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Restricted Areas round Malta due to danger of falling rocks

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, would like to bring to the attention of all mariners of the danger of falling rocks in sea caves, from sea arches and sea stacks and from cliff faces. This is due to the geological structure of the Maltese Islands and land erosion which is caused by the combined effects of sea waves, strong wind, and precipitation.

The following areas (shown hatched on the attached charts) are restricted to both vessels and swimmers and should be avoided:

Il-Ponta ta' Dellimara - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 1).

LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)	
A	35° 49'.430	014° 33'.381
B	35° 49'.165	014° 33'.539

Blue Grotto limits of Wied iz-Zurrieq - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 2).

LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)	
A	35° 49'.272	014° 27'.415
B	35° 49'.307	014° 27'.455

Il-Veccja – Il-Bajja ta' San Pawl - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 3).

A	35° 56'.833	014° 23'.492
B	35° 56'.858	014° 23'.495



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Qala tal-Ghazzelin – Il-Bajja ta' San Pawl - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 4).

A	35° 56'.967	014° 24'.121
B	35° 56'.964	014° 24'.129

Il-Ponta taz-Zonqor – Il-Bajja ta' Marsascula - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 5).

A	35° 52'.001	014° 34'.291
B	35° 52'.004	014° 34'.334
C	35° 52'.017	014° 34'.368

Dawret ix-Xatt – Xghajra - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 6).

A	35° 53'.129	014° 33'.148
B	35° 53'.121	014° 33'.152
C	35° 53'.113	014° 33'.158

Il-Munxar, Marsascula - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 7).

A	35° 50'.970	014° 34'.300
B	35° 50'.677	014° 34'.067

Il-Bajja tal-Gnejna - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 8).

A	35° 55'.325	014° 20'.643
B	35° 55'.310	014° 20'.644

Tigne - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 9).

A	35° 54'.507	014° 30'.720
B	35° 54'.493	014° 30'.732



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Xrobb I-Ghagin II-Hoffriet - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C and the intermediate coastline and the imaginary line D to E to F and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 10).

A	35° 50'.313	014° 33'.722
B	35° 50'.267	014° 33'.766
C	35° 50'.248	014° 33'.831
D	35° 50'.344	014° 33'.761
E	35° 50'.323	014° 33'.824
F	35° 50'.298	014° 33'.843

Il-Bajja ta' San Tumas - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C to D and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 11).

A	35° 51'.320	014° 34'.041
B	35° 51'.340	014° 34'.113
C	35° 51'.420	014° 34'.142
D	35° 51'.426	014° 34'.231

Il-Ghar Ghana - Kemmuna - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 12).

A	36° 01'.106	014° 19'.469
B	36° 01'.100	014° 19'.495

L-Imgiebah – Il-Bajja tal-Mellieha - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 13).

A	35° 58'.132	014° 22'.841
B	35° 58'.089	014° 22'.889

Ghar Lapsi - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C to D and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 14).

A	35° 49'.639	014° 25'.464
B	35° 49'.640	014° 25'.497
C	35° 49'.615	014° 25'.523
D	35° 49'.614	014° 25'.528



Golf l-Abjad – Haz-Zabbar - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 15).

A	35° 52'.891	014° 33'.450
B	35° 52'.888	014° 33'.503

Qarraba Bay - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B to C and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 16).

A	35° 55'.586	014° 20'.509
B	35° 55'.601	014° 20'.570
C	35° 55'.582	014° 20'.609

Fort Ricasoli - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 17).

A	35° 53'.887	014° 31'.617
B	35° 53'.861	014° 31'.688

Dahla ta' Rinella - The area bounded by the imaginary line A to B and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart 18).

A	35° 53'.697	014° 31'.610
B	35° 53'.666	014° 31'.621

Rdum il Bies - Il-Bajja ta' San Pawl - An area of 50m radius centred on the following approximate position (as shown on attached chart 19).

A	35° 57'.708	014° 23'.766
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Fort Ricasoli Bastion - An area of 50m radius centred on the following approximate position (as shown on attached chart 20).

A	35° 53'.885	014° 31'.422
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Mariners are informed that a rope supported by black and white buoys may be placed along all the imaginary lines mentioned above.

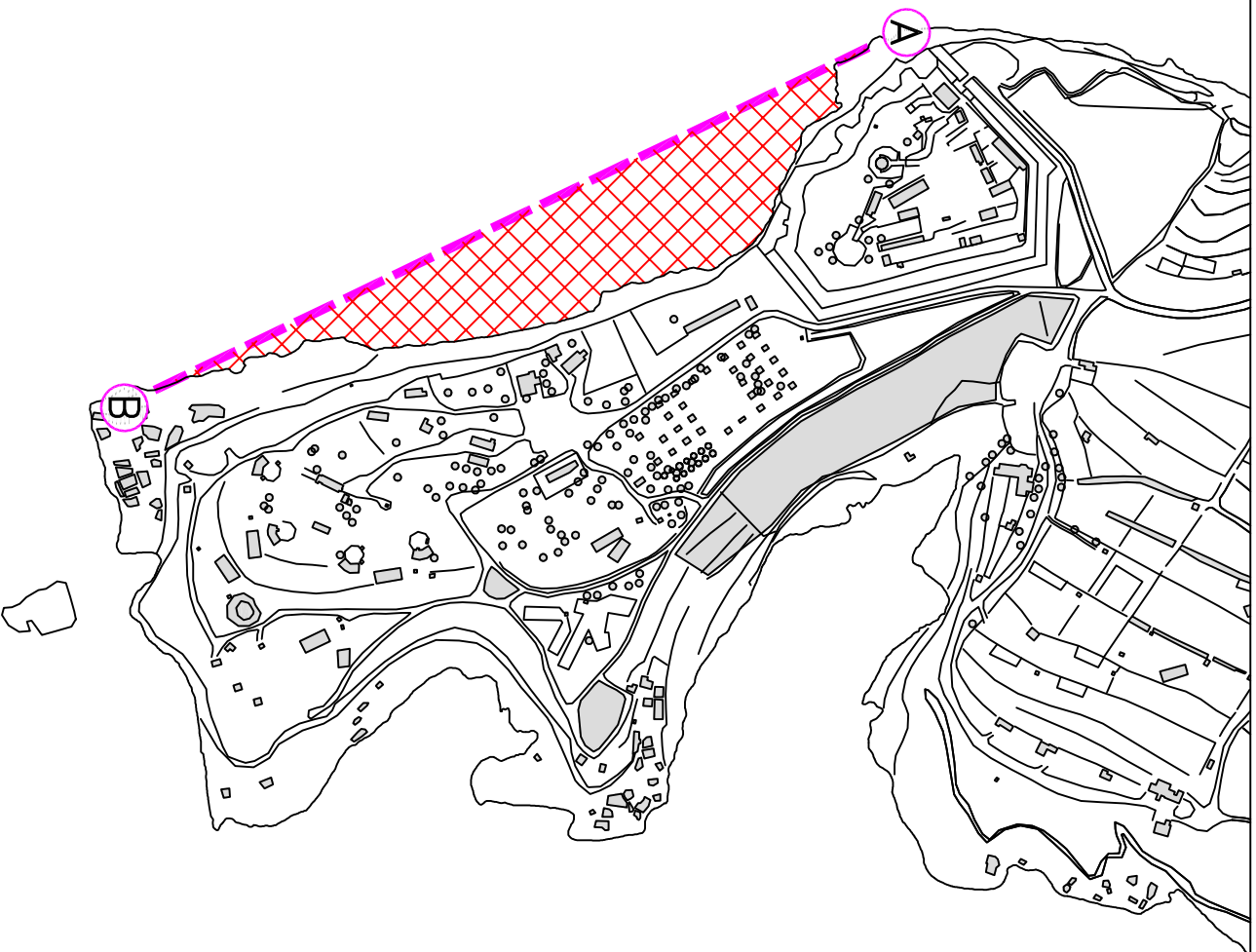
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Mariners are to give special attention when entering any cave and shall keep at a safe distance from cliff faces all around the Maltese Islands.

This Local Notice to Mariners is to replace Local Notice to Mariners Nos 002, 026 and 132 of 2020, which are hereby **CANCELLED**.

Charts affected: BA 36, 177, 194, 211A, 211B, 1537, 2538



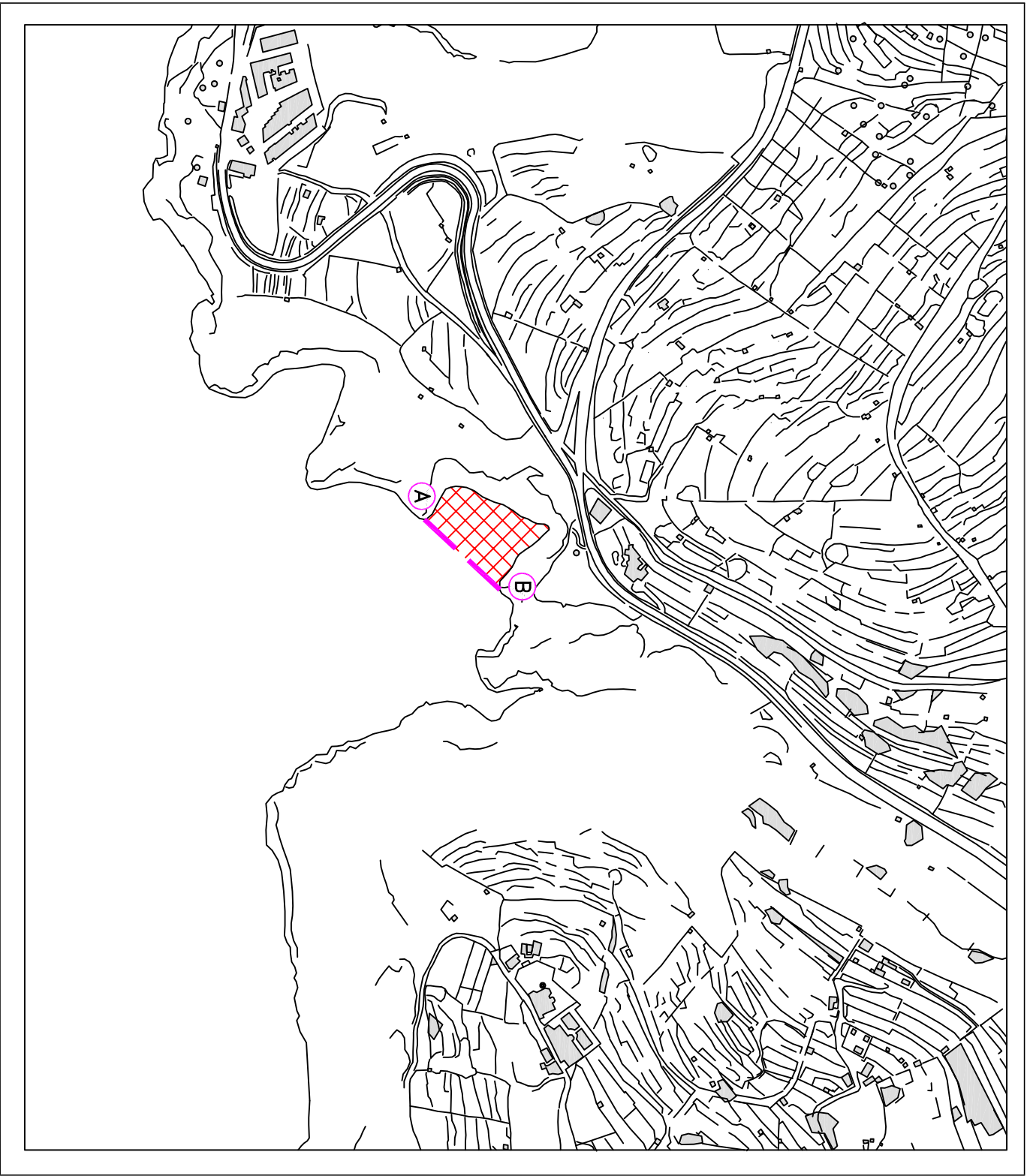
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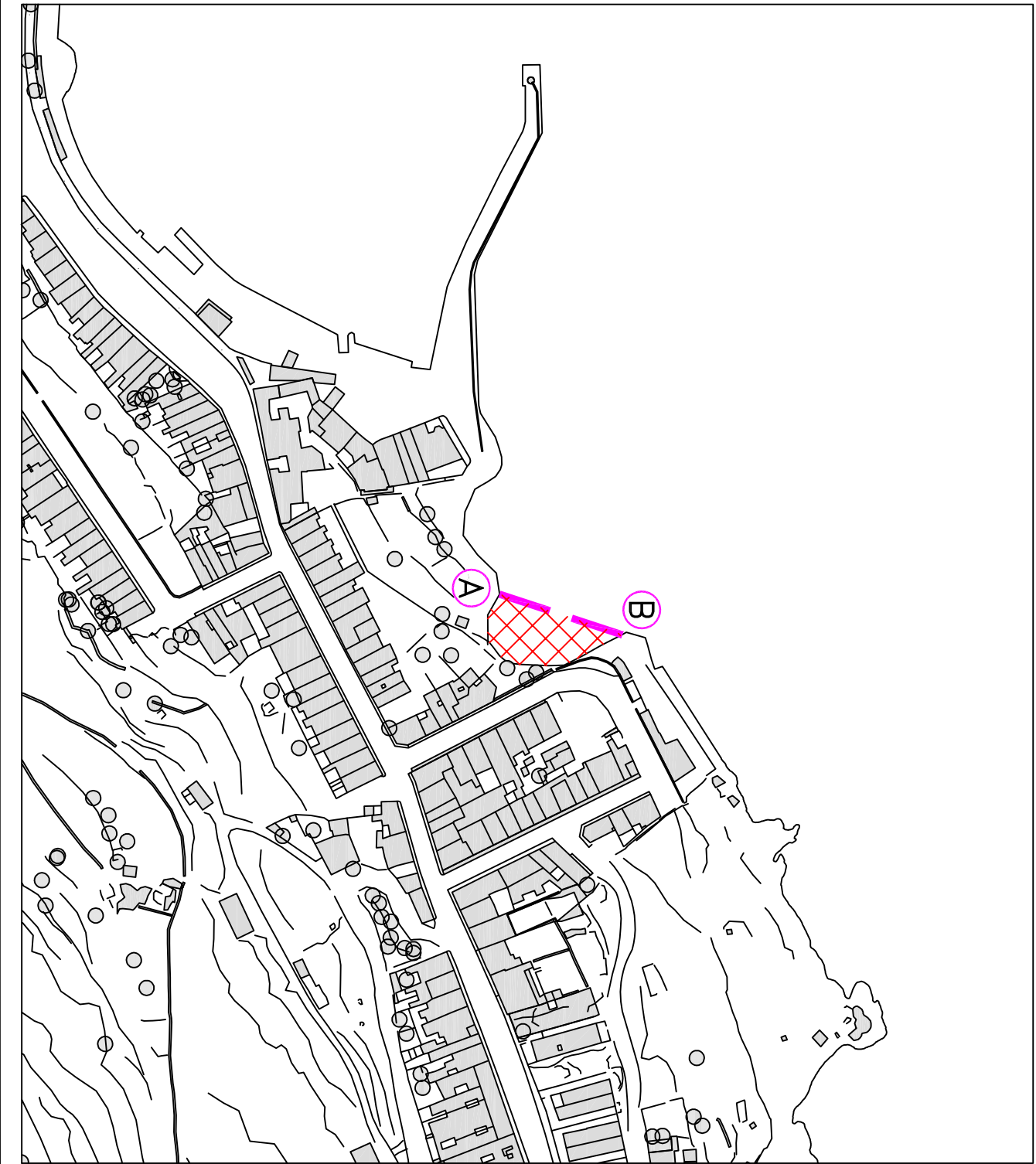


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