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L.N. 184 of 2025

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT (CAP. 549)

Establishment of the *Majjistral*, Nature and History Park (Amendment) Regulations, 2025

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 54 and 55 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister responsible for the environment, after consultation with the Environment and Resources Authority, has made the following regulations:

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Establishment of the *Majjistral*, Nature and History Park (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Establishment of the *Majjistral*, Nature and History Park Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

S.L. 549.48.

Substitutes regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"Interpretation.

2. For the purpose of these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

Cap. 549.

"Act" means the Environment Protection Act;

"competent authority" means the Environment and Resources Authority as established by article 6 of the Act;

"management plan" means the Natura 2000 Management Plan or equivalent conservation measures including conservation orders or protection notices as established through the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations";

S.L. 549.44.

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for the environment;

"Park" means the *Majjistral*, Nature and History Park as established by regulation 3.".

Substitutes regulation 5 of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 5 of the principal regulations shall be

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substituted by the following new regulation:

"Status of the Park.

5. The designation of the Park is to protect the ecological processes, as well as the species, natural habitats, features and characteristics of the area and, in this regard, the competent authority may, from time to time, determine additional levels of protection within the Park, as may be required.".

Substitutes regulation 8 of the principal regulations.

4. Regulation 8 of the principal regulation shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"Management plans. S.L. 549.44.

8. (1) In accordance with the provisions of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, the competent authority may, in consultation with the Board, issue management plans for the Park.

(2) The competent authority, with the assistance of the Board, shall supervise the implementation of the management plans which shall be implemented by the managing organisations.

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

Amends regulation 9 of the principal regulations

5. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(1) The Board shall be composed of not less than six (6) members and not more than nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Minister for a term of three (3) years, renewable for further periods, as follows:

(a) a Chairperson;

(b) a representative of the competent authority;

(c) two (2) members representing the Government;

(d) a maximum of three (3) members from non-governmental organisations holding agreements for the management of the Park; and

(e) a representative from the Local Council of Mellieħa.".

Amends regulation 10 of the principal regulations.

6. In regulation 10 of the principal regulations the words "management board", wherever they occur, shall be substituted by the word "Board" .

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Deletes Annex II to the principal regulations.

7. Annex II to the principal regulations shall be deleted.

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