygdalus persica</i> s.l.]	Il-Ħawħa*	Peach Tree*

55.	<i>Prunus persica</i> var. <i>nucipersica</i> * [= <i>Persica nucipersica</i>]	In-Nuċiprisk; I-Anċiprisk; Iċ-Ċiprisk*	Nectarine Tree*
56.	<i>Prunus spinosa</i> §	Il-Prajn tax-Xewk §	Sloe; Blackthorn §
57.	<i>Prunus x dasycarpa</i> §	Iż-Żabrikott §	Black Apricot §
58.	<i>Punica granatum</i> *	Is-Siġar tar-Rummien; Is-Siġar tal-Bullar*	Pomegranate*
59.	<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i> §	Il-Lanġas Selvaġġ §	Almond-Leaved Pear §
60.	<i>Pyrus communis</i> s.l.* [= <i>Pyrus domestica</i>]	Il-Lanġasa; Il-Bergamotta; Il-Butira; Il-Maskarella; Il-Bambinella; I-Anġilka; I-Ottobrina*	European Pear Tree*
61.	<i>Pyrus pyraster</i> §	Il-Lanġas Baġħal; il-Lanġas Selvaġġ §	Wild Pear §
62.	<i>Pyrus syriaca</i> §	Il-Lanġas Selvaġġ §	Syrian Pear §
63.	<i>Quercus calliprinos</i>	Il-Balluta x-Xewwikija tal-Lvant	Palestine Oak; Eastern Kermes Oak
64.	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Il-Balluta x-Xewwikija	Kermes Oak
65.	<i>Quercus ilex</i> §	Il-Balluta; Is-Siġar tal-Ġandar §	Holm Oak; Evergreen Oak; Holly Oak §
66.	<i>Quercus suber</i>	Is-Siġar tas-Sufra; Il-Balluta tas-Sufra	Cork Oak
67.	<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	L-Alaternu	Mediterranean Buckthorn
68.	<i>Rhamnus oleoides</i> §	Iż-Żiju §	Lesser Buckthorn; Olive-Leaved Buckthorn §
69.	<i>Rhus coriaria</i> §	Ix-Xumakk tal-Konz §	Common Sumach §
70.	<i>Salix alba</i> s.l. §	Iż-Żafżafa; Iż-Żafżafa I-Kbira; Iż-Żafżafa I-Bajda §	White Willow §
71.	<i>Salix pedicellata</i> §	Iż-Żafżafa iż-Żgħira §	Mediterranean Willow §
72.	<i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	In-Nittiena; Is-Sebuqa s-Selvaġġa	Dwarf Elder
73.	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Is-Sambuka; Is-Sebuqa; Is-Sebuqa I-Kbira	Common Elder
74.	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> §	Iż-Żorba s-Selvaġġa §	Rowan; Mountain Ash §
75.	<i>Sorbus domestica</i> §	Iż-Żorba §	Service Tree §
76.	<i>Spartium junceum</i> §	Il-Ġenista s-Safra §	Spanish Broom §
77.	<i>Tamarix africana</i>	Il-Bruka; Il-Bruka I-Maltija; It-Tarfa	African Tamarisk; African Salt Cedar
78.	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	Il-Bruka tal-Lvant	Athel Tamarisk; Athel Tree; Athel Pine; Athel Salt Cedar
79.	<i>Tamarix gallica</i>	Il-Bruka I-Frañċiża; Il-Bruka r-Roża; Il-Farka	French Tamarisk; Common Tamarisk
80.	<i>Tamarix hispida</i>	Il-Bruka tal-Kaxgar; Il-Bruka tal-Asja	Kashgar Tamarisk
81.	<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>	Il-Bruka r-Roża; Il-Farka	Small-Flowered Tamarisk
82.	<i>Tetraclinis articulata</i> §	L-Għargħar §	Arar tree; Sandarac Gum Tree; Mediterranean Alerce; Barbary Arbor-Vitae; Barbary Thuya §
83.	<i>Ulmus americana</i> §	L-Ulmu tal-Amerka §	American Elm §
84.	<i>Ulmus canescens</i> § [= <i>Ulmus minor</i> subsp. <i>canescens</i>]	In-Nemmiesa; Is-Siġar tan-Nemus; I-Ulmu; I-Ulmu ta' Malta §	Hoary Elm; Grey Elm; Grey-Leaved Elm §
85.	<i>Ulmus glabra</i> §	L-Ulmu §	Wych Elm; Scotch Elm; Scot's Elm §

