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**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT
(CAP. 549)**

Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection (Amendment) Regulations, 2019

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred by articles 54 and 55 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change, after consultation with the Environment and Resources Authority has made the following regulations:

Title.
S.L.549.44.

1. The title of these regulations is the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 and they shall be read and construed as one with the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Amends regulation 1 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 1 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) for the marginal note thereof the words “Citation and entry into force” shall be replaced with the words “Citation”;
 - (b) sub-regulations (2) and (3) thereof shall be deleted;
 - (c) sub-regulation (1) thereof shall be renumbered as Regulation 1.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

3. In sub-regulation 3(b) of regulation 2 of the principal regulations, for the words “79/409/EEC of 2 April 1979” there shall be substituted the words “2009/147/EC of 30 November 2009”.

Amends regulation 3 of the principal regulations.

4. In Regulation 3 of the principal regulations immediately after the definition of “sustainable use” there shall be added the following new definition:

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“Tribunal” means the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal as established in Article 3 of the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal Act; ”

Amends regulation 9 of the principal regulations.

5. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

- (a) sub-regulation (2) shall be amended as follows:
 - (i) paragraphs (c) and (d) thereof shall be re-numbered as paragraphs (d) and (e) respectively;
 - (ii) immediately after paragraph (b) thereof there shall be added the following new paragraph:
“(c) for the maintenance or restoration, at a favourable conservation status of species in Schedule III;”
- (b) immediately after sub-regulation (3) there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:
“(4) Without prejudice to sub-regulations (1) and (2), the competent authority may also propose sites of national importance in view of the ecological, geological and natural features of the site in line with the provisions of the Act.”

Amends regulation 11 of the principal regulations.

6. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 11 of the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following:

“(1) Upon the identification by the competent authority of:

- (a) a site as a new SAC or SPA; or
- (b) an extension of an existing SAC or SPA

in accordance with the provision of regulation 9 and 10 as applicable, the details of such site or sites shall be publish in the Gazette.

Provided that the details of a site which was already been identified in the Gazette through this regulation shall not require republication.”

Amends regulation 12 of the principal regulations.

7. Regulation 12 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) Sub-regulation (1) thereof, shall be substituted by the following:

- “(1) The competent authority shall also notify any one of the owners of:
- (a) any site which has been designated as a new SAC or SPA; or
 - (b) any extension of an existing SAC or SPA

of its inclusion in the list, and shall also affix such a copy of the notice on site. If none of such owners is known, or if it is not reasonably possible to effect service on such owners, the said notice shall only be affixed on site and no service on such owners as aforesaid need be made.

Provided that for extensions of existing SACs or SPAs the notification process shall be limited to those sites within the extension area.”

- (b) Sub-regulations (2), (3) and (4) shall be renumbered as sub-regulations (3), (4) and (5) respectively;
- (c) Immediately after sub-regulation (1) there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

“(2) The requirement to notify owners of a site as provided under sub-regulation (1) shall not apply for sites for which such a notification process had already been carried out.”;
- (d) in the English text of sub-regulation (4) as re-numbered, for the words “of more than one property” there shall be substituted the words “or more than one property”; and
- (e) in sub-regulation (5) as re-numbered the words “This panel shall be affixed on the site by the 30th November, 2015.” shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 14 of the principal regulations.

- 8. Sub-regulation (9) of regulation 14 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) the marginal note thereof shall be deleted; and
 - (b) sub-regulation (9) shall be substituted with the following:

“(9) The competent authority may develop policies in respect of the conservation of the natural beauty and amenity of the land which land which are of major importance for wild fauna and flora, with a view to improving the ecological coherence of the National Ecological Network, the Natura 2000 Network and the Pan-European Ecological Network.”

Amends regulation 15 of the principal regulations.

- 9. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 15 of the principal regulations shall be substituted with the following: “For the purposes of the management of protected sites, the competent authority may enter into a management agreement with every owner, lessee or occupier of land forming part of such areas for the management, conservation, restoration or protection of the site, or any part of it.”

Introduces a new regulation 15A.

- 10. Immediately after regulation 15 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new regulation 15A:

Additional Powers

“15A. Without prejudice to any other regulation, the competent authority shall:

- a) ensure a streamline approach to management agreements, management plans and conservation orders;
- b) regulate the implementation of management agreements, management plans and conservation orders in line with the priorities of the concerned site, as established by the competent authority; and
- c) regularly review the implementation of management agreements, management plans and conservation orders, audit their progress, and adapt and renew them, as necessary.”

