



Merchant Shipping Directorate



SABA BANK AREA TO BE AVOIDED

Merchant Shipping Notice 189

*Notice to Ship-owners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognized Organizations*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to remind all concerned of the establishment of the Saba Bank as a Particular Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) as well as an Area To Be Avoided (ATBA) under [Resolution MEPC.226\(64\)](#).

To avoid the risk of pollution and damage to this unique, fragile and pristine ecosystem, mariners should exercise extreme care when navigating in the area bounded by a line connecting the geographical positions, which designates the Saba Bank as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area as indicated in Annex 1 of Resolution MEPC.226(64).

Moreover, the area bounded by a line connecting the geographical positions mentioned in Annex 4 of Resolution MEPC.226(64) is established as an area to be avoided for ships of 300 GT and above, including private yachts and a mandatory no-anchoring area for all ships. The Saba Bank is the thirteenth PSSA designated by IMO.

Maltese ships navigating in this area are hereby reminded to ensure compliance with the said requirements.

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