86.	<i>Ulmus laevis</i> §	L-Ulmu §	European White Elm; Fluttering Elm; Spreading Elm; Stately Elm; Russian Elm §
87.	<i>Ulmus minor</i> s.str. §	L-Ulmu l-Komuni §	Narrow-Leaved Elm; Field Elm; Smooth-Leaved Elm; East Anglian Elm §
88.	<i>Ulmus procera</i> §	L-Ulmu tal-Ingliži §	Atinian Elm; Common Elm; English Elm; Silver Elm §
89.	<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	Il-Meruna; Il-Viburnu	Laurustinus; Laurestine; Laurestine Viburnum
90.	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> §	L-Għadiba; Il-Virga; Il-Bżar tal-Patrijiet; L-Għadbiera; Is-Siġar tal-Virgi §	Chaste Tree; Virgin Bush §
91.	<i>Ziziphus jujuba</i> [= <i>Paliurus mairei</i> , <i>Rhamnus jujuba</i> , <i>Ziziphus sativa</i> , <i>Ziziphus vulgaris</i> , <i>Ziziphus zizyphus</i>]	Iż-Żinzel; Is-Siġra taż-Żinzel	Jujube; Red Date; Indian Date; Eastern Jujube;

Note: The species marked with the section mark (§) are strictly protected in all locations in Malta; the species marked with an x symbol (*) are not protected if horticulturally grown, whilst the species marked with an asterisk (*) are not protected if planted for agricultural purposes for fruit or oil production in a field registered for agricultural use with the Agriculture Directorate and used by a registered farmer. All the other species are protected within protected areas (including any area which is legally protected, scheduled or legally designated for conservation in view of its ecological, scientific or landscape-related value, in terms of the Environment Protection Act – Cap. 549 or the Development Planning Act – Cap. 552), in areas outside the development zone (ODZ), in green areas, and natural or rural/green enclaves in urban areas (development zone), or in urban public open spaces.

TREES AND WOODLAND PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018 SPECIES ONLY PROTECTED IN URBAN PUBLIC PLACES

The following trees are protected in urban public open spaces.

	ISEM XJENTIFIKU	ISEM BIL-MALTI	ISEM BL-INGLIŻ
1.	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> [= <i>Eucalyptus rostrata</i>]	L-Ewkaliptus; Is-Siġra tal-Gamiem	Red Gum; Red River Gum
2.	<i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i>	L-Ewkaliptus; Is-Siġra tal-Gamiem	Tuart
3.	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i> s.l., including <i>Ficus retusa</i> and <i>Ficus nitida</i>	Is-Siġra tal-Fikus	Indian Ficus Tree; Indian Fig; Malayan Banyan; Indian Laurel; Curtain Fig

It is noted that the eucalyptus trees mentioned above are however declared to be detrimental to the natural environment, and no person shall propagate, sow, plant, import, export, transport,

sell, exchange or donate of such species, and their planting or trade is subject to a permitting regime.

TREES AND WOODLAND PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018 ADDITIONAL PROTECTION

- All trees that are visible on the 1967 aerial photos or are more than fifty (50) years of age, are protected if located within protected areas, ODZ, within an Urban Conservation Area (UCA) or in an urban public open space.

 - Trees, woodlands and sites of historic or antiquarian importance as listed in the List of Historical Trees Having an Antiquarian Importance Order are protected.

 - All trees, woodlands and sites or their biological diversity protected as either (i) Tree Protection Areas, as directed by the relevant Government notice issued under such regulations; or (ii) any other declared protected area, including any area which is legally protected, scheduled or legally designated for conservation in view of its ecological, scientific or landscape-related value, in terms of the Environment Protection Act (Cap. 549) or the Development Planning Act (Cap. 552);

 - Trees, woodlands and sites protected by a Tree Preservation Order or by an approved Management Plan for a protected area, as directed by such Order or Plan.
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TREES AND WOODLAND PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018 TREE PROTECTION AREAS (TPAs)

The Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) to set up an inventory of Tree Protection Areas (TPAs), which aims at protecting the trees and woodlands of the Maltese Islands, particularly native species and communities.