Amends Regulation 17 of the principal regulations.

11. Regulation 17 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulations (3), (4) and (5) thereof shall be renumbered as sub-regulations (5), (6) and (7);

(b) sub-regulation (2) shall be substituted with the following:

“(2) The competent authority shall publish such details of such a conservation order in the Gazette and on the competent authority’s website. The competent authority shall also notify any one of the owners of any site subject of a conservation order, and shall also affix such a notice on site. If none of such owners is known, or if it is not reasonably possible to effect service on such owners, the said notice shall only be affixed on site and no service on such owners as aforesaid need be made. Notice of such conservation order shall be registered in an index held for that purpose. The said index shall be held in an electronic form in such a way that researches to determine whether a site is subject to an order may be carried out.

(c) Immediately after sub-regulation (2), there shall be added the following new sub-regulations:

“(3) The competent authority shall provide the details of the relevant protected sites under these regulations to the Lands Authority.

(4) Upon request, the competent authority shall issue a certificate which indicates the status of a particular site on the payment of such fee as may be prescribed.”

(d) in sub-regulation (6) thereof, the words “In respect of any site within a special conservation area,” shall be substituted by the words “In respect of any site within a special area of conservation or a special protection area”.

(e) in the English text of sub-regulation (7) for the words “of more than one property” there shall be substituted the words “or more than one property.”

Introduces a new regulation 17A.

12. Immediately after regulation 17 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new regulation 17A:

“Protection Notice.

17A. (1) The competent authority may issue a protection notice in the Gazette to notify the public about the protection of a site for the conservation or protection of the environment through the protection of particular habitats, species or categories thereof, as well as other natural features within the site concerned.

(2) The protection notice shall be published in the Gazette and on the competent authority’s website and shall be valid for a definite or indefinite period, as stipulated in the protection notice itself.

(3) The protection notice may contain any condition or provision, as the competent authority may deem necessary, to ensure the conservation of the habitat, species, category or feature for which the notice was issued or to ensure that no further deterioration of such habitats, species or features occurs. Such conditions may include the control and eradication of invasive species, prohibitions on the carrying out of any activity and, or works in the concerned site.

(4) Any land owner who feels aggrieved by the issuance of a protection notice by the Authority, may appeal to the Tribunal for a revocation or modification of the concerned protection notice in accordance to the provisions of the Act.”

Amends Regulation 18 of the principal regulations.

13. Regulation 18 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulation (1) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

S.L. 549.42.

“Without prejudice to the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, no person shall carry out in any site within a SAC or SPA, any operation or activity, unless the operation or activity is carried out, or caused or permitted to be carried out, by the owner or occupier of the site and one of them has given the competent authority written notice of a proposal to carry out the operation or activity, specifying its nature and the site on which it is proposed to carry it out and such proposal has been approved by the competent authority.”

(b) in sub-regulation (3) thereof the words “SAC” shall be substituted by the words “SAC or SPA”.

Amends Regulation 24 of the principal regulations.

14. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 24 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following:

“(1) No person shall deliberately pick, collect, cut, uproot, destroy or damage in any way any specimen of species of flora listed in Schedules V(b) and VI(b), or in any way create adverse conditions which could affect such specimens. ”

Amends Regulation 25 of the principal regulations.

15. Paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 25 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new paragraph:

“(a) no person shall pursue, take or attempt to take, deliberately capture, kill or attempt to kill, deliberately destroy, keep, transport, by any method sell, buy, exchange, offer for sale or for exchange, import or export any specimens of species listed in the Schedules V(a) and VI(a), except for those taken legally before their inclusion in the Schedules, and unless he is in possession of a prior official permit from the competent authority.”

Amends Regulation 26 of the principal regulations

16. In sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 26 of the principal regulations thereof, in the Maltese version only, the words “fl-Iskeda Xi” shall be substituted by the words “fl-Iskeda X”.

Introduces a new Regulation 26A.

17. Immediately after regulation 26 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new regulation 26A:

Species Protection Notice.

“26A. (1) When the competent authority is of the opinion that a species has an unfavourable conservation status or has a conservation status trend which is in decline, the competent authority may issue a species protection notice and may take further steps for the protection of such species as it deems necessary. The notice shall be valid for a definite or indefinite period, as stipulated in the species protection notice itself.

