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Ghajn Tuffieha Management Plan

- footpaths to be retained
- superfluous footpaths to be closed off (start in Feb 2006)
- area to be closed off

Proposed methods:

With the following measures the Gaia Foundation starts the rationalization of footpaths in a selected area within the Ghajn Tuffieha area. Around the 16th February 2006 part of the main footpath contiguous to the beach was disturbed by a mudslide. During the summer season this area used to be under high pressure from ramblers. It can function as a test area for further footpath rationalisation and the applied methods.

On the superfluous footpaths the Manager will plant Esparto Grass (*Lygeum spartum*), Golden Samphire (*Inula crithmoides*) and - in limited areas - Shrubby Orache (*Atriplex halimus*) in order to restore the established habitat. According to the Ghajn Tuffieha Ecological Survey (Lanfranco 1997) this is "Tamarisk/Golden Samphire/Esparto Grass clay slopes".

Directional signs will be installed to guide the visitors along the main path or the beach.

Boulders and stones will be placed along the borders of the main path (on crossings with superfluous paths) in order to mark the main path and make the access to the superfluous paths by ramblers difficult.

Remarks:

Map:

**Footpaths Plan
Area 1**

Date: February 2006

Scale: unknown

Size: A4

Base map and Orthophoto 2004
 (Malta Environment & Planning Authority Mapserver)