

## Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number:  
**NP 0298/20**

Approved documents  
**NP 0298/20/1B/1C/6A**

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 Soilihi Nawirdine obo One Step Dance School (hereinafter “the Permit Holder”),  
Of / Whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is at

**104, Triq is-Sidra, Swieqi SWQ3150**

to organise barbeques on specific dates between August and September 2020 at

**at Ir-Ramla tal-Mixquqa**

The validity of this permit is **up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. 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: 28/07/ 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 at Ir-Ramla tal-Mixquqa located within the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) of Rđumijiet ta' Malta: Ir-Ramla taċ-Ċirkewwa sal-Ponta ta' Bengħisa (MT0000024).

This permit is also granted in line with the Ir-Ramla tal-Mixquqa (Golden Bay) Turtle Nesting Emergency Conservation Order G.N.782 of 2020.

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 NP	30/06/2020
Permit Issued	28/07/2020

### Pre-Commencement of activities/ work

1. The Permit Holder shall advise of the dates of the activities at least seven (7) days prior to each organised event on [ced.nature@era.org.mt](mailto: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 two (2) days 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
Organised barbeques on the beach	As described in NP0298/20/1C	i) Barbeques on the beach for approximately 80 people between 1800 and 2300hrs on 01/08/2020, 15/08/2020, 29/08/2020, 05/09/2020, 12/09/2020, 19/09/2020 and 26/09/2020; ii) Use of generator, lights and speakers.

### Site

3. The activities authorised under condition 2 shall be affected in the location as marked on the approved site plan NP0298/20/1B.

### Conditions of Activity/Work

4. The provisions of the relevant Turtle Nesting Emergency Conservation Order G.N.782 of 2020 shall apply.
5. Activities are to be held according to the approved Project Description Statement NP0298/20/1C.
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. The proposed activity shall not occur within a radius of 15 metres from any known or likely marine turtle nest.
8. In the event of a known or likely marine turtle nesting occurrence within the site of the activity, or during the period of the expected hatching of turtle eggs, the activity shall be suspended, no lights and no speakers shall be used.

These activities shall re-commence only on written confirmation from the ERA.

9. A five (5) meter buffer zone shall be kept from the sand dunes, in front of the already cordoned area and the access to the sand dunes or over any natural vegetation within the site is strictly prohibited.
10. Any sound employed as part of the event shall be according to specifications on NP0298/20/6A and shall:
  - a. not be loud and shall not exceed (70dB) at 50m from site boundary; and
  - b. be emitted from speakers which shall be situated in a manner to only direct sound towards the activity.
11. Lighting shall be according to specifications on NP0298/20/6A and shall be limited and directed only towards the area of the activity, downward facing and full cut-off type. Any lighting shall be switched off by midnight.
12. No fires are to be lit directly on the sand, soil or rock (i.e. any fire must be safely contained within a physical structure). All barbeques are to use appropriate equipment to ensure that the heat source, fuel, ash and other foreseeable source of pollution or environmental hazard are not in direct contact with the ground. And any required fuel is to be carefully stored and managed to avoid pollution, explosion and fire hazard.

No fires are to be lit within vegetated areas or within 5m from the trunk/spread of branches of existing trees and shrubs.
13. Any generators, liquid fuel and other relevant combustible material should be stored within a safe distance from the trees in the area (i.e. at least 5 meters away from the circumference of the nearest tree canopy) and shall be according to specifications on NP0298/20/6A. All liquid fuel or combustible material employed is to be handled with care and fuel spillage is not allowed.

The placing of generators and other lighting equipment shall not involve the removal of plants or the levelling of ground.

All generators used shall be silent and shall be switched off at 2300hrs.

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.

## **General Conditions**

15. 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.
16. The permit holder shall keep in his possession a copy of the Nature Permits at any time during each session involving the use of traps or handling of specimens.
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. introduction, removal, significant movement and re-engineering, and/or collection of sand, shingle, stone, soil and/or sediment;
  - e. excavation works and any physical modification of the vegetation cover, the ground and landform of the site and its surroundings;
  - f. generation of excessive noise, including extremely loud music or the use of noisy generators, or light pollution through the use of floodlights;
  - g. disposal, discharge or spillage of oil, fuel, paint or other pollutants, or of solid waste, ash or combustibles;
  - h. lighting of uncontrolled fires.
17. ERA may request updates and/or further information on the activity in question as deemed necessary.

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.

21. 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](mailto: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>

22. 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.
23. 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](mailto: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.
24. The Authority may suspend or revoke this Environmental Permit in line with the provisions of CAP 549.
25. 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.
26. 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.

27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. Whenever there is a conflict between the conditions of this Permit and approved documents, the conditions of the Permit shall prevail.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. The validity of this permit is up to **30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. 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.
35. 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.