(2) Species protection notice made under this regulation may contain such conditions or other provisions as the competent authority may deem necessary or expedient for the protection of the species, which may include prohibitions on the carrying out activities and, or works which may potentially cause harm. The competent authority shall publish the details of such species protection notice in the Gazette and on the competent authority’s website.”

Amends Regulation 27 of the principal regulations.

18. Regulation 27 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Renumbering.

(a) in sub-regulation (2) thereof, paragraphs (a) to (h) shall be renumbered as (b) to (i);

(b) immediately before paragraph (b) thereof as renumbered, there shall be inserted the following new paragraph:

“(a) issuance of the protection notice referred to in regulation 17A and species protection notice in regulation 26A;”

Amends Regulation 28 of the principal regulations

19. Regulation 28 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-regulation (3) the words “publish a list of those species that are invasive or deemed to be invasive to Malta.” shall be substituted with the words “publish a list of those species that are invasive or deemed to be invasive to Malta, known as the *list of species which are detrimental to the environment.*”;

(b) sub-regulation (4) shall be substituted with the following:

“S.L. 549.38.

(4) Without prejudice to the Trade in Species of Fauna and Flora Regulations, no person shall import, transport, keep, breed, propagate, sow, plant, sell or exchange by any method, any of the species in the list mentioned in sub-regulation (3).”;

(c) sub-regulations (6) and (7) shall be renumbered as sub-regulations (10) and (11);

(d) Immediately after sub-regulation (5) the following new sub-regulations shall be added:

“(6) The competent authority may, within such time as it determines, order any owner or occupier of a site in which invasive species are sited to remove, uproot, eradicate, kill or destroy any such specimen, where such removal would, in the authority’s opinion, constitute an environmental improvement.

(7) The competent authority may request or issue a works method statement to ensure that an order issued under sub-regulation (6) is executed with minimal damage to biodiversity or to the surrounding environment.

(8) The competent authority may implement the required intervention, in part or in full, as it deems most appropriate, at the expense of the person who fails to comply with an order issued under sub-regulation (6).

(9) If the owner or occupier of the site where invasive species are located is unknown, the competent authority may publish the order in the Gazette and may implement the required intervention at its own expense after ninety (90) days from the publication of the order, without prejudice to its right to reclaim any expenses due in terms of sub-regulation (8) once such person is identified.

Provided that, in instances which require immediate action, the competent authority may implement the required intervention, in part or in full, as it deems most appropriate, without prejudice to its right to reclaim any expenses incurred once such person is identified.”

Amends Regulation 31 of the principal regulations.

20. Regulation 31 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulation (1) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

“(1) It shall be prohibited to use any indiscriminate means and forms of capture capable of causing the local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to:

- (i) populations of species listed in Schedule VII(a); or
- (ii) populations of mammals listed under Schedule VI(a); or
- (iii) populations of species listed in Schedule V(a), in cases where derogations are issued for the taking, capture or killing of such species.”

Renumbering.

(b) in sub-regulation (2) thereof the words “Schedule XII (a)” shall be substituted by the words “Schedule XI(a)”;

(c) in sub-regulation (3) the words “Schedule XII (b)” shall be substituted with the terms “Schedule XI(b)”.

Amends Regulation 44 of the principal regulations.

21. In sub-regulation (e) of regulation 44 of the principal regulations thereof the words “Schedules IV(a) and V(a)” shall be substituted with the words “Schedules V and VI.”

Amends Regulation 49 of the principal regulations.

22. Regulation 49 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

- (a) sub-regulations (3) to (9) shall be re-numbered as (5) to (11) respectively;
- (b) Immediately after sub-regulation (2) there shall be added the following new sub-regulations:

“(3) Any person who commits, or attempts to commit an offence against regulations 17A, 18 or 26A, or fails to observe the provisions laid down in a conservation order shall, on conviction, be liable:

- (a) In the case of a first offence, a fine (*multa*) of not less than five hundred euro (€500), but not exceeding five thousand euro (€5,000);
- (b) In the case of a second or subsequent offence, a fine (*multa*) of not less than one thousand euro (€1,000), but not exceeding twenty thousand euro (€20,000), or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) Any person who commits, or attempts an offence against regulation 31 shall, on conviction, be liable:

- (a) In the case of a first offence, a fine (*multa*) of not less than five hundred euro (€500), but not exceeding five thousand euro (€2,500);
- (b) In the case of a second or subsequent offence, a fine (*multa*) of not less than one thousand euro (€1,000), but not exceeding five thousand euro (€5,000), or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years, or both such fine and imprisonment.”

