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Prime Minister

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Minister for the Environment,  
Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour

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Chairperson,  
Environment and Resources Authority

L.N. XX of 2024

**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT  
(CAP. 549)**

**Species Protection (Designation of National Species) (Amendment) Regulations**

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

**Citation.**

**S.L. 549.120.**

1. The title of these regulations is the Species Protection (Designation of National Species) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Species Protection (Designation of National Species) Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the “principal regulations”.

**Amends regulation 8 of the principal regulations.**

2. Paragraph (c) of regulation 8 shall be substituted by the following new paragraph (c):

“(c) prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those invasive alien species which may threaten National Species provided that such measures do not negatively affect any species used for apiculture; and”

**Amends Regulation 10 of the principal regulations.**

3. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

“10. Any assessment carried out or permit issued by the competent authority in accordance with the relevant regulations shall be deemed as issued under these regulations:

**S.L. 36.36.**

**S.L. 549.44**

Provided that for *Apis mellifera ruttneri*, any registration in terms of the Bee Keeping Regulations involving the use of this species for the production of honey, royal jelly, propolis, beeswax or other honey bee related products, is to be considered as a permit valid under this Regulation and under the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations.”

**Amends Schedule I of the principal regulations.**

4. Schedule I of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new Schedule:

**“SCHEDULE I**  
**NATIONAL SPECIES OF THE MALTESE ISLANDS**

Schedule I(a): National Species (Birds)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	MALTESE NAME	ENGLISH NAME	NATIONAL SPECIES
<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	il-merill; iċ-ċikkudiddiju	Blue Rock Thrush	National Bird

Schedule I(b): National Species (excluding Birds)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	MALTESE NAME	ENGLISH NAME	NATIONAL SPECIES
<i>Aphanius fasciatus</i>	il-bużaqq	Mediterranean Killifish	National Fish
<i>Apis mellifera ruttneri</i>	in-naħla; in-naħla ta' Malta	Maltese Honey Bee	National Insect
<i>Palaeocyanus crassifolius</i> (= <i>Cheirolophus crassifolius</i> )	widnet il-baħar	Maltese Rock-Centauray	National Plant
<i>Potamon fluviatile lanfrancoi</i>	il-qabru; il-granċ tal-ilma ħelu	Maltese Freshwater Crab	National Invertebrate
<i>Tetraclinis articulata</i> (= <i>Callitris quadrivalvis</i> )	l-għargħar; is-siġra tal-għargħar	Arar Tree: Alerce; Sandarac Gum Tree	National Tree

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