



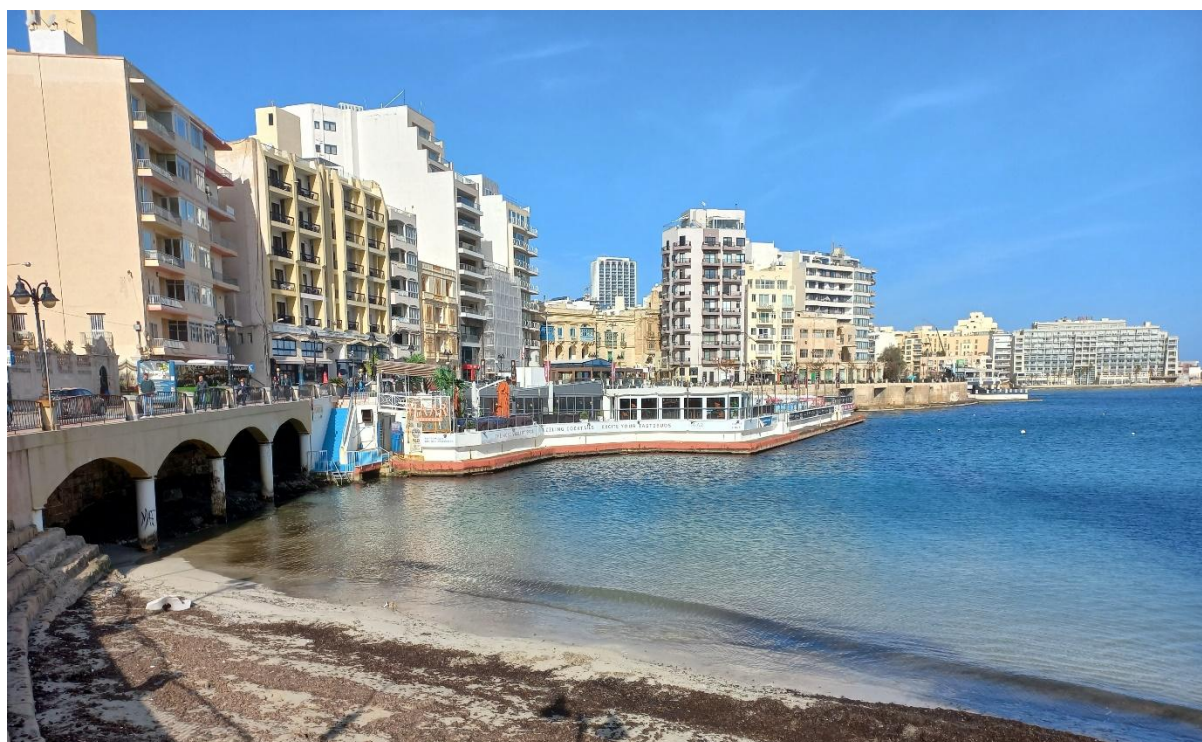
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Bathing Water Profile

PROFILE 9 – Update 2024

SAN GILJAN: St. Julian's Bay & Balluta Bay

SLIEMA: Exiles Bay



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Update to the Bathing Water Profile based on the report by the European Environment Agency issued in May 2025

Under the provisions of the Bathing Water Directive (BWD), 2006/7/EC, as transposed by Legal Notice 125 of 2008 and amended by Legal Notice 237 of 2011 87 bathing water monitoring points are monitored in the Maltese Islands. The monitoring data and other information regarding bathing water management are reported to the European Environment Agency at the end of the official monitoring season to assess and publish information on the state of the Bathing Water of the Maltese Islands. This bathing water profile is in accordance with, regulation 11, and Schedule III of the legal notice.

Bathing water profile 9 covers 6 monitoring points situated in the locality of San Giljan and Sliema as per **Figure 2 & 3 and Table 1**. Located along Malta's northeastern coast. B06, B07, B08 & B09 are situated in the locality of San Giljan. B10 & B11 are located Sliema. B08, B09 & B10 are sandy beaches while the other points are

rocky sites. All sites are surrounded by restaurants, hotels and private residences.

The monitoring points B06, B07, B08, B09, B10 & B11 have been monitored for 23 weeks, by the Environmental Health Directorate. The monitoring period for the official bathing season starts on the third week of May till the third week of October. For the year 2024 the monitoring day where 13th May till 20th October.