- (c) sub-regulation (6) as renumbered, shall be substituted with the following:

“ (6) Any person who commits or attempts to commit an offence against any provision in a management plan shall on conviction be liable to a fine (*multa*) of not less than two thousand five hundred euro (€2,500) and not exceeding sixty thousand euro (€60,000), and if the offender persists in the offence for more than three months, also to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months and not exceeding two years.”

Amends Schedule IV of the principal regulations.

23. Schedule IV of the principal regulations shall be substituted with the following:

“SCHEDULE IV
**CRITERIA FOR SELECTING SITES ELIGIBLE FOR IDENTIFICATION AS SITES OF NATIONAL
IMPORTANCE AND OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE AND DESIGNATION AS SPECIAL AREAS
OF CONSERVATION**

STAGE 1: Assessment at national level of the relative importance of sites for each natural habitat type in Schedule I and each species in Schedule II or III (including priority natural habitat types and priority species).

- A. Site assessment criteria for a given natural habitat type in Schedule I
- (a) Degree of representativity of the natural habitat type on the site.
 - (b) Area of the site covered by the natural habitat type in relation to the total area covered by that natural habitat type within Malta.
 - (c) Degree of conservation of the structure and functions of the natural habitat type concerned and restoration possibilities.
 - (d) Global assessment of the value of the site for conservation of the natural habitat type concerned.
- B. Site assessment criteria for a given species in Schedule II
- (a) Size and density of the population of the species present on the site in relation to the populations present within Malta.
 - (b) Degree of conservation of the features of the habitat, which are important for the species concerned, and restoration possibilities.
 - (c) Degree of isolation of the population present on the site in relation to the natural range of the species.
 - (d) Global assessment of the value of the site for conservation of the species concerned.
- C. Site assessment criteria for a given species in Schedule III shall be the threat status of such species.
- D. On the basis of these criteria, the competent authority will classify the sites, which it proposed on the national list as sites eligible for identification as sites of National Importance and of International Importance according to their relative value for the conservation of each natural habitat type in Schedule I or each species in Schedule II or III.
- E. That list will show the sites containing the priority natural habitat types and priority species selected by the competent authority on the basis of the criteria in A and B above.

STAGE 2: Assessment of the national and international importance of the sites included on the national lists.

1. All the sites identified by the competent authority in Stage 1, which contain priority natural habitat types, and/or species will be considered as sites of National Importance and of International Importance.
2. The assessment of the national and international importance of other sites, i.e. their contribution to maintaining or re-establishing, at a favourable conservation status, a natural habitat in Schedule I or a species in Schedule II or III and/or to the coherence of the National Ecological Network and the Pan-European Ecological Network will take account of the following criteria:
 - (a) relative value of the site at national level;
 - (b) geographical situation of the site in relation to migration routes of species in Schedule II and III;
 - (c) total area of the site;
 - (d) number of natural habitat types in Schedule I and species in Schedule II or III present on the site; (e) global ecological value of the site for the biogeographical regions concerned, as

regards both the characteristic of unique aspect of its features and the way they are combined.

Amends Schedule VI of the principal regulations.

24. Schedule VI of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) under the title 'CNIDARIA' the species thereunder shall be substituted with the following species:

<i>Antipathes</i> spp.	Qroll I-iswed	Black Coral
<i>Astroides calycularis</i>	Qroll tad-Dell	Star Coral
<i>Callogorgia verticillata</i>	Sawt il-Baħar	Soft Coral
<i>Cladocora caespitosa</i>	Qroll Abjad	Stone Coral; White Coral
<i>Cladocora debilis</i>	Qroll Abjad	Thin Tube Coral
<i>Corallium rubrum</i>	Qroll Aħmar	Precious Coral, Sardinian Coral; Red Coral
<i>Dendrophyllia cornigera</i>	Qroll Isfar tal-Fond	Yellow Tree Coral
<i>Dendrophyllia ramea</i>	Qroll Orangjo tal-Fond	Yellow Coral
<i>Desmophyllum dianthus</i>	Trumbetta tal-Fond	Cockscomb Cup Coral
<i>Ellisella paraplexauroides</i>	Elizella; Gorgonja Kbir	Candelabrum Coral
<i>Errina aspera</i>	Errina	Hydrocoral; Errina; Stylasterid Coral
<i>Hornera lichenoides</i>	Qroll Falz	False Coral
<i>Isidella elongata</i>	Imrewħa tal-Fond	Bamboo Coral
<i>Leiopathes glaberrima</i>	Qroll il-Glabru	Smooth Black Coral
<i>Lophelia pertusa</i>	Lofelja; Qroll tal-Fond	Deep Water Coral

