



‘POSITION PAPER’ ID-DURI / *Hides/Blinds* REVISED VERSION

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- duri tal-kaċċaturi u n-nassaba:

1. dawn għandhom ikunu mibnija skond is-sengħa, it-tradizzjoni u mill-materjal li jkun jinsab fil-post, sew jekk dan ikun ħajt tas-sejjieħ jew gagazza.

2. Ikun ukoll aktar xieraq, u sakem hu possibli, li d-dura tkun mibnija kemm jista jkun viċin il-ħajt tal-post, fejn dan jinsab, tal-għalqa partikolari.

3. Duri li ‘llum huma mibnija jew parti mibnija bil-ġebel tal-kantun jew bil-briks, għandhom:

(a) jinksew jew b’tiles magħmulin mill-qxur tal-ġebel tas-sejjieħ li jinsab għall-bejħ fis-suq,

(b) jew b’xi taħlita’ ta’ ħamrija u siment, sabiex jiġu jkangū mall-ambjent tal-post,

(c) jew b’xi pjanta indiġena bħal bjanka (*Atriplex halimus*) jew liedna (*Hedera helix*).

B’hekk id-dura tingħata dehra naturali u li tkangū mal-ambjent tal-post.

4. Jekk xi dura teħtieġ li jkolla xi forma ta’ l-quħ mix-xita jew mir-riħ, il-materjal li jintuża għal dan l-iskop għandu ukoll ikun miksi jew miżbuħ b’tali mod li ma jagħtix fil-għajn u dehra kera lid-dura, pero’ li ukoll ikun kompatibbli mal-ambjent fejn tinsab id-dura.

5. Id-duri għoljin, kemm id-dura nfisha kif ukoll il-pedestal fuq liema tkun imwaqqfa l-istess dura, għandhom ukoll ikunu miżbugħa b’tali mod li ma jagħtux fil-għajn u jkangū mas-siġar jew l-ambjent naturali ta’ madwarhom.

6. Duri ‘portable’ huma aċċetabbli.

7. Materjal ieħor, bħal frigijs, kukers, tankijiet tal-erbgħin, pjanci msadda, eċċ. mgħandhomx jintużaw.

- hunters/trappers' hides/blinds:

1. Shall be built in line with traditional building craft, using material that is in keeping with the area, such as rubble-wall stones (tas-sejjeñ) or rough-dressed stone (gagazza).

2. As much as possible, built in the vicinity of the particular field's boundary wall.

3. Hides/blinds already built or partly-built with ashlar's masonry (gebla tal-kantun) or bricks shall:

a. be either clad in full rubble-stones, or

b. painted in a matt earth colour to match that of the surrounding soil/terrain, and/or

c. surrounded with indigenous planted shrubs such as Shrubby Orache (*Atriplex halimus*) [Bjanka], or creepers, such as Ivy (*Hedera helix*) [Liedna]. These should be planted directly in the terrain not in planters.

This mitigation measure shall thus impart a more natural appearance to the hide/blind to ensure it blends with its surroundings.

4. If the hide/blind has to have a rain/wind top for shelter, this shall also be constructed in such a manner so as not to be an eye-sore, and must blend with the surrounding environment.

5. High-seat hides/blinds should be painted over with colours that blend with the surrounding trees and natural surroundings. This applies to both the hide/blind itself and to the respective support construction.

6. Portable hides/blinds are acceptable.

7. Any other material, such as white goods (e.g., disused fridges/cookers), oil tanks, rusted metal planks, etc., shall not be used.