The bathing water quality is based on two microbiological parameters (Escherichia coli and Intestinal enterococci). These two parameters determine the classification of the bathing water quality as 'excellent', 'good', 'sufficient' or 'poor'. The symbols shown in **Figure 1** below correspond to this classification. The European Environment Agency report for the year 2024 indicated that 92% of the bathing water classified as excellent quality, see **Figure 4**. (European Environmental Agency, 2025).

Figure 1: Star Classification





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Location and Sampling of Official Bathing Area

Table 1: Co Ordinates of Sampling Point

Bathing Water ID Numbers	Longitude	Latitude
B06 (MT0120125200000B06 ¹)	14.494978	35.919395
B07 (MT0120125200000B07 ¹)	14.493523	35.917406
B08 (MT0120125200000B08 ¹)	14.493621	35.914758
B09 (MT0120125200000B09 ¹)	14.494597	35.914940
B10 (MT0120125200000B10 ¹)	14.496997	35.915543
B11 (MT0120125900000B11 ¹)	14.498429	35.918350

¹NB this code is the site reference code used by the European Environment Agency.

Figure 2: GIS for the Official Bathing Area of B06





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Figure 3: GIS for the Official Bathing Area of B07, B08, B09, B10 & B11

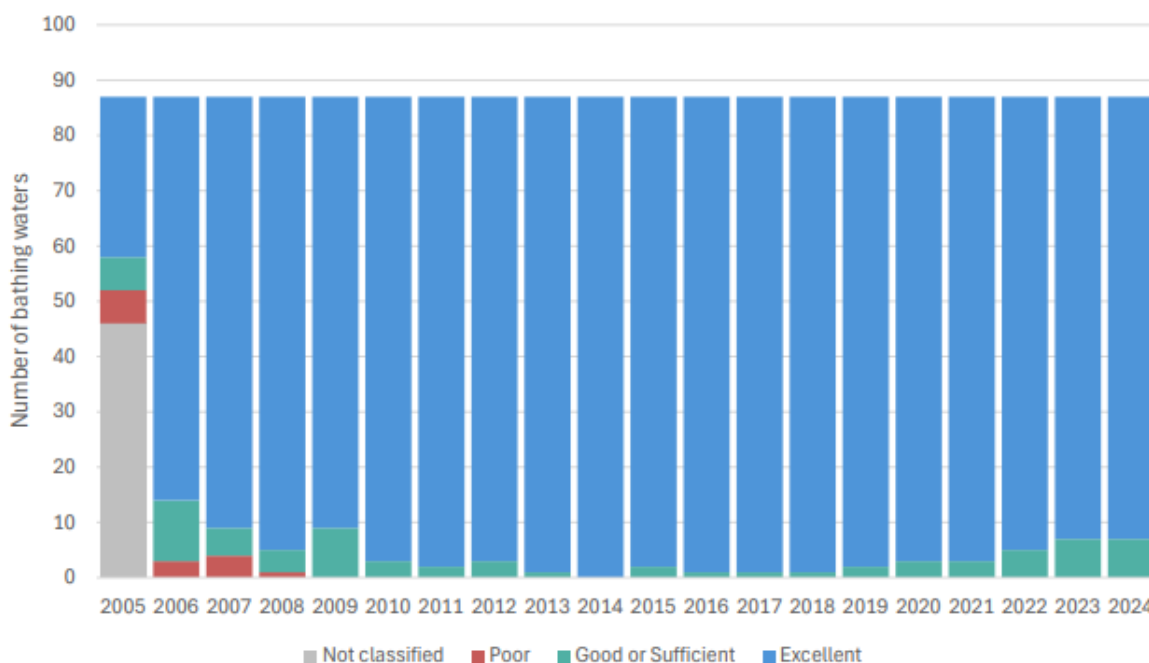




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Classification updated for the year 2024.

Figure 4: Results of bathing water quality in Malta from 2005 to 2024



Trend of coastal bathing water quality in Malta. Notes: Each column represents an absolute number of bathing waters in the season. The 'good' and 'sufficient' quality classes are merged for comparability with the classifications under the preceding Bathing Water Directive 76/160/EEC.