<i>Madrepora oculata</i>	Madripora tal-Għajn; Qroll tal-Fond	Zigzag Coral
<i>Parantipathes larix</i>	Abit tal-Baħar; Qroll l-Iswed	Black Coral
<i>Savalia savaglia</i> [= <i>Gerardia savaglia</i>]	Qroll Iswed il-Falz	False Black Coral"

(b) under the title 'LEPIDOPTERA' the species thereunder shall be substituted with the following species:

Lasiocampidae

<i>Gastropacha quercifolia</i>	Werqa Niexfa	Lappet Moth
<i>Lasiocampa quercus</i>	Baħrija tal-Ballut	Oak Eggar

Noctuidae

<i>Catocala conjuncta</i>	Katokala Rari, Baħrija tal-Luq	Red Underwing
<i>Catocala elocata</i>	Elokata	Red Underwing
<i>Catocala nymphaea</i>	Katokala Safra Kbira, Baħrija tal-Luq	Oak Yellow Underwing
<i>Catocala nymphagoga</i>	Katokala Safra Żgħira, Baħrija tal-Luq	Oak Yellow Underwing

Sphingidae
All species

Hesperiidae <i>Gegenes pumilio</i>	Il-Baħri	Pygmy Skipper
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Lycaenidae

<i>Aricia agestis</i>	Kannelli tal-Anġlu	Brown Argus
<i>Azanus ubaldus</i>		Bright Babul Blue

<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	Ikħal Fiddieni	Holly Blue
<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	Ikħal tad-Denb Twil	Long-tailed Blue
<i>Leptotes pirithous</i> (= <i>Papilio plinius</i> , <i>Syntarucus pirithous</i>)	Ikħal tad-Denb Qasir	Lang's Short-tailed blue
<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	Farfett tas-Selq	Small Copper
<i>Plebejus argus</i>		Silver-studded Blue
<i>Polyommatus celina</i>	Farfett tal-Anġlu	Southern Common Blue
<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	Farfett tal-Anġlu	Common Blue
<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>	Farfett tal-Anġlu	Chapman Blue
<i>Zizeeria karsandra</i>	Ikħal tal-Afrika	Dark Grass Blue
Nymphalidae		
<i>Coenonympha lyllus</i> (= <i>C. pamphilus lyllus</i>)	Kannella Żgħir	Esper's Heath
<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	Kannella Żgħir	Small Heath
<i>Hipparchia blachieri</i> (= <i>H. algirica vallettai</i> , <i>H. aristeus blachieri</i>)		Sicilian Grayling
<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	Kannella tax-Xemx	Wall Brown
<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	Kannella Kbir	Meadow Brown
<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>		Large Tortoiseshell; Blackleg Tortoiseshell
<i>Parage aegeria</i>	Kannella tad-Dell	Speckled Wood
<i>Polygonia egea</i>		Southern Comma
Papilionidae		
<i>Iphioides podalirius</i>		Scarce Swallowtail; Sail Swallowtail; Pear Tree Swallowtail
<i>Papilio saharae</i>		Sahara Swallowtail

Pieridae

<i>Colias croceus</i>	Farett tas-Silla	Clouded Yellow
<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	Farfett taż-Żiju	Cleopatra

Tineidae

<i>Morophaga choragella</i>		Large Cloths Moth
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(c) under the title 'ORCHIDACEAE' the species there under shall be substituted with the following species:

