

Environmental Permit

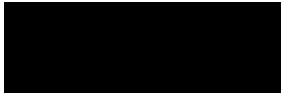
Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number:
NP 0260/20

Approved documents
NP 0260/20/1B

The Environment and Resources Authority (hereinafter the Authority; the Competent Authority or ERA) in exercise of its powers under the Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549), hereby authorises:


Mr. Andrew Schembri obo #Zibel, Raniero's Adventures and No to Plastic Malta (hereinafter "the Permit Holder"), Of / Whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is at



to carry out activities in connection with onshore and offshore clean up

Paradise Bay

The validity of this permit is **valid until the 31st July 2020** from the granted date below. An application for renewal of this permit is to be submitted at least **one (1) month** prior to expiry of this permit.

Signed	Date
 <p>Anthony Aquilina Unit Manager (Permitting) F/ Director Environment and Resources</p>	<p>Permit Granted: <u> 26 </u>/06/ 2020</p>

Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority

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Conditions

Introductory Note

The permit is granted in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act and Regulation 18(2) of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (S.L. 549.44), hereinafter referred to as the Regulations, for the purpose of the activities that shall be carried out within the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) of 'Rdumijiet ta' Malta: Ir-Ramla taċ-Ċirkewwa sa Il-Ponta ta' Bengħisa' (MT0000024) or 'Żona fil-Baħar fil-Grigal ta' Malta' (MT105).

The activity shall, subject to the conditions of this Permit, be managed, controlled and carried out as described in the NP Application, approved documents, and/or as otherwise previously agreed in writing by the Authority.

Status Log

Detail	Date
Application NP0260/20	10/06/2020
Permit Issued	26/06/2020

Pre-Commencement of activities/ work

1. The Permit Holder shall advise of the dates of works at least two (2) days prior to the commencement on ced.nature@era.org.mt. In the case of change of date, the permit holder is to inform ERA of such a change at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. In the case of short-term cancellation of the activity (especially outside office hours), the Authority should be contacted on 9921 0404.

Permitted Activities

2. The Permit Holder is authorised to carry out the activities and the associated activities specified in Table 1

Activity	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
Clean-Up	Onshore and offshore cleanup as proposed in NP0260/20/1B	(i) Beach clean up and under water clean up

Site

3. The activities authorised under condition 2 shall be affected in the location as marked on the approved site plan NP0260/20/1B.

Conditions of Activity/Work

4. Activities are to be held according to the approved Project Description Statement NP0260/20/1B.
5. Boats are not to anchor on any *Posidonia oceanica* meadows but only on bare sand.

6. Rubbish disposal facilities shall be provided by the organisers on the day and any waste generated during the activity is to be collected immediately and disposed of accordingly in accordance with the Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations 2007 (S.L. 549.45) and the Waste Regulations, 2011, (S.L. 549.63), including where necessary through the Consignment Permit procedure.
7. The activity shall not be held between sunrise and sunset
8. Unnecessary trampling of vegetation should be avoided and participants shall keep to existing paths or disturbed areas.
9. In order to minimise impacts, large groups of individuals should be divided into small groups.
10. In both terrestrial and underwater clean ups, all litter shall be picked manually. No machinery shall be used.
11. No vegetation, undergrowth, leaf litter, dead branches, and stones are removed and should be left on site. Disturbance to ecological communities within the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) in question is to be minimal and restricted to removal of litter.
12. Access and parking by motor vehicles shall be restricted to existing surfaced roads and tracks unless permitted specifically by ERA. Access by, and parking of, motor vehicles on any type of beach, natural areas including areas covered by any type of vegetation and/or rocky ground, and arable (agricultural) land is not allowed.
13. Any structures erected for the clean-up shall be of a temporary nature, necessary for the clean-up activity to take place and of a limited size, and shall be removed immediately at the end of the activity.
14. This Permit is valid for the activity to be held on 27th June between 0900 and 1400 for an onshore and offshore clean up at Paradise Bay for a team of approximately 75 people as indicated in approved Method Statement NP0260/20/1B.