In accordance with the said regulation, there are a number of criteria which make sites eligible for designation. Such criteria, as specified in the law, are included below:

- a) characteristic Maltese woodland communities;
- b) trees or woodland communities which are rare, threatened, endangered or that have a reduced or restricted distribution in Malta;
- c) trees and woodland habitats critical to the survival, reproduction and recovery of endangered, threatened, vulnerable, endemic or otherwise important flora and fauna;
- d) trees or woodland communities of scientific, ecological, aesthetic, historical, cultural, arboricultural, silvicultural, agricultural, educational or landscape interest;

- e) prominent landmark trees;
- f) historical trees listed in the List of Historical Trees having an Antiquarian Importance Order; or
- g) ex-situ live collections of rare, threatened or endangered specimens;
- h) any other specimen which merits protection.

Upon identification of a site as a Tree Protection Area, the ERA is to publish the details of the site with boundaries clearly delineated on a map, in the Government Gazette and on the Authority's website. Such designated areas shall be protected in terms of the Environment Protection Act (Cap. 549) and shall be subject to any provisions the Authority deems fit.

ERA, as part of its commitment to set up inventories of important trees and woodlands in Malta, has already designated 30 TPAs in 2011 through [Government Notice \(G.N.\) 473 of 2011](#) and an additional 30 TPAs through [G.N. 316 of 2017](#), and is currently working on the third set of the inventory updates. The total number of TPAs over the Maltese Islands to date are 60, of which 48 are in Malta, 10 in Gozo and 2 in Comino.

Some of the areas protect individual trees and groups of trees of value, such as the old olive trees at Iż-Żebbug tal-Bidnija and in Ħal Lija, as well as other areas to ensure the protection of rare and threatened trees which have a restricted native distribution in Malta. Examples of the latter include the Dwarf Fan Palm at Tal-Merħla and the Mock Privet at Ta' Xuxa. Species which are not native, but have other relevant important considerations are also included, such as the Indian Ficus Tree, which is a landmark in the area known as 'It-Tliet Sigriet' in Tas-Sliema. Trees within a TPA are also protected from activities and operations that may have an adverse impact on them, such as development.

A list of existing TPAs is found at the following website: <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/Tree-Protection-Areas.aspx>.

TREES AND WOODLAND PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018 THE ALIEN SPECIES

The following species are declared to be detrimental to the natural environment, and no person shall propagate, sow, plant, import, export, transport, sell, exchange or donate of such species, and their planting or trade is subject to a permitting regime.

Notwithstanding this, trees belonging to the species marked with a cross sign (†) are protected in urban public open spaces.

	ISEM XJENTIFIKU	ISEM BIL-MALTI	ISEM BL-INGLIŻ
1.	<i>Acacia cyclops</i>	L-Akaċja tal-Għajn; l-Akaċja ż-Żgħira	Coastal Wattle

2.	<i>Acacia saligna</i> [= <i>Acacia cyanophylla</i>]	L-Akaċċja; l-Akaċċja l-Komuni	Blue-Leaved Wattle; Blue-Leaved Acacia; Weeping Wattle
3.	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> [= <i>Ailanthus glandulosa</i>]	lx-Xumakk; lx-Xumakk Falz	Tree-of-Heaven; False Sumach; Japanese Varnish Tree
4.	<i>Casuarina</i> spp.	Il-Każwarina; Iż-Żnuber il-Griza	Australian Pine Tree; She-oak
5.	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> † [= <i>Eucalyptus rostrata</i>]	L-Ewkaliptus; Is-Siġra tal-Gamieġ†	Red Gum; Red River Gum†
6.	<i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i> †	L-Ewkaliptus; Is-Siġra tal-Gamieġ†	Tuart†
7.	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> [= <i>Acacia leucocephala</i> ; <i>Albizia</i> <i>lebbek</i> auct. fl. Melit.]	L-Albizzja; Il-Gażżija l-Bajda	Lead Tree; White Popinac; Cow Tamarind
8.	<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	It-Tabakk tas-Swar; Is-Siġra tat-Tabakk; It-Tabakk l-Isfar	Tree Tobacco; Mustard Tree
9.	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Il-Pittosporum	Shrubby Putterlick; Japanese Mock Orange
10.	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Ir-Riġnu; Il-Ħarwija; Is-Siġra tar-Riċinu	Castor Oil Tree
11.	<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	Is-Siġra tal-Bżar; l-Iskinus; Il-Bżar Falz	Brazilian Pepper
12.	<i>Vachellia karroo</i> [= <i>Acacia karroo</i> ; = <i>Acacia</i> <i>horrida</i> auct. fl. Melit.]	Il-Gażżija tax-Xewk; lx-Xewk ta' Kristu; l-Akaċċja tax-Xewk	Karoo Thorn; Sweet Thorn