<i>Anacamptis longicornu</i> (Poiret) Bateman, Pridgeon et Chase [= <i>Orchis longicornu</i> Poiret]	Orkida tal-Qarn Twil; Orkida tal-Qrun	Horned Orchid; Long-Spurred Orchid
<i>Anacamptis morio</i> (L.) Bateman, Pridgeon et Chase s.str. [= <i>Orchis morio</i> L. s.str.]	Orkida tal-elmu	Green Winged Orchid
<i>Anacamptis</i> sect. <i>Moriones</i>	Orkidi tal-Elmu	Winged Orchids
<i>Anacamptis</i> <i>papilionacea</i> (L.) Bateman, Pridgeon et Chase s.l. [= <i>Orchis papilionacea</i> L. s.l.]	Farfett	Butterfly Orchid
<i>Barlia robertiana</i> (Loiseleur) Greuter [= <i>Himantoglossum</i> <i>robertianum</i> (Loiseleur) Delforge]	Orkida Kbira	Giant Orchid
<i>Neotinea commutata</i> (Tod.) R.M.Bateman [= <i>Orchis commutata</i> Tod.; <i>Neotinea</i> <i>tridentata</i> subsp. <i>commutata</i> (Tod.)	Orkida tat-Tikek	Sicilian Milky Orchid

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et M.W.Chase]

<i>Neotinea conica</i> [= <i>Orchis conica</i> Willdenow; <i>O. pusilla</i> Tyteca; <i>Neotinea</i> <i>tridentata</i> subsp. <i>conica</i> (Willdenow) Bateman, Pridgeon et Chase]	Orkida tat-Tikek	Conical Milky Orchid
<i>Neotinea lactea</i> (Poiret) Bateman [= <i>Orchis lactea</i> Poiret; <i>O. acuminata</i> Desfontaines]	Orkida tat-Tikek	Spotted Milky Orchid
<i>Neotinea maculata</i> (Desfontaines) Stearn [= <i>Orchis intacta</i> Link; <i>Neotinea intacta</i> (Link) Rchb. fil.]	Orkida Rqıqı; Orkida tal-Weraq Imtebba'	Dense-Flowered Orchid
<i>Neotinea tridentata</i> (Scopoli) R.M.Bateman, Pridgeon et M.W.Chase s.l. [= <i>Orchis tridentata</i> Scopoli; <i>O. variegata</i> Allioni;]	Orkida tat-Tikek	Milky Orchid
<i>Neottia nidus-avis</i> (L.) L.C.M.Richard [= <i>Ophrys nidus-avis</i> L.]	Bejtet l-Għasfur; Budebbus Falz	Birdsnest Orchid
<i>Ophrys apifera</i> Hudson [= <i>Ophrys arachnites</i> Miller]	Naħla	Bee Orchid
<i>Ophrys</i> Sect. <i>Bertoloniorum</i>	Dubbiena ta' Bertoloni	Bertoloni's Bee Orchid
<i>Ophrys bertolonii</i> Moretti s.str.	Dubbiena ta' Bertoloni	Bertoloni's Bee Orchid
<i>Ophrys caesiella</i> Delforge [= <i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>caesiella</i> (Delforge) Kreutz; <i>O. bilunulata</i> subsp. <i>caesiella</i> (Delforge) Paulus	Dubbiena Żgħira ta' Malta; Dubbiena tat-Tikek	Small Maltese Brown Orchid

<p><i>Ophrys calliantha</i> Bartolo et Pulvirenti [= <i>Ophrys candida</i> subsp. <i>calliantha</i> (Bartolo et Pulvirenti) Kreutz; <i>Ophrys oxyrrhchos</i> subsp. <i>calliantha</i> (Bartolo et Pulvirenti) Galesi, Cristaudo et Maugeri]</p>	<p>Brimba Mlewna ta' Sqallija</p>	<p>Sicilian Beaked Spider Orchid</p>
<p><i>Ophrys explanata</i> (Lojacono) Delforge [= <i>Ophrys bertolonii</i> subsp. <i>explanata</i> (Lojacono) Soca]</p>	<p>Dubbiena ta' Sqallija</p>	<p>Sicilian Bertoloni's Bee Orchid</p>
<p><i>Ophrys fuciflora</i> s.l. (F.W. Schmidt) Moench [= <i>Ophrys holosericea</i> s.l. auct. fl. Melit. non (Burm.) Greuter</p>	<p>Brimba</p>	<p>Late Spider Orchid</p>
<p><i>Ophrys fusca</i> Link s.l.</p>	<p>Dubbien</p>	<p>Brown Orchids; Sombre Bee Orchids</p>
<p><i>Ophrys garganica</i> E. Nelson ex O. Danesch et E. Danesch [= <i>Ophrys incubacea</i> subsp. <i>garganica</i> (E. Nelson ex O. Danesch et E. Danesch) Galesi, Cristaudo et Maugeri; <i>O.</i> <i>passionis</i> subsp. <i>garganica</i> E. Nelson ex H. Baumann et R. Lorenz]</p>	<p>Brimba tal-Ġwienaf Safrana</p>	<p>Gargano Spider Orchid</p>
<p><i>Ophrys glabra</i> Persoon [= ?<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>lutea</i> Cavanilles]</p>	<p>Żunżana tal-Magħreb</p>	<p>Maghrebian Yellow Bee Orchid</p>
<p><i>Ophrys grandiflora</i> Tenore [= <i>Ophrys</i> <i>tenthredinifera</i> subsp. <i>grandiflora</i> (Tenore) Kreutz</p>	<p>Naħla Kbira ta' Sqallija</p>	<p>Sicilian Sawfly Orchid</p>
<p><i>Ophrys hospitalis</i> Delforge</p>	<p>Dubbiena tal-Kavallieri; Dubbiena Bikrija</p>	<p>Hospitallier Rainbow Bee Orchid</p>

