

## Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number:  
**EP 1111/20**

Approved documents  
**EP 1111/20/1E/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:

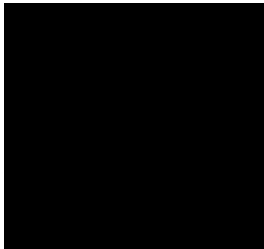
Mr Clayton Xuereb obo The University of Malta (hereinafter "the Permit Holder"),  
Of / Whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is at

**University of Malta,  
Tal-Qroqq,  
Msida, MSD2020**

**To carry out felling of 98 dead trees**

**The University of Malta Ring Road**

The validity of this permit is **one (1) year** from the granted date below.

Signed	Date
 Dr Aimee Brincat Deputy Director, Environment and Resources Directorate F/ Director Environment and Resources	Permit Granted: 05/02/ 2021

**Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority**

**This page has been deliberately left blank**

## Conditions

### Introductory Note

The Permit is granted in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act and regulation 20 of the Trees and Woodlands Protection Regulations, 2018 (S.L.549.123), hereinafter referred to as the Regulations, for the purpose of the interventions that shall be carried out on the protected tree.

The works 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 EP1111/20	04/12/2020
Permit Issued	As per date on the front page

### Pre-Commencement of activities/ work

1. The permit holder shall advise of the dates of works at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement 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 works (especially outside office hours), the Authority should be contacted on 9921 0404.

### Permitted Activities

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

Works	Description of specified works	Limits of specified works
Interventions on protected trees	Felling	(i) Felling of sixteen (16) dead Aleppo pine – <i>Pinus halepensis</i> specimens and eighty two (82) dead Italian cypress – <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> specimens.

### Site

3. The works authorised under condition 2 shall be affected on the trees as marked on the approved site plan 1E.

## Conditions of Activity/Work

4. All interventions shall be carried out in line with the Guidelines on Works Involving Trees available on <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/Guidelines-on-.aspx>.
5. Works shall be limited to the trees for which a permit has been issued. Damage to or interventions on other existing protected trees on site is prohibited.
6. Compensatory planting shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Compensatory Planting Plan 6A with the use of medium sized trees. Compensatory trees shall be planted between September and April and shall be maintained by the permit holder for a period of three (3) years from planting, including necessary aftercare such as watering, weeding and pruning as may be required. Evidence of compensatory planting shall be submitted within one month of planting on [ced.nature@era.org.mt](mailto:ced.nature@era.org.mt).

The compensatory trees are not to be used as hedges.

Should any of the compensatory trees die within the period specified above, the permit holder shall be bound to replace the said trees within the first planting season with trees of the same species and size and advise ERA of such a replacement.

7. Uprooting/ felling shall be carried out without damage to any other existing trees, plants or structures. The site of uprooting shall be restored to its original state following the uprooting procedure.
8. Trees shall be cut at or below ground level without any obtrusions above ground.

## General Conditions

9. Waste derived from the intervention on the tree shall be shredded on site and reused as mulch (with the exception of waste derived from Invasive Alien Species). In case this is not possible, the waste 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 reuse of the material. Disposal in waste facilities shall be as a last resort and in those facilities which are permitted in accordance with the Waste Regulations 2011 (S.L. 549.63).
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. ERA may request updates and/or further information on the activity in question as deemed necessary.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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:

- i. 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;
- ii. Any relevant supporting information;
- iii. Any relevant supporting assessments and drawings, and;
- iv. The proposed implementation date.

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

16. 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.
17. The Authority may suspend or revoke this Environmental Permit in line with the provisions of CAP 549.
18. The Permit Holder shall notify the following matters to the Authority in writing at least 10 working days prior to their occurrence:
  - i. Any change in the Permit Holder's trading name, registered name or registered office address;
  - ii. Any change to particulars of the Permit Holder's corporate identity.
19. 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.
20. In accordance with Regulation 26 of S.L. 549.123, 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. Whenever there is a conflict between the conditions of this Permit and approved documents, the conditions of the Permit shall prevail.
25. 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.
26. 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.

27. 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.
28. You 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.

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**University of Malta**

**Tree Compensation plan**

As a condition for approval, ERA have requested a compensation plan for the removal of all existing dead protected trees. ERA have asked for the compensation to be in the ratio of 1:1.

The University of Malta will be removing dead trees (Cupressus Sempervirens and Pinus Halipensis) from Zone A and Zone B as can be seen in Figure 1. 70 Cupressus Sempervirens and 30 Pinus Halipensis will be planted in these two zones to compensate. Moreover, 300 Olea Europea will be planted in Zone C. An irrigation system will also be installed to water these trees. All the work will be conducted by the Environmental Landscapes Consortium under the supervision of the Botanical Gardens Curator, Mr. Tony Meli.

We remain at your convenience to discuss any issues with this proposal.

Kind regards

Clayton  
Manager II  
Precincts Office  
Estates, Facilities and Capital Development  
University of Malta  
Tel: 00356 2340 2997



Figure 1: Compensation Plan