

**NAVTEX Report**  
Submitted by MALTA

**SUMMARY**

Executive Summary: Noting the current situation in the Central Mediterranean, Malta proposed to promulgate MSI other than its own MSI Schedule. Malta is willing to assist the International Maritime Community for the good order and Safety of Navigation by promulgating such warnings, however, is requesting to use Kelibia (TUN) timings to be able to accommodate these requests.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3 and Paragraph 4

Related documents: NAVTEX Panel Report August 2012 Paragraph 3.3.3  
NAVTEX Panel Report August 2013 Paragraph 3.3.2 and 3.3.3

1. Background:

Operational Points of Contact for National Co-ordinators within the NAVAREA

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2. Comments:

The Master Plan has been implemented and is operational in Sea Areas A1 and A2. A fully compliant Coast Radio Station has been incorporated in the existing VTS. This includes a NAVTEX Transmitter with a complete relocation of all transmitters and Antennae.

Equipment Type	Software Version	Date of Up-date
NAVTEX Transmitter 1, CST2001T, Zenitel	TCS_MF1KW v3.8	2009
NAVTEX Transmitter 2, CST2001T, Zenitel	TCS_MF1KW v3.8	2009
GMDSS server 1, V4 Marine Communication System, ICS Electronics Ltd.	V.4.17.1	2009
GMDSS server 2, V4 Marine Communication System, ICS Electronics Ltd.	V.4.17.1	2009

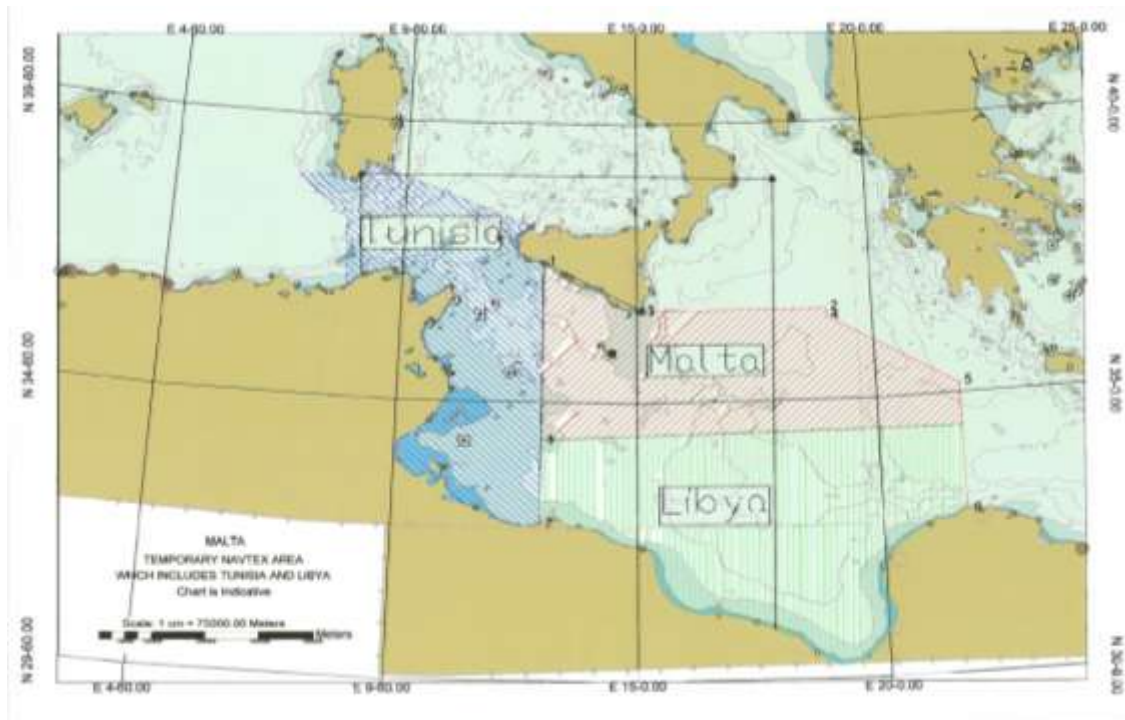
*[Specifics of information and data received]*

2012				2013				2014			
E-mail	Fax	Phone	Text	E-mail	Fax	Phone	Text	E-mail	Fax	Phone	Text
								28	58		

N.B, Malta Radio till 30 July 2015 has received 59 messages to be promulgated by NAVTEX from Tunisian Authorities(started November 2014) and other 28 requests from MRCC Rome in Italy to promulgate warnings in Libyan Region.

### 3. NAVTEX Coverage:

Operational areas to cover also those of Tunisia and Libya to be approved by NAVTEX Coordination Panel



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NAVTEX (O)  
35-51'N 14-29'E  
Range: 400 n miles

*NAVTEX Station operational since 1975*

### 4. Operational Issues:

With Malta presently transmitting MSI for Tunisia and warnings in Libyan Area, the Malta Radio allocated 10 min slot for NAVTEX Broadcasts is not enough and is fully occupied most of the time. Malta Radio temporally needs Kelibia (TUN) Timings to accommodate requests for broadcasts, until Kelibia (TUN) resumes transmission.

*Do you issue “In Force warnings” Bulletins? Yes*

*How do mariners find the text of your “In Force” warnings that are more than 42 days old and which are no longer broadcast? N/A. NTMs are published on Transport Malta (T.M.) Website and are available on same website (www.transport.gov.mt).  
<http://www.transport.gov.mt/ports-marinas/official-notices/notice-to-mariners-issued-in-2015>*

5. Quality Management Survey

NAVAREA	ISO 9001 - 2008	Promulgate “In-Force” Bulletins	Promulgate “No-Warning” Messages	Monitor Broadcast	24/7 contact information provided	Promulgate two scheduled broadcasts	IMO Master Plan updated
<i>Malta</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>YES</i>	YES	YES	YES(4)	YES

6. Contingency Planning NO. N/A

7. Capacity Building:

*Require to train 2 personnel (1 AFM and 1 TM)*

8. Other Activities: Attended Mediterranean and Black Sea Hydrographic Commission, Batumi Georgia. (Regularly attended by Transport Malta (TM). Regularly attend the International Hydrographic Conferences. TM hydrographic Office applied to become IHO member

9. NAVAREA Website: N/A

*[(Address, statistics (if permitted by national legislation;  
How often is the information on your web site updated?  
Do you display the date and time of the last update on your web site?)]*

10. NAVAREA Contact Information: N/A

*No Change*

11. Recommendations:

Use **temporally** Kelibia (TUN) timing Slots.

12. Actions requested:

IMO International NAVTEX Coordinating Panel to take note and take considerations on the above issue.

### 13. Summary:

Malta Radio has been transmitting MSI with a high level of standard for decades. As from 2005 Malta Radio has been passed to the Armed Forces of Malta, and in 2009 a new Coast Radio Station was commissioned and which now forms part of Rescue Coordination Centre Malta (RCC MALTA).

In the past the service area for Malta Radio NAVTEX Transmissions was bounded to the West and East by Meridians 009-00E AND 018-00E respectively and to the North and South by the parallel 39-00N and the Libyan and Tunisian Coast Line respectively, an area that Malta never renounced to transmit. In the course of the past years, there were other proposals to modify the area, which proposals are yet to come into force officially.

In view of the current situation in the Central Mediterranean, and with reference to the WWNWS Reports of 2012 para 3.3, and report for 2013 para 3.2 and 3.3, Malta Radio is willing to assist the International Maritime Community as much as possible for the good order and safety of navigation of the Central Mediterranean. In fact Malta Radio, apart from Transmitting MSI for its own area, is regularly transmitting MSI for Tunisia received by same Tunisian authorities, and is also receiving regular requests from Italian Authorities to transmit Navigational Warnings in an area close to the Libyan Shores.

However due to the increased requests for Transmission of MSI to Malta Radio by external entities, the 10 minute slot allocated to Malta Radio is not enough. Malta is ready to take up **temporally** Tunisian Timings, if approved by the NAVTEX Coordination Panel, so as to be able to accommodate comfortably other MSI requests, without jeopardising any other MSI transmissions.

The above will be until Kelibia (TUN) resumes its own service transmissions.