General Conditions

15. Any material removed shall be immediately carted away in waste carriers registered in accordance with the requirements of the Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations 2007 (S.L. 549.45) for appropriate disposal in facilities permitted in accordance with the Waste Regulations 2011 (S.L. 549.63).
16. The 'Permit Holder', is responsible to ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken so that the activity conforms to the conditions in this Permit and the procedures outlined within the Permit application.
17. The activities covered by this permit are restricted to the Permit Holder, employees and/or volunteers and contracted parties commissioned for such activities/works under his supervision and direction, who shall all be made aware of this Permit and the contents within.
18. The following activities are strictly prohibited:
 - a. the deliberate picking, collection, taking, cutting, uprooting, harming, destroying or damaging deliberately destroying, keeping, transporting,

selling, buying exchanging, offering for sale or for exchange, importing or exporting in any way of any specimen of wild flora;

- b. the deliberate hunting, killing, capturing, taking, harming, disturbance particularly during periods of breeding, rearing, hibernation and migration, destruction and deterioration of breeding sites or resting places, pursuing, taking or attempting to take, deliberately killing or attempting to kill, deliberately destroying, keeping, transporting, selling, buying exchanging, offering for sale or for exchange, importing or exporting any specimen of any specimen of wild fauna;
- c. cutting or damaging of reeds, tree branches etc;
- d. planting of vegetation, shrubs and/or trees or the introduction of any flora or fauna into the site or its environs;
- e. introduction, removal, significant movement and re-engineering, and/or collection of sand, shingle, stone, soil and/or sediment;
- f. excavation works and any physical modification of the vegetation cover, the ground and landform of the site and its surroundings;
- g. generation of excessive noise, including extremely loud music or the use of noisy generators, or light pollution through the use of floodlights;
- h. disposal, discharge or spillage of oil, fuel, paint or other pollutants, or of solid waste, ash or combustibles;
- i. lighting of fires.

- 19. ERA may request updates and/or further information on the activity in question as deemed necessary.
- 20. The conditions imposed shall be adhered to throughout all the activities. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action and cessation of any related works or activities.
- 21. ERA may impose other additional rules or conditions, or may amend one or more of the listed rules or conditions, as it deems necessary for the proper conservation of a protected site or area, biodiversity and the environment in general, and to ensure public safety.
- 22. The Permit Holder may apply for a variation of the Permit and shall seek the Authority's written agreement prior to any operational changes, by sending to the Authority:
 - a. Written notice of the details of the proposed change, including an assessment of its possible effects or risks to the environment from the approved activity;
 - b. Any relevant supporting information;
 - c. Any relevant supporting assessments and drawings, and;
 - d. The proposed implementation date.

Any such change shall only be implemented following the issue of a variation of the permit by the Authority.

- 23. In accordance with Regulation 46(4) of S.L. 549.44, a brief report with photos of the activities held, including any publications as a result of the activity, is to be provided to ERA by the Permit Holder within one month of the expiry of the permit, and is to be submitted to nature.permitting@era.org.mt. Information that should be treated as confidential as outlined in Regulation 48(4) of S.L. 549.44 shall be specified.

A template for the report is available at <http://era.org.mt/en/Documents/Activity%20Report%20template.doc>

A copy of any resulting publications, scientific papers, dissertations, theses, articles and/or videos resulting from any study carried out in relation to the specimens and activities for which this Permit is being issued shall reach ERA within three months from

the date of publication/finalisation as the case may be. Such studies shall clearly indicate that they were possible following Permit/s issued by the ERA.

24. This permit is granted saving third party rights. The Permit holder is not exempt from any other legislation or regulations, codes of practice, conditions or requirements imposed by any other competent authorities, including the obtaining of permits, licenses, or clearances including from site owners.
25. Any accidental handling, capture or collection of specimens or part thereof, whether dead or alive, of species listed within Schedule V and VI, and endemic species not listed in Schedule X of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations (S.L. 549.44) shall be reported on nature.permitting@era.org.mt within seven (7) days of sampling of the specimen provided that the permit holder may only keep such specimen or part thereof for scientific research purposes. The Authority may request additional information from the permit holder, including but not limited to, an application for authorisation for the keeping of such specimens or samples.
26. The Authority may suspend or revoke this Environmental Permit in line with the provisions of CAP 549.
27. The Permit Holder shall notify the following matters to the Authority in writing at least 10 working days prior to their occurrence:
 - a. Any change in the Permit Holder's trading name, registered name or registered office address;
 - b. Any change to particulars of the Permit Holder's corporate identity.
28. Upon the joint application of a Permit Holder and a proposed transferee, the Permit Holder may request to transfer an environment permit. The permit shall not be transferred from the Permit Holder without prior approval from the Authority. Upon the Authority's decision to transfer the permit to the transferee, all rights, obligations, liabilities shall subsist onto the transferee.
29. In accordance with Regulation 47 of S.L. 549.44, details of the Permit Holder together with the details of conditions imposed in this Permit shall be maintained by the Authority in a register available for public inspection or maintained in electronic form.
30. The Authority may carry out regular pre-set or unannounced compliance or monitoring checks that vary in frequency according to the site's compliance with the permit conditions and safeguarding of natural assets. Any checks or audits carried out by the Authority may be made at the Permit Holder's financial expense at rate and arrangement communicated by ERA's Compliance and Enforcement Directorate. ERA may also appoint other on-site monitors at the expense of the Permit Holder to act as an on-site liaison between the Permit Holder and ERA if the case arises.
31. The Authority's representatives may inspect and photograph any part of the site/activity and ask for any closed or locked areas to be opened and may demand to be provided with any proof, documentation, plans, receipts or any other records.
32. This Permit including any Variation Notices or amendments to it shall be made available for any inspection by ERA officials at all times, or any legally recognised compliance and enforcement officials, when requested.
33. Whenever there is a conflict between the conditions of this Permit and approved documents, the conditions of the Permit shall prevail.
34. ERA shall not be held liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur during the activities being permitted through this Permit. It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure that all safety measures are taken.

35. This permit is without prejudice to any liability of the Permit Holder under the Act and to any punitive measures the Authority may wish to take with respect to works already carried out without permit.
36. The validity of this permit is until the 31st July 2020. The Permit Holder may apply for a renewal to this Permit expressing his intention at least four (4) weeks prior to the expiry of this permit. Request for renewals shall only be considered upon confirmation of compliance with Permit conditions and fulfilment of documentation as requested by this Permit.
37. Any aggrieved party may appeal from this decision to the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal in accordance with Article 63 of the Environment Protection Act and with the provisions of the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal Act.



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1 - Aim of project

The clean-up targets the remote areas of Paradise Bay, accessible by boat. This yearly event for us and will conduct the event in a similar manner rules.

2 - Justification

The collection of debris along the shoreline ranging from plastics, glass, fishing lines and some metal objects will be the main focus of the event. Debris will be separated into their respective categories. The items pulled from the sea will be disposed of in landfill as they have degraded past the point of recycling. We will be using both WasteServ and CSD to handle the waste post clean-up. Any ocean plastics will be kept for export at a later stage

We'll be transporting volunteers from the Cirkewwa South Quay to the bays jumping into the water and moving onto land. We'll transport supplies there beforehand and have the Zibel boat on hand to transport bags of waste to the Sout Quay. Divers will also cover the deeper areas of the rocky areas with support from the Zibel boat.

3 - Outline

Our organisation relies on community volunteers to contribute their skills and pull together towards cleaning of areas from public waste. Our previous clean-ups include Fomm ir-Rih, Ahrax tal-Mellieha and Fort tas-Silg. Our total trash count is now over 49 tons. All waste is weighed and documented.

4 - Date and Time

Saturday 27th June from 09:00-14:00.

5 - Area



6 - Persons

75 volunteers, pre booked. We will hold on to contact details for the stipulated 4 weeks and promote the use of masks and social distancing, and have hand sanitizer and shower on site.

7 - Access

Volunteers will park near the south quay where personnel will greet them and direct accordingly. We are asking people to carpool or use a taxi service too.

8 - Method

We are aiming to pick up litter and not interfere with the vegetation in the area. Items on the seabed will be collected given they have no life inside or if so, it will be emptied and then removed from the area so as to not harm the ecosystem.

9 - Safety

St John's Ambulance service will be on site.

10 - Additional info

As with all our clean-ups, we seek to raise awareness on marine litter and the impact it has on our coastline.