

Identification of Potential Sites of Community Importance



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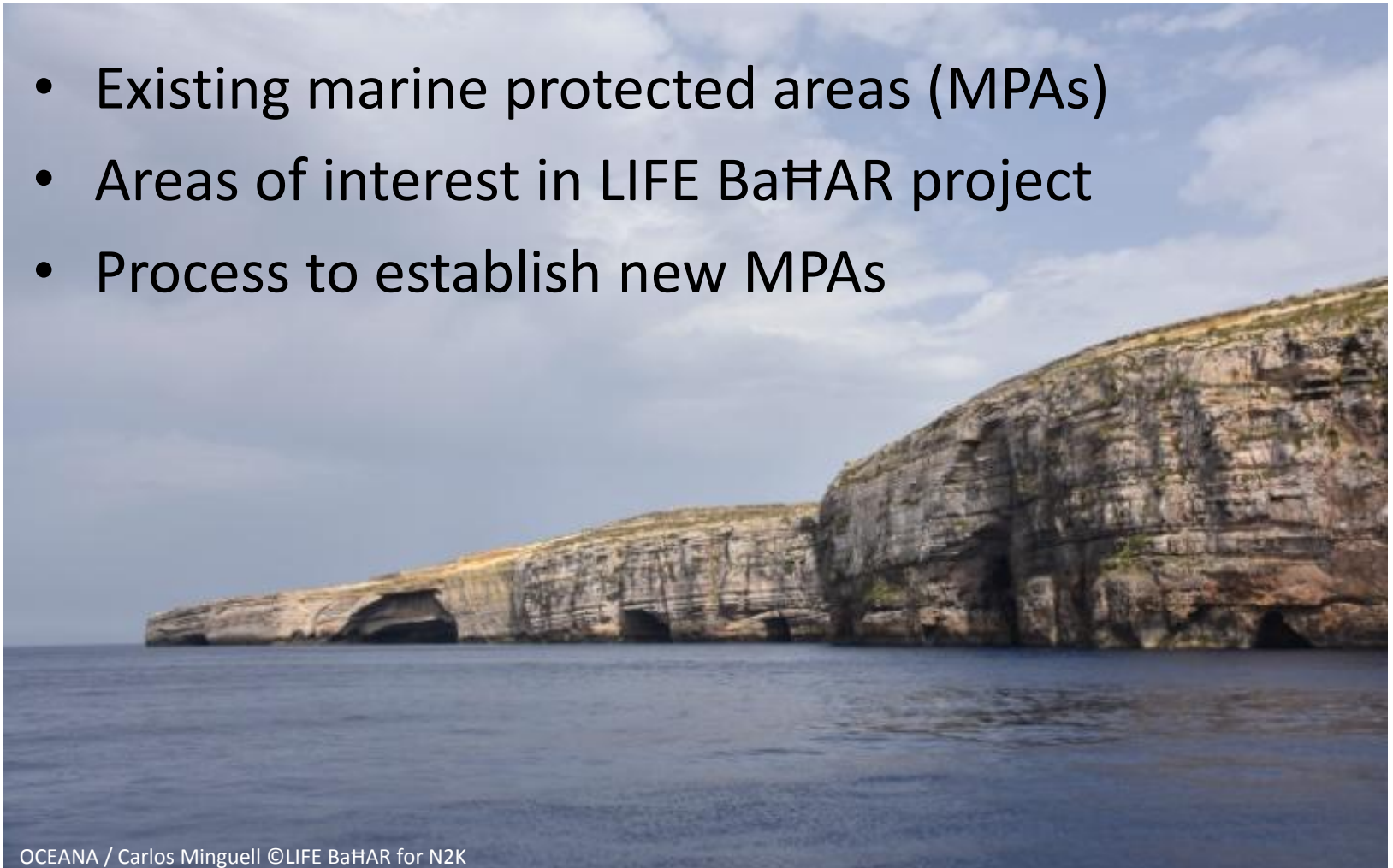


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Overview

- Existing marine protected areas (MPAs)
- Areas of interest in LIFE BaHAR project
- Process to establish new MPAs

