



Trees and Woodlands Protection Regulations, 2018

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Summary of Penalties



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PENALTIES FOR STRICTLY PROTECTED TREES (SCHEDULE IA)

Strictly protected trees were subdivided in accordance with their threat status and abundance, with the rarest having the higher penalties. These are included in a table (as per next set of slides)

these penalties apply to wild specimens and not horticulturally grown trees;

For horticulturally-grown trees listed the penalties per tree are as follows:

- (a) Total destruction: €2,500-€20,000
- (b) other offences not involving the total destruction of a tree €1,250-€7,000

SCIENTIFIC NAME	MALTESE NAME	ENGLISH NAME	APPLICABLE PENALTY (€)			
			Total destruction of tree		Other offence not being total destruction	
			Min	Max	Min	Max
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Il-Fula tal-Klieb	Bean Trefoil Tree; Mediterranean Stinkwood	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Il-Buglar; iċ-Ċeltis	Southern Nettle Tree	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000
<i>Ephedra fragilis</i>	L-Efedra	Shrubby Horsetail; Joint Pine	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i>	Il-Fraxxnu; is-Siġar tal-Paċenzja	Narrow-Leaved Ash	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Lycium</i> spp., including: <i>Lycium barbarum</i> <i>Lycium europaeum</i> <i>Lycium intricatum</i> <i>Lycium schweinfurthii</i>	L-Għawseġ	Mediterranean Tea-Tree; Tea-Tree; Boxthorn; Southern Boxthorn	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Mespilus germanica</i>	Fomm il-Lipp; Omm il-Epp; In-Naspli t-Tedeski	Medlar; Mediterranean Medlar	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	Ix-Xewk tal-Kuruna; Ix-Xewk ta' Kristu	Christ's Thorn Tree	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000

<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	L-Olivastru; il-Fillirja	Mock Privet; Jasmine Box	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Phillyrea media</i>	L-Olivastru; il-Fillirja	Mock Privet; Jasmine Box	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Pistacia x saportae</i>	Id-Deru l-Bagħal	Hybrid Mastic Tree	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Il-Botna; L-Iskornabekk; Is-Siġar tat-Turpentina; It-Trementina; Is-Siġar tal-Fosdoq; it-Terebintu	Terebinth; Turpentine Tree	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000
<i>Prunus mahaleb</i>	Iċ-Ċirasa Baġħlija; Ic-Ċirasa s-Selvaġġa	Mahaleb Cherry	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Il-Prajn tax-Xewk	Sloe; Blackthorn	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Prunus x dasycarpa</i>	Iż-Żabrikott	Black Apricot	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i>	Il-Lanġas Selvaġġ	Almond-Leaved Pear	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Pyrus pyraeaster</i>	Il-Lanġas Baġħal; il-Lanġas Selvaġġ	Wild Pear	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Pyrus syriaca</i>	Il-Lanġas Selvaġġ	Syrian Pear	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Il-Balluta; Is-Siġar tal-Ġandar	Holm Oak; Evergreen Oak	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000
<i>Rhamnus oleoides</i>	Iż-Żijju	Lesser Buckthorn; Olive-Leaved Buckthorn	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000
<i>Rhus coriaria</i>	Ix-Xumakk tal-Konz	Common Sumach	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Salix alba s.l.</i>	Iż-Żafzafa; Iż-Żafzafa I-Kbira; Iż-Żafzafa I-Bajda	White Willow	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000

<i>Salix pedicellata</i>	lż-Żafzafa ż-Żghira	Mediterranean Willow	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	lż-Żorba s-Selvaġġa	Rowan; Mountain Ash	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Sorbus domestica</i>	lż-Żorba	Service Tree	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Il-Ġenista s-Safra	Spanish Broom	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Tetraclinis articulata</i>	L-Għargħar	Arar tree; Sandarac Gum Tree; Mediterranean Alerce; Barbary Arbor-Vitae	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000
<i>Ulmus canescens</i> [= <i>Ulmus minor</i> <i>subsp. canescens</i>]	In-Nemmiesa; Is-Siġar tan-Nemus; l-Ulmu; l-Ulmu ta' Malta	Hoary Elm; Grey-Leaved Elm	25,000	85,000	7,000	35,000
<i>Ulmus</i> spp., including: <i>Ulmus americana</i> <i>Ulmus laevis</i> <i>Ulmus minor</i> s.str. <i>Ulmus glabra</i> <i>Ulmus procera</i>	L-Ulmu	Elm Trees	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	L-Ghadiba; Il-Virgi; Il-Bżar tal-Patrijiet; L-Ghadbiera; Is-Siġar tal-Virgi	Chaste Tree; Virgin Bush.	10,000	50,000	5,000	30,000

PENALTIES FOR TREE PROTECTION AREAS (TPAs) & TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOs)

- (a) Total destruction: €5,000-€25,000
- (b) other offences not involving the total destruction of a tree €2,000-€15,000

PENALTIES FOR PROTECTION AREAS OTHER THAN TPAs & TPOs

- (a) Total destruction: €4,000-€25,000
- (b) other offences not involving the total destruction of a tree €1,250-€10,000

PENALTIES FOR TREES 50+ YEARS OLD OR LISTED IN TABLE 2/SCHEDULE IA BUT IN ODZ

- (a) Total destruction: €1,500-€25,000
- (b) other offences not involving the total destruction of a tree €500-€2,500

PENALTIES FOR TREES 50+ YEARS OLD OR LISTED IN TABLE 2/SCHEDULE IA BUT IN GREEN ENCLAVES

- (a) Total destruction: €1,250-€20,000
- (b) other offences not involving the total destruction of a tree €400-€2,000

PENALTIES ON INVASIVE ALIEN TREES & TRADE IN SPECIES

First Conviction: €250-€2,500

SECOND CONVICTION ON ALL ABOVE:

Increase by 25% of the penalty sums above, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both

PENALTIES ON NOT INVOLVING LICENSED TREE SPECIALISTS

Additional Fine, First Conviction: €100 per specimen

Second Conviction: €600 per specimen