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Scientific coring works at Sikka L-Bajda Reef

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies mariners that Scientific coring works will take place at S-Sikka L-Bajda Reef - within Bunkering Area 1.

The coring operations will be carried out from Jack Up Sea Seven 7, which two (2) workboats will assist. The vessels will display appropriate lights and shapes in compliance with the requirements of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS) as amended.

The coring operations, in this area, are scheduled to commence on Wednesday 1st July 2026 and, weather permitting, are estimated to be completed by Friday 17th July 2026.

Several cores will be lifted from within the area bounded by points A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I, as shown within the hatched area on the attached chart.

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	36° 00'.106	014° 23'.461
B	36° 00'.099	014° 23'.473
C	36° 00'.095	014° 23'.478
D	36° 00'.078	014° 23'.502
E	36° 00'.073	014° 23'.507
F	36° 00'.103	014° 23'.489
G	36° 00'.106	014° 23'.492
H	36° 00'.110	014° 23'.497
I	36° 00'.117	014° 23'.506

Due to the above-mentioned works, navigation within the said areas will be restricted and entry will only be permitted following agreement and permission from the contractor on site.



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Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, and shall navigate with caution and at slow speed, when in the vicinity of the marked area.

They are to comply with instructions given by Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS) on VHF Channel 12.

Chart affected: **BA 194, 2537**

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