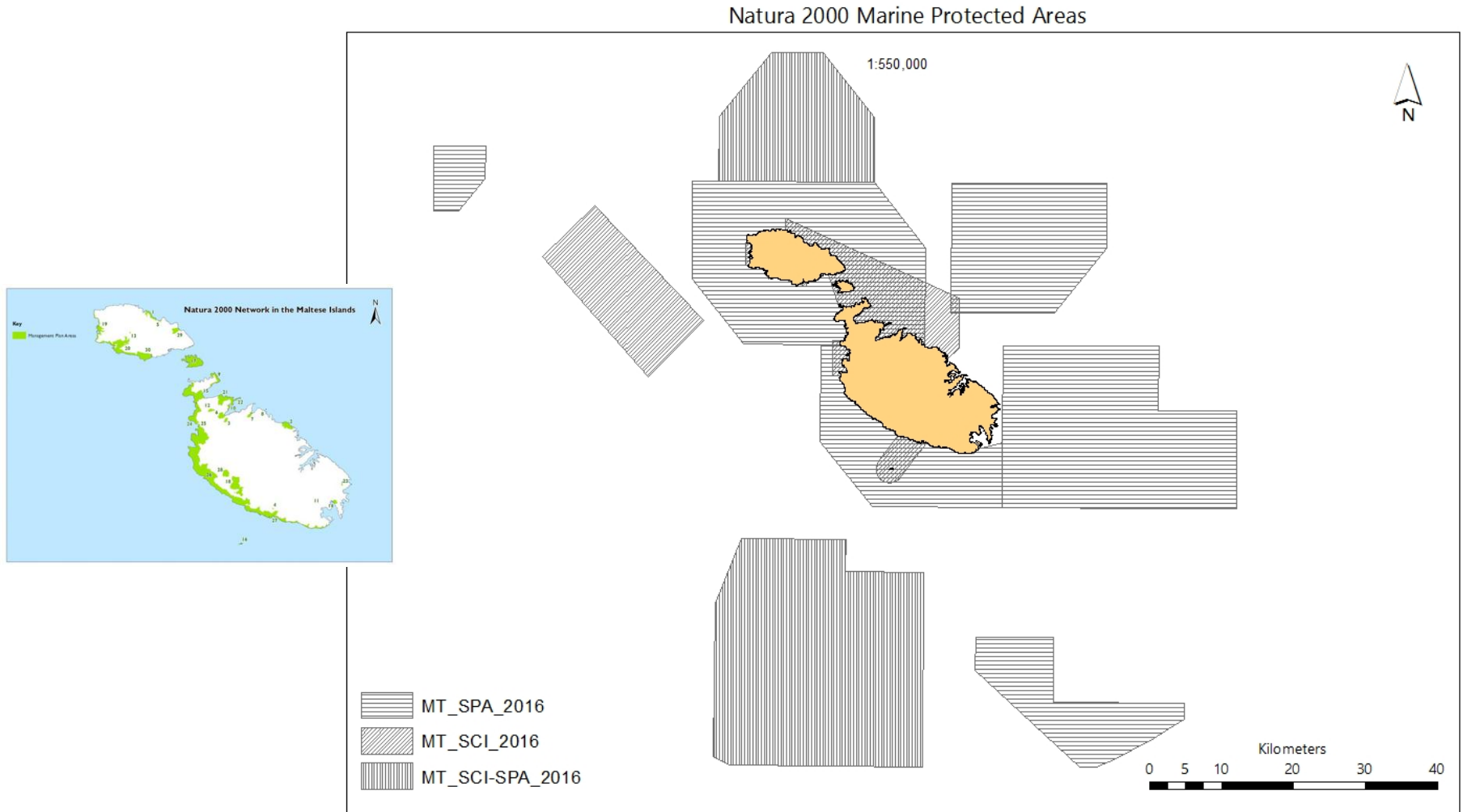


Existing Marine Protected Areas

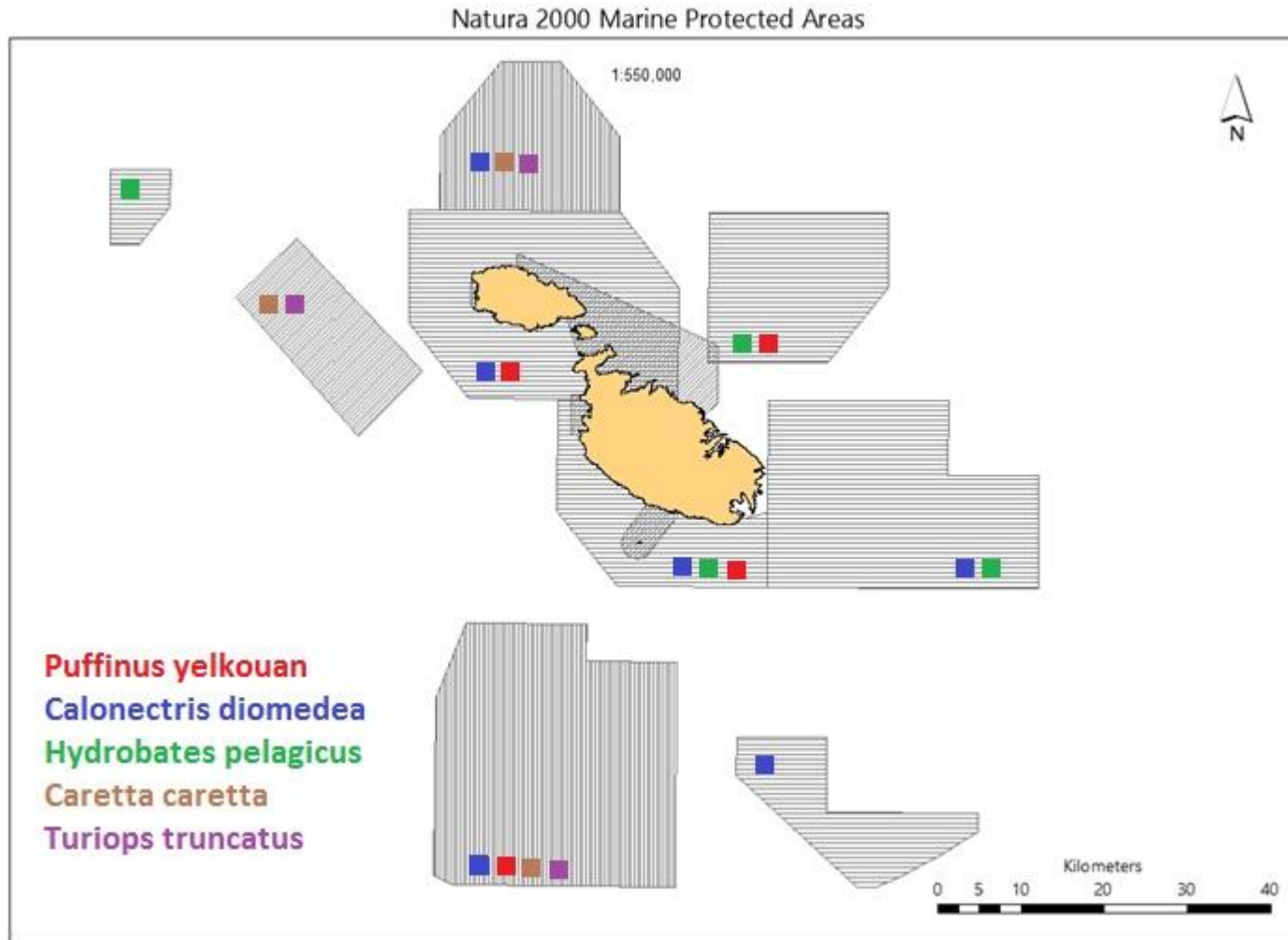


- Protected sites – species and habitats:
 - Wild birds directive: SPA – Special protection area.
 - Habitats directive: SAC- Special area of conservation.
 - Natura 2000 sites.
- 34 terrestrial sites + 14 marine sites.
- Sites protected through the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations.
- MPAs ≠ reserve system.
- MSP and MPAs.
 - Management.
 - ERA responsible to ensure protection of features.