NP0298/20/1B





1. Aim of Project:
  - a. • Barbecue Event organised by the One Step Dance School Team for its students and other members within and outside the dancing community
2. Justification for project. What is the value of the project in scientific and educational terms?
  - a. **WHAT WE DO:**
    - i. **ENTERTAIN. DANCE. EDUCATION.:** One Step Dance School was created in order to share the dancing passion with Maltese nationals and residents. Our #1 priority is to engage our students. If they are not entertained and flipping through practicing instead of just go take classes, then they are not learning.
  - b. **HOW WE DO IT:**
    - i. We teach them the skills they need to be the dancer they want it and thrive in the dance community, in a way that's so entertaining they're too busy hyena laughing and partying it up to realize that what they're actually doing is growing their social, make new friends and improving their dance skills to success. Every summer we bring all dancers together via this BBQ to get the scoop on how our dance community is growing up in the island...so we can discover and share the same passion. Not only does dancing help maintain a healthy lifestyle through movement, provide structure, provide unwinding to its members after a stressful day at work or at school, but also it gives people a chance to interact with each other, expand their friend area and be in contact with people who share the same or similar passions.
3. Brief project outline:
  - a. The actual barbecue will start at on
  - b. It will comprise food (meat, vegetables, fruits and crisps) and beverages (alcoholic and nonalcoholic)
  - c. Part of the equipment:
    - i. 2-3 tables, speakers, a generator and lights
    - ii. Barbecue Grill (Gaz)
    - iii. Plastic plates and glasses, ice, cooler boxes and plastic bags

We would like to outline that after each event, the area is completely left as found. Waste is sorted and placed into plastic bags which are then accordingly deposited in the bins available in the area or close to the area in the designated spaces. Nothing is thrown or left behind, especially nothing that could damage or endanger the environment or any other person around the Event area. Tables and tech equipment are carefully and accordingly handled and removed.
4. Starting date and estimated duration of project including dates[s] and time[s]. When is/are the handling/collection planned? If possible, provide month[s] and date[s];
  - a. Barbecue Event will take place:
    - i. **1/08/2020** - from 6PM until 11:00PM. The actual barbecue that involves cooking and beverages, will be roughly between 6:30/7PM and 10PM.

- ii. **15/08/2020** - from 6PM until 11:00PM. The actual barbecue that involves cooking and beverages, will be roughly between 6:30/7PM and 10PM.
- iii. **29/08/2020** - from 6PM until 11:00PM. The actual barbecue that involves cooking and beverages, will be roughly between 6:30/7PM and 10PM.
- iv. **5/09/2020** - from 6PM until 11:00PM. The actual barbecue that involves cooking and beverages, will be roughly between 6:30/7PM and 10PM.
- v. **12/09/2020** - from 6PM until 11:00PM. The actual barbecue that involves cooking and beverages, will be roughly between 6:30/7PM and 10PM.
- vi. **19/09/2020** - from 6PM until 11:00PM. The actual barbecue that involves cooking and beverages, will be roughly between 6:30/7PM and 10PM.
- vii. **26/09/2020** - from 6PM until 11:00PM. The actual barbecue that involves cooking and beverages, will be roughly between 6:30/7PM and 10PM.

**Note:** Schedule is subject to changes and some of the barbecue Events might not be held, in case of Acts of God or clashing with other events in the area, for example, but normally the schedule above will be respected.

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5. The site/geographic area of the activity. (The area[s] should be clearly indicated on an official site plan (Attachment 1)). In the case of access from privately owned land, permission will need to be sought from the owner/s. Please specify whether this has been obtained and attach copy of permission:
  - a. Attached image
  - b. This is a public area, not a private one.
  - c. Permit issued by the Mellieha Local Council is taken each time before the Event and a copy is brought along during the barbecue.
6. How many persons are involved per visit?
  - a. Between 45 and 80 people. Permit for barbecue issued by the Mellieha Local Council is going to be held accordingly
7. How will be the site be accessed? Provide details of the motor vehicles to be used [e.g. dinghy, car, helicopter, etc.] and how you will reach other parts of the area [e.g. abseiling, walking, diving, etc.]:
  - a. People attending the event usually either come by public transport or, if there are enough requests, the school can organise for one minivan to bring everyone to the event. For leaving the event, we will organise for a van to come and pick up the attendants from the Mellieha parking, if enough

requests are brought to our attention. Some people leave earlier than the event finishes and take public transport, others prefer sharing taxis, others ask for people to come pick them up and then share. Unfortunately, this is not something we can say for sure but the above options cover all possibilities.

8. Description of the method to be used for the project: (Description should also include mode of capture, handling, transport and/or keeping, if applicable. The number of specimens to be collected, clearly justifying the taking, should also be included, even if estimates. In case of sampling from dead specimens, please indicate what sampling tissues or organs are needed for such scientific studied and the number of samples. Please note that in the case that samples are sent abroad, full justification, a detailed route and the addressee should be provided. If covered by CITES, another permit might be required.):
  - a. The School equipment is transported by the DJ of the event and the Event manager in their personal cars (one each). Cars are parked within the designated parking area.
  - b. Event attendees are coming on their own so we can only assume based on our knowledge that most of them come by bus and some others are carpooling. Another alternative is minivan transportation which can be booked in advance by the attendees and can or cannot be facilitated by the One Step Dance School in order to make sure that less cars are used, and the people are being transported safely back into town Centre.
9. Safety equipment available, in case of emergency:
  - a. Extincter and first aid kit.
  - b. One of the people in the staff, our Accountant, holds a certificate of First Aid issued by Red Cross Malta.
10. Any additional information deemed necessary; Please indicate whether any of the above information should be kept confidential, providing a justification.
  - a. All data above should be kept confidential as it can be used by our competitors to copy our events, which is already happening to some extent and we do not wish for this to be facilitated in any way. We believe this understandable and both details about the events and data regarding our Staff and Certifications of our staff are subject to Data Protection and Privacy Policies but would just like to reiterate this. Given the above, we would really appreciate for the information to be kept private.

**NP0298/20/6A**

- LEDs: 36W led par lights with 36 pcs LEDs include 6 x red, 6x green, 6x blue.
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