[= *Ophrys iricolor* subsp.
hospitalis (Delforge)
Mifsud et Lewis]

Ophrys incubacea Bianca Brimba tal-Ġwienaf Bianca's Spider Orchid
[= *Ophrys atrata* Lindl.;
O. sphegodes subsp.
atrata (Rchb. fil) Bolòs]

Ophrys iricolor Dubbien Blue Orchids
Desfontaines s.l.
[= *Ophrys fusca* subsp.
iricolor (Desfontaines)
Richter s.l.]

Ophrys lacaitae Brimba Safra Yellow Spider Orchid;
Lojacono Lacaïta's Spider Orchid
[= *Ophrys oxyrrhynchos*
subsp. *lacaitae*
(Lojacono) Del Prete]

Ophrys lojaconoi Dubbiena ta' Lojacono Lojacono's Rainbow Bee
Delforge Orchid
[= *Ophrys iricolor* subsp.
lojaconoi (Delforge)
Kreutz]

Ophrys lucifera Dubbiena tar-Rebbiegħa Brown Orchid
Devillers-Terschuren et
Devillers
[= *Ophrys fusca* subsp.
lucifera (Devillers-Tersch.
et Devillers) Kreutz]

Ophrys lupercalis Dubbiena tal-Luperkalja Lupercalia Rainbow Bee
Devillers-Terschuren et Orchid
Devillers
[= *Ophrys fusca* subsp.
lupercalis (Devillers-
Terschuren et Devillers)
Kreutz]

Ophrys lutea Cavanilles Żunżana l-Kbira Yellow Bee Orchid
s.str.
[= *Ophrys vespifera*
Brotero]

Ophrys mesaritica Dubbiena Bikrija Cretan Rainbow Bee
(Paulus, C. Alibertis et A. Orchid
Alibertis) Kreutz

[= *Ophrys iricolor* subsp.
mesaritica Paulus, C.
Alibertis et A. Alibertis]

Ophrys oxyrrhynchos
Todaro
[= *Ophrys fuciflora*
subsp. *oxyrrhynchos*
(Todaro) Soó]

Ophrys pallida
Rafinesque
[= *Ophrys fusca* subsp.
pallida (Rafinesque) EG
Camus; *O. pectus* Mutel]

Ophrys passionis Sennen
s.l.
[= *O. garganica* subsp.
passionis (Sennen ex
Devillers-Tersch. &
Devillers) Paulus & Gack
s.l.]

Ophrys phryganae
Devillers-Terschuren et
Devillers
[= *Ophrys lutea* subsp.
phryganae (Devillers-
Terschuren et Devillers)
Melki]

Ophrys Sect.
Pseudophrys

Ophrys romolinii Soca
[= *Ophrys bertolonii*
subsp. *romolinii* (Soca)
Véla et R.Martin]

Ophrys sicula Tineo
[= *Ophrys minor*
(Todaro) Paulus et Gack;
O. lutea subsp. *minor*
(Todaro) O Danesch et E
Danesch; *O. lutea* subsp.
sicula (Tineo) Soldano]

Ophrys speculum Link
[= *Ophrys ciliata*
Bivona-Bernardi]