Protected Areas (EU Law)



Protected Areas Features

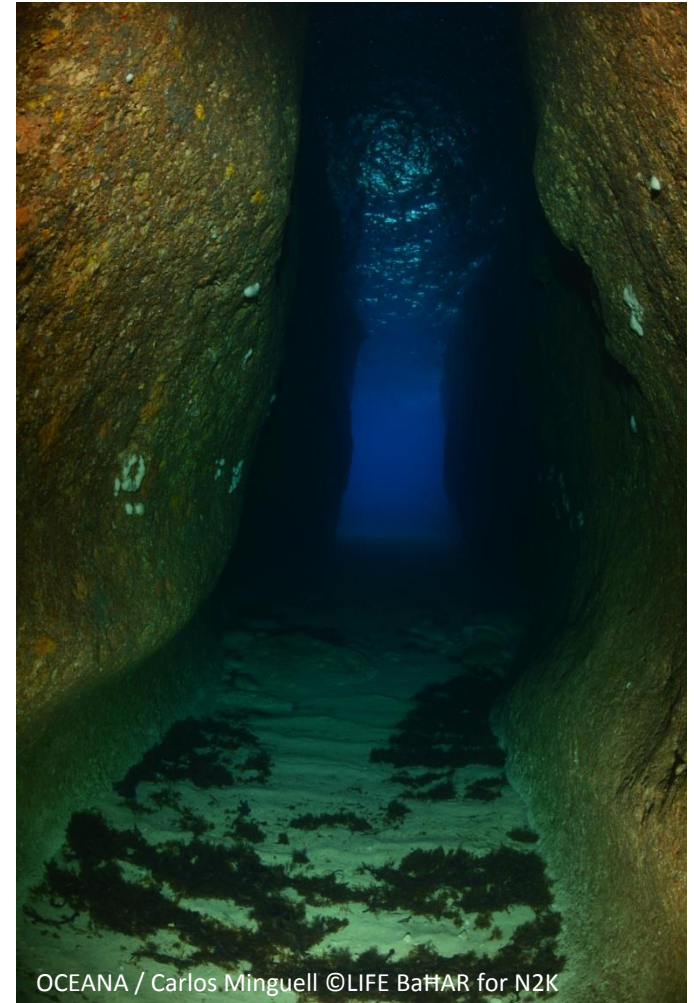


Protected Areas - Numbers

Site number	Site name	P	S	R	C	Gn	Py	Cd	Hp	Cc	Tt	Year designated	Area (km ²)
MT0000101	Iġ-Baħar bejn Rdum Majjiesa u Ras ir-Raheb	X	X	X	X	X						2008	848.70
MT0000102	Iġ-Baħar fl-inhawwi ta' Ghar Lapsi u Filfla	X	X	X								2010	2450.50
MT0000103	Iġ-Baħar fl-inhawwi tad-Dwejra	X		X	X							2010	228.60
MT0000104	Iġ-Baħar fl-inhawwi ta' Mgarr ix-Xini	X	X	X								2010	30.60
MT0000105	Iġ-Baħar fil-Grigal ta' Malta	X	X	X	X	X						2010	15519.40
MT0000107	Iġ-Baħar tal-Grigal						X		X			2016	35194.41
MT0000108	Iġ-Baħar tal-Lvant							X	X			2016	62559.14
MT0000109	Iġ-Baħar tax-Xlokk							X				2016	21934.06
MT0000111	Iġ-Baħar tal-Lbic						X	X	X			2016	25629.71
MT0000112	Iġ-Baħar ta' Madwar Ghawdex						X	X				2016	55684.96
MT0000114	Iġ-Baħar tal-Majjistral								X			2016	5592.66
MT0000113	Iġ-Baħar tal-Punent									X	X	2016	23105.55
MT0000106	Iġ-Baħar tat-Tramuntana							X		X	X	2016	31922.12
MT0000110	Iġ-Baħar ta Nofsinhar							X	X	X	X	2016	83541.39

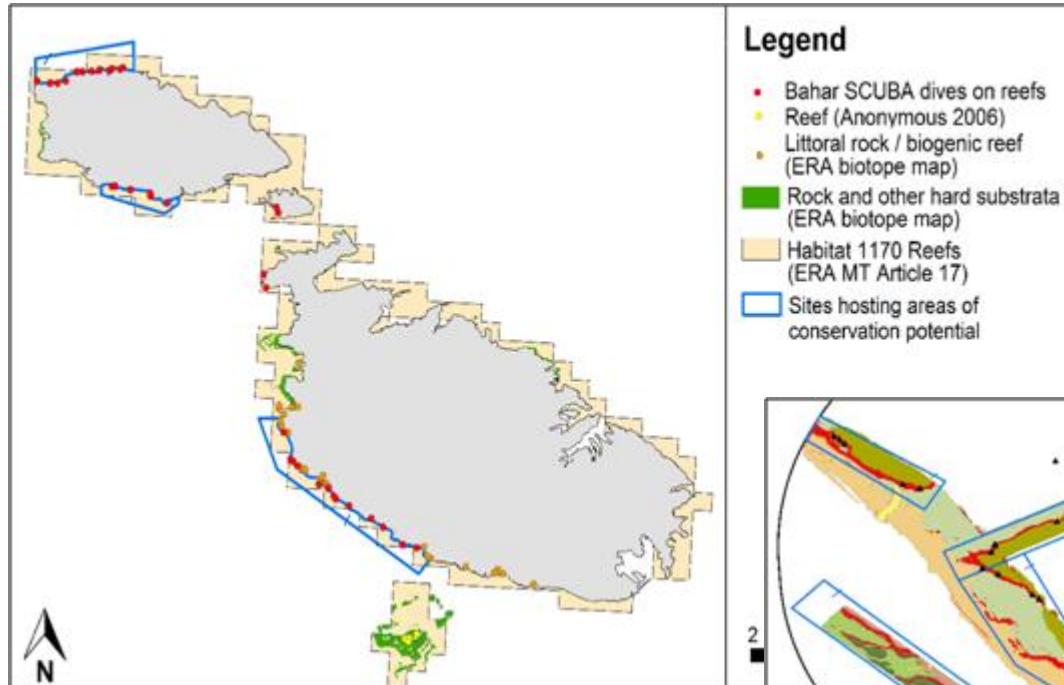
Management

- Identification
 - Scientific criteria
- Management
 - Stakeholder involvement
 - Economic factors
 - Conservation objectives
 - Management measures
- Review

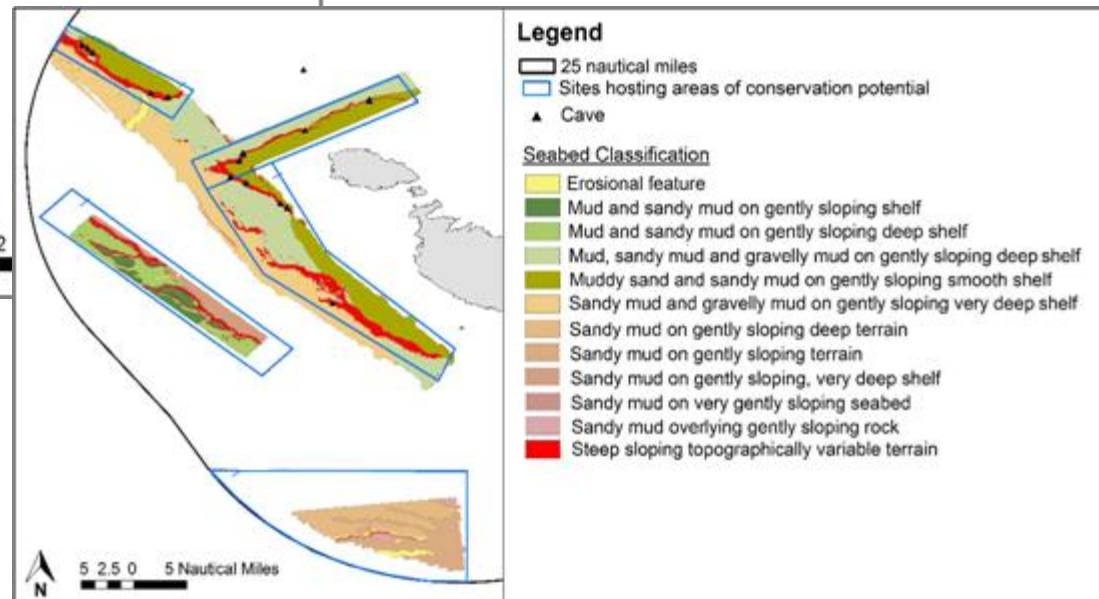


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Areas of interest from LIFE BaHAR project



- Reefs
- Caves



Interesting Points

National lists

- Exhaustive
- Representative: Size & numbers
- Deadline

Sites Proposed

- Selected according to criteria in Annex III (Habitats Directive)
- Representativity
- Not taking account of economic considerations

Appropriate Assessment

- Projects likely to have a significant effect on the site

Sites Proposed

- Appropriate protective measures to maintain the ecological characteristics
 - No interventions which incur the risk of seriously compromising the ecological characteristics of sites
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The Designation Process

Collection and analysis of data

Identification of borders

Preparation of documentation

Submission to MESDC

Presentation to Parliament

Law

Documentation sent to EU Env.

Commission

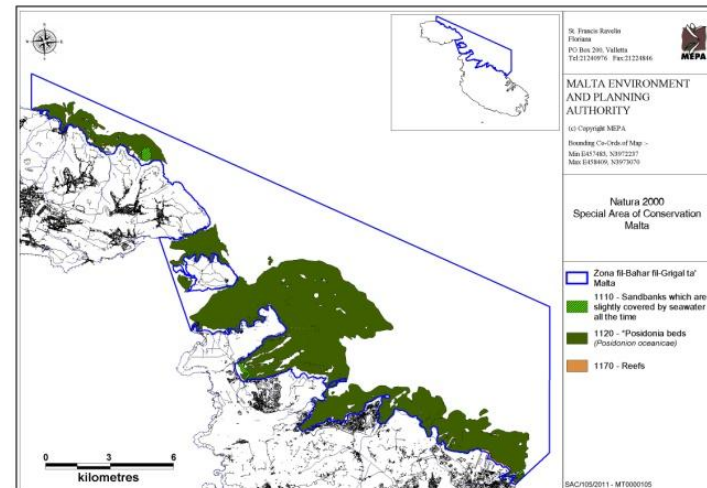
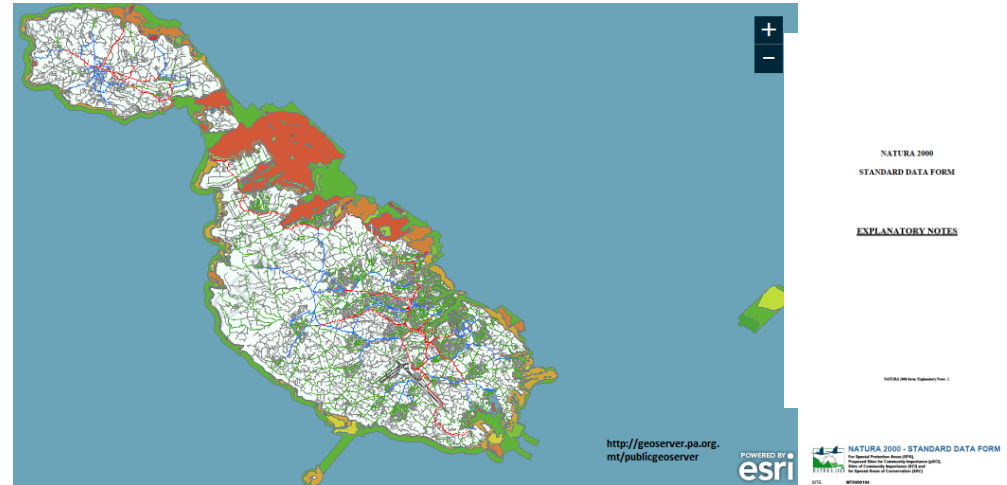


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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

Site Name	Site Code	Site Type
Zone 11-Bahar il-Grigal ta' Malta	11-Bahar il-Grigal ta' Malta	11-Bahar il-Grigal ta' Malta
Site Description	Site Management	Site Monitoring
Site Management	Site Monitoring	Site Protection
Site Recovery	Site Research	Site Education
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No. 1111
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT (CAP. 549)
Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006
Declaration of Marine Protected Areas

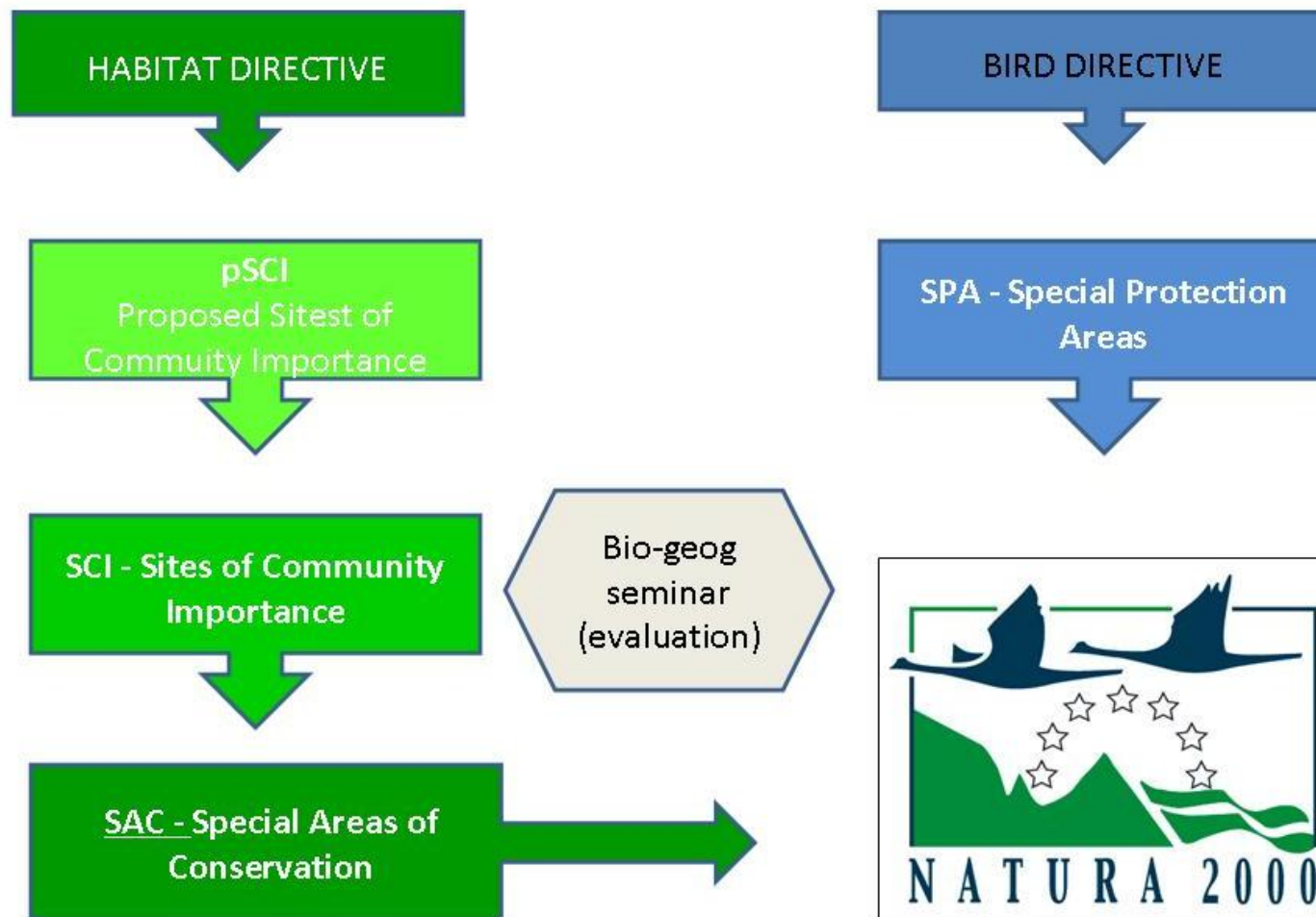
(In accordance with the provisions of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (L.N. 549 of 2006), the Environment and Resources Authority hereby declares the sites listed hereunder (see maps on pages 1832 to 1840) to be Special Areas of Conservation of International Importance and Special Protection Areas:

Special Area of Conservation - Site of International Importance
MT0000113 - Marine Area to the West

Special Area of Conservation - Sites of International Importance and Special Protection Areas
MT0000109 - Marine Area to the South
MT0000110 - Marine Area to the North
MT0000111 - Marine Area to the South
MT0000112 - Marine Area around Gozo
MT0000114 - Marine Area to the Northwest

Special Protection Areas
MT0000107 - Marine Area to the Northeast
MT0000108 - Marine Area to the East
MT0000109 - Marine Area to the Southwest
MT0000110 - Marine Area to the Southeast
MT0000111 - Marine Area around Gozo
MT0000112 - Marine Area to the Northwest

The EU Process



More Information



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