L.N. 251 of 2007

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT (CAP. 435)

Establishment of the *Majjistral*, Nature and History Park Regulations, 2007

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred by article 9 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister for Rural Affairs and the Environment has made the following regulations:-

Citation.

1. The title of these Regulations is the Establishment of the *Majjistral*, Nature and History Park Regulations, 2007.

Interpretation.

Cap. 435.

2. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms and expressions in these Regulations, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them by the Environment Protection Act.

Establishment of the Park.

3. (1) The Minister hereby declares as protected, the area in the North West of Malta, as delineated in the site map found in Annex I to these regulations, and for such purpose is hereby establishing a Nature and History Park that shall incorporate and include the said protected area.

(2) The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, extend the boundaries of the said Park.

Name of the Park.

4. The Park shall be called the *Majjistral*, Nature and History Park.

Status of the Park.

5. The Park shall be a national park and the various levels of protection within the park shall be determined, from time to time, by the relevant competent authorities.

Management of the Park.

6. There shall be a management structure for the management of the Park, which shall be made up of a management board and the managing organisations.

Establishment of the Board.

7. The management board is hereby established, which is to be known as the "*Majjistral*, Nature and History Park Management Board", hereinafter referred to as "the Board".

Functions of the Board.

8. (1) The Board shall have the responsibility to develop a plan for the management of the park, hereinafter referred to as the "management plan", which plan is to be submitted to the competent authority for approval, and to carry out regular updating and review of the said management plan.

(2) The Board shall supervise the implementation of the management plan, which shall be implemented by the managing organisations.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of subregulations (1) and (2), the Board shall act as a contact point between Government, stakeholders and the managing organizations for the implementation of the management plan.

Composition of the Board.

9. (1) The Board shall be composed of not less than five members and not more than seven members who shall be appointed by the Minister for a term of five years, renewable for further periods, as follows:

(a) a chairperson;

(b) three members representing the Government of Malta after consultation with the Director General of Lands and the Director of Environment; and

(c) three members to be nominated respectively from each of the three non-governmental organisations listed in Annex II to these regulations.

(2) The Board shall regulate its own procedure.

(3) The Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

Appointment of Managing Organisations.

10. (1) For the implementation of the management plan according to regulation 8(2), the Minister shall appoint managing organisations from time to time by written agreements between the Minister, or his representative, and the competent authority on the one hand, and the Managing Organisations on the other, for periods of five years, renewable for further periods.

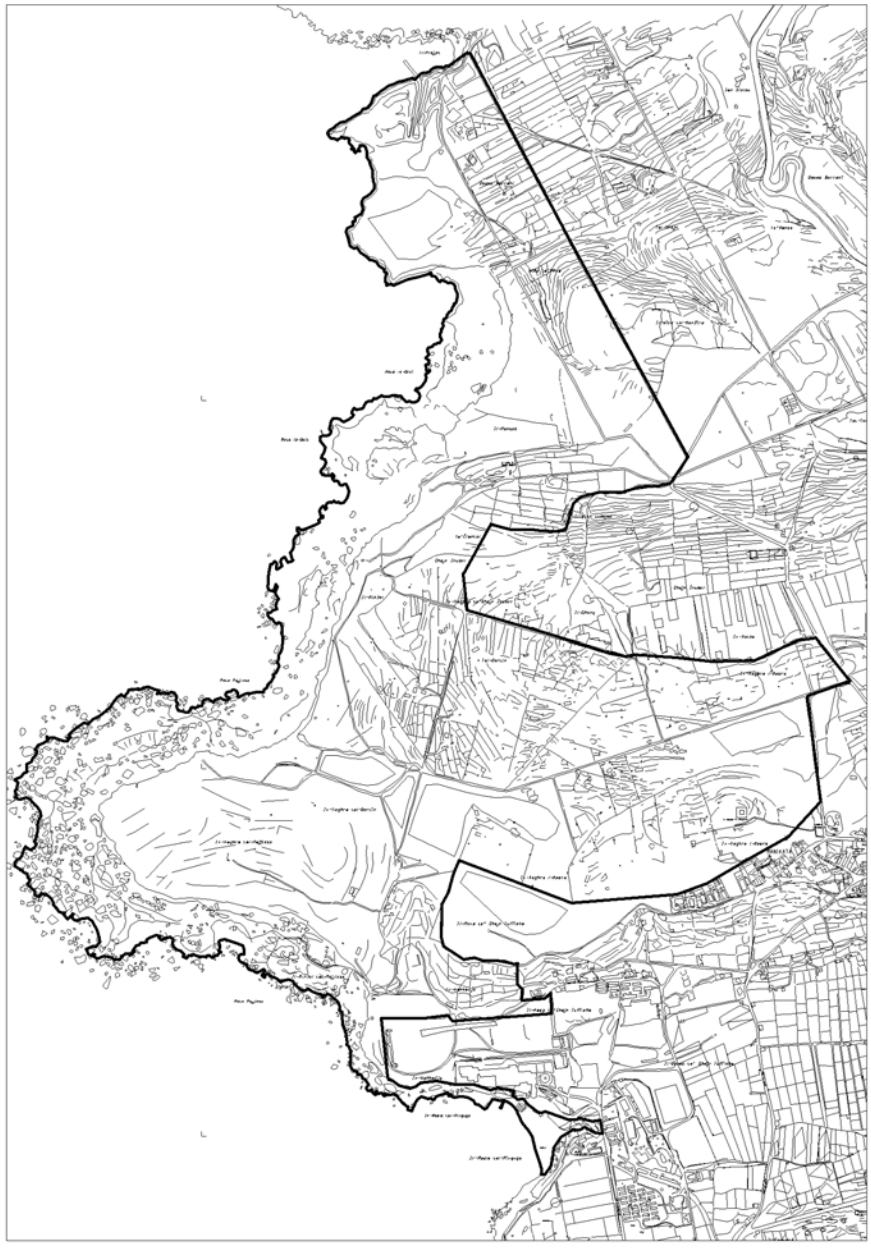
(2) The rights and duties of the managing organisations shall be laid out in the said written agreements.

Other agreements.

11. Subject to regulation 10, the Minister or his representative, may enter into an agreement with any non government organization working in the fields of heritage or environmental management to carry out specific tasks related to the *Majjistral,* Nature and History Park.

ANNEX I

(Regulation 3)



ANNEX II

Non-Governmental Organisations empowered to nominate one member each on the Board under regulation 9(1)(c):–

(a) *Nature Trust*

(b) *Din l-Art Ħelwa*

(c) *Gaia Foundation*.