Brimba ta' Sqallija

Dubbiena Milwija

Brimba tal-Ġwienaf
Safrana

Żunzana tal-Lvant

Dubbien; Żunzan

Dubbiena ta' Romolini

Żunzana ż-Żgħira

Dubbiena l-kaħla

Beaked Spider Orchid

Pale Green Orchid;
Reflexed Brown Orchid

Easter Spider Orchid;
Passion Spider Orchid

Eastern Yellow Bee
Orchid

Bee Orchids

Romolini's Bee Orchid

Sicilian Yellow Bee
Orchid

Mirror Orchid; Mirror of
Venus

<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> Miller s.l. [= <i>Ophrys aranifera</i> Hudson s.l.]	Brimba	Spider Orchid
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i> Willdenow s.str. [= <i>Ophrys tenoreana</i> Lindley s.l.]	Naħla Kbir	Sawfly Orchid
<i>Ophrys vallesiana</i> Devillers-Terschuren et Devillers [= <i>Ophrys iricolor</i> subsp. <i>vallesiana</i> (Devillers- Terschuren et Devillers) Paulus et Gack]	Dubbiena ta' Tunez	Vallès Rainbow Bee Orchid
<i>Ophrys x gaulosana</i> Mifsud [= <i>Ophrys melitensis</i> x <i>tenthredinifera</i>]	Dubbiena ta' Ghawdex	Gozo Spider Orchid
<i>Ophrys x tumentia</i> Mifsud [= <i>Ophrys caesiella</i> x <i>iricolor</i>]	Dubbiena ta' Sidirha Kbir	Swollen-Chest Brown Bee Orchid
<i>Orchis italica</i> Poiret [= <i>Orchis longicruris</i> Link; <i>O. undulatifolia</i> Bivona-Bernardi]	ħajja u Mejta tal-Werqa Fdexxa; Orkida tal-Weraq Fdexxa	Naked-Man Orchid
<i>Serapias bergonii</i> E.G. Camus [= <i>Serapias vomeracea</i> subsp. <i>laxiflora</i> (Soó) Gölz et Reinhard]	Orkida tal-Ilsien tal-Lvant	Eastern Ploughshare
<i>Serapias cordigera</i> L. [= <i>Serapias ovalis</i> LCM Richard]	Orkida tal-Qalb	Heart-Flowered Tongue Orchid
<i>Serapias lingua</i> L. [= <i>Serapias columnae</i> (Rchb. Fil.) Lojaccono]	Orkida tal-Ilsien	Tongue Orchid; Tongue Serapias
<i>Serapias orientalis</i> (Greuter) Baumann et Künkele	Orkida tal-Ilsien tal-Lvant	Oriental Tongue Orchid

[= *Serapias vomeracea*
subsp. *orientalis*
Greuter]

Serapias vomeracea
(Burmam fil.) Briquet
[= *Orchis vomeracea*
Burmam fil.; *Serapias*
longipetala (Tenore)
Pollini]

Orkida tal-Isien Kbir

Ploughshare;
Long-Lipped Tongue
Orchid

Spiranthes spiralis (L.)
Chevallier [= *Spiranthes*
autumnalis LCM
Richard]

Il-Ħajja u Mejta
tal-Ħarifa

Autumn Lady's Tresses

Amends Schedule VII of the principal regulations.

25. In Schedule VII of the principal regulations under the title 'CRUSTACEA – DECAPODA' the name '*Scillarides latus*' shall be replaced with the name '*Scyllarides latus*'.

Amends Schedule VIII of the principal regulations.

26. Schedule VIII of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately under the title 'Alopiidae' there shall be added the following species:

<i>Alopias superciliosus</i>	Pixxivolpi ta' Għajnu Kbira	Bigeye Shark	Thresher
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(b) under the title 'Carcharhinidae' there shall be added the following species:

<i>Carcharhinus</i> <i>obscurus</i>	Kelb il-Baħar Sewdieni	Dusky Shark
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(c) under the title 'CRUSTACEA' the following species shall be removed:

<i>Scyllarus latus</i> [= <i>Scyllarides latus</i>]	Ĉkala; Ĉkala Ħamra	Flat Lobster; European Paddle-Nosed Lobster
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Deletion of Schedule XI.

27. Schedule XI of the principal regulations shall be deleted.

Amends Schedule XII of the principal regulations.

28. Schedule XII of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

- a. Schedule XII shall be renumbered as Schedule XI.
- b. the words "SCHEDULE IX(a)" and "Schedule IX(b)" shall be substituted with the words "SCHEDULE XI(a)" and "Schedule XI(b)" respectively.

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