(European Environment Agency, 2025)

Table 2: Classification of bathing waters

	2006/7/EC Classification based on four years data					
Escherichia coli (cfu/100 ml)	< 250	Excellent quality	< 500	Good quality	> 500	Sufficient quality
Intestinal Enterococci (cfu/100ml)	< 100	Excellent quality	< 200	Good quality	> 200	Sufficient quality



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Table 3: Bathing water quality classification at (2021 - 2024)

2006/7/EC Classification based on four years data				
Bathing Water ID Numbers	YEARS	Escherichia coli	Intestinal Enterococci	Overall Classification
B06	2	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B07	0	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B08	2	Sufficient	Excellent	Sufficient
B09	4	Sufficient	Excellent	Sufficient
B10		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B11		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B06	2	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B07	0	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B08	2	Sufficient	Excellent	Sufficient
B09	3	Sufficient	Excellent	Sufficient
B10		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B11		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

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B06	2	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B07	0	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B08	2	Sufficient	Excellent	Good
B09	1	Good	Excellent	Good
B10		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
B11		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

Further information on bathing water results is available on the Environmental Health Directorate website www.bathingwater.gov.mt



B06, B07, B10 & B11

Excellent Quality

2024



B08 & B09

Sufficient Quality



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Identification and assessment of causes of pollution that might affect bathing waters and impair bathers' health;

The risk factor for B06, B07, B10 & B11 monitoring sites is low risk, B09 is medium risk and for B08 is high risk. The risk factor was calculated on possible sources of contamination and the risk of occurrence. These include rainwater culverts and surface water runoff that discharge directly into the official bathing site, if there any sewage pumping station or main sewers in the vicinity, if currently there is a construction activity ongoing and if in the past four years there were reports of short-term pollution and or a bathing prohibition period.

The probability of temporarily closing the monitoring site B06, B07, B10 and B11 is very low, for B09 is low and for B08 is high. This was calculated on the number of health warnings issued for the last four years.

Temporary closing of bathing water sites during bathing season 2024

B06, B07, B10 & B11 covered by this Bathing Water Profile were not temporarily closed during the bathing season of 2024.

Official bathing site B08 and B09 were temporarily closed during the bathing season of 2024 as per short term pollution report available on <https://environmentalhealth.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Report-for-Balluta-Bay-the-Bathing-Prohibition-Period-and-Short-Term-Pollution-Period.pdf>

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORATE NOTICE

BATHING NOT RECOMMENDED

MINFABBA ĊIRKOSTANZI MHUX TAS-SOLTU, HUWA RAKKOMANDAT LI GĦALISSA MA JSIRX GĦAWM F'DAWN L-INNAWI. JIDDISPJACINA GĦAL DAN L-INKONVENJENT.

DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, BATHING IN THIS AREA IS TEMPORARILY NOT RECOMMENDED. ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED IS REGRETTED.

A CAUSA DI CIRCOSTANZE IMPREVISTE, LA BALNEAZIONE IN QUESTA ZONA E' TEMPORANEAMENTE SCONSIGLIATA. CI SCUSIAMO DELL' INCONVENIENTE.

AUFGRUND BESONDERER UMSTÄNDE IST DAS BADEN HIER VORÜBERGEHEND NICHT EMPFOHLEN. WIR BEDAUERN ALLE HIERAUS ENTSTEHENDEN UNANNEHMlichkeiten.

EN RAISON DE CIRCONSTANCES EXCEPTIONNELLES, LA BAIGNADE EST TEMPORAIREMENT DÉCONSEILLÉE DANS CETTE ZONE. NOUS REGRETTONS LES DESAGREMENTS OCCASIONNES.

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Figure 5: Signs placed on site for temporary closing of B08 & B09.



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What should one do if a pollution incident is noticed?

If a risk of bathing water pollution (on-shore or off-shore) is noted, the Environmental Health Directorate is to be immediately notified by calling.

21337333 during Office Hours:

or

23343223 (Malta)/22156500 (Gozo) after Office Hours / Weekends / Public Holidays:

Or sending an email on: wrau.ehd@gov.mt

When a complaint is received the Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) will investigate accordingly and if necessary, elevate samples. During the period of any short-term pollution and or bathing prohibition, the EHOs will elevate samples from the bathing site on a daily basis to monitor its quality.

Once the nuisance is resolved and the results of three consecutive bathing water samples conform to the parameters stipulated in the Legal Notice 125 of 2008, indicated that there is no risk to bathers, the warning will be lifted.



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European Commission: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/analysis/publications/european-bathing-water-quality-in-2024>

Environmental Health Directorate: <https://environmentalhealth.gov.mt/en/ehs/wrau/bathing-water-programme/>



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