

Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number:
NP0185/20

Approved documents
NP0185/20/1B/1C

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 Emanuel Mallia obo Birdlife Malta (hereinafter “the Permit Holder”),
Of / Whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is at

**57/28,
Triq Abate Rigord,
Ta' Xbiex XBX1120**

Organisation of educational activities for the public and installation of signage

At Is-Salini

The validity of this permit is **one (1) year** 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 (Environmental Permitting) F/ Director Environment and Resources</p>	<p>Permit Granted: 31/07/ 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 Is-Salini (MT0000007).

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
<i>Application NP0185/20</i>	21/04/2020
<i>Permit Issued</i>	31/07/2020

Pre-Commencement of activities/ work

1. The Permit Holder is to inform ERA each time a group activity is planned to take place on a given date, including information on the timing of the activity and the number of participants shall also be communicated at least seven (7) days before, on the following email addresses: ced.nature@era.org.mt or telephone number (24 hours) 9921 0404.

In the case of change of date, the permit holder is to inform ERA of such a change at least two (2) days in advance.

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
Engagement of visitors to the Nature Reserve	As described in NP0185/20/1B	(i) Organising indoor educational activities; (ii) Installation of information boards.

Site

3. The activities authorised under condition 2 shall be affected in the location as marked on the approved site plan NP0185/20/1C.

Conditions of Activity/Work

4. Activities are to be held according to the approved Project Description Statement NP0185/20/1B.

5. The educational activities permitted through this permit shall be held indoors in the existing structures on site, with the exception of tours and any information signs erected as part of the activity.
6. The permit holder shall ensure that disturbance of any specimen of any species is kept to a minimum. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure that no harm is caused to the environment either intentionally or accidentally. Attention must also be afforded to the whole of the environment of the SAC in view of the protection status of SAC.
7. All activities shall take place within existing paths and clearings void of vegetation, whether dead or alive.
8. Any sound employed as part of the event shall:
 - a. not be loud and shall not exceed (70dB) at 100m from site boundary; and
 - b. be emitted from speakers which shall be situated in a manner to only direct sound towards the activity.
9. Lighting shall be limited and shall not be directed upwards or outwards towards the sea but shall be directed only towards the area of the activity, downward facing and full cut-off type. Any outside lighting shall be switched off by midnight.
10. Visitors are to remain in the existing, designated paths and are not to trample on the existing habitats. Trampling of any natural habitat is strictly prohibited.
11. Information notice boards shall be installed in the area marked as "F" on the approved site plan NP0185/20/1C. The number of notice boards as well as the text and artwork shall be prior approved by ERA.
12. Only hand tools shall be used when drilling holes for installation of the notice boards.
13. No wiring or ancillary infrastructure shall be installed on site.
14. 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.
15. Activities and installation of notice boards shall take place between sunrise and sunset.

General Conditions

16. 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).
17. 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.
18. 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.

19. 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, except as permitted;
 - 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.

20. ERA may request updates and/or further information on the activity in question as deemed necessary.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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

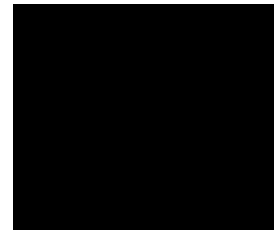
submitted to nature.permitting@era.org.mt. Information that should be treated as confidential as outlined in Regulation 48(4) of S.L. 549.44 shall be specified.

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

25. 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.
26. 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.
27. The Authority may suspend or revoke this Environmental Permit in line with the provisions of CAP 549.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. Whenever there is a conflict between the conditions of this Permit and approved documents, the conditions of the Permit shall prevail.

35. 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.
36. 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.
37. The validity of this permit is **for one (1) year** from the granting date of this permit. The Permit Holder may apply for a renewal to this Permit expressing his/her 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.
38. Any aggrieved person may appeal from this decision before the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal within 30 days in terms of Article 63 of the Environment Protection Act.

Action	Result / Output	Require Nature Permit (Y/N)
Organise educational activities about biodiversity	Organise activities open to the public on environmental topics	Possible
<p>Aim of project</p> <p>Organise educational activities about biodiversity</p> <p>Justification for project. Through these activities, members of the public are encouraged to appreciate nature.</p> <p>Brief project outline These are indoor activities that include talks and presentations on various nature subjects and hands on actions, like nest box building.</p> <p>Starting date Q2-Q4</p> <p>Please indicate whether any of the above information should be kept confidential, providing a justification. Not applicable</p>		
Visitor Engagement	Develop, produce and install various information displays	Possible
<p>Aim of project</p> <p>To enhance the visitor experience with emphasis on children.</p> <p>Justification for project. In the external path of the park, there is a lack of information about nature which must be addressed. With the aim of fostering the love of nature at an early age, these will be designed for a younger audience.</p> <p>Brief project outline A series of interactive panels will be installed along the path with information about nature. These will be targeting the age group 8 to 10 years old. Panels will be designed and constructed in a similar manner and size to the existing information panels in the area which were part of the rehabilitation project (see picture as an example).</p>		





These will be installed in area F. The method of installation is by digging holes by hand of about 15cm diameter and 30 cm deep for the panel legs. The material to be dug up is mainly rock aggregate of 3/8" that was laid down during the rehabilitation project.

Starting date

As soon as possible.

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Not applicable

