

Il-Ħitan tas-Sejjieħ

Il-ħitan tas-sejjieħ huma karatteristiċi tal-kampanja Maltija. Il-ħitan jinbnew minn ġebel mhux maħdum li jingabar mill-madwar u fil-bini tagħhom la jintuza tajn u l-anqas tikħil. Huwa stmat li f'dawn l-inħawi hemm madwar 40km ta' ħitan (1). Fl-irdum hemm numru kbir ta' ħitan li jdawru għelieqi ċkejna (2) jew mibnija bħala mogħdijiet merfugħa 'l fuq mill-ħamrija u li juru sew il-ħila tal-bennej tas-sejjieħ f'pajsagġ tant aħrax (3). Xogħolhom huwa varjat: bħala konservazzjoni tal-ħamrija, ilqugħ mir-riħ u qsim tal-proprjetà (4). Il-ħitan tradizzjonali jipprovdu ħabitat għal diversi speċi ta' pjanti u annimali (ara hawn taħt mal-lemin).

Nota: Il-ħitan tas-sejjieħ huma protetti bil-liġi.



Dry Stone Walls

Dry stone walls are a characteristic feature of the Maltese countryside. They are made from the rubble found in the surroundings. The stones are not dressed but used as found and no mortar or other binding material is used in their construction. It is estimated that in this area alone there are some 40km of such walls (1). In the boulder scree there are many walls encircling tiny fields (2) or even acting as raised pathways (3) – clear evidence of the skills of the dry stone wall mason in such a harsh landscape. The walls serve a variety of purposes: as retaining walls to conserve the soil, as windbreakers and to mark property boundaries (4). The traditional stone walls provide a habitat for many species of plants and animals (see below).

Note: Dry stone walls are protected by law.



Xaħmet l-Art
Ocellated Skink



Wiżgħa tal-Kampanja
Moorish Gecko



Kamaleonte
Mediterranean Chameleon



Għakrux
Snail



Hażiż u Likeni
Mosses and Lichens



Kappara
Caper



Papoċċi Homor
Greater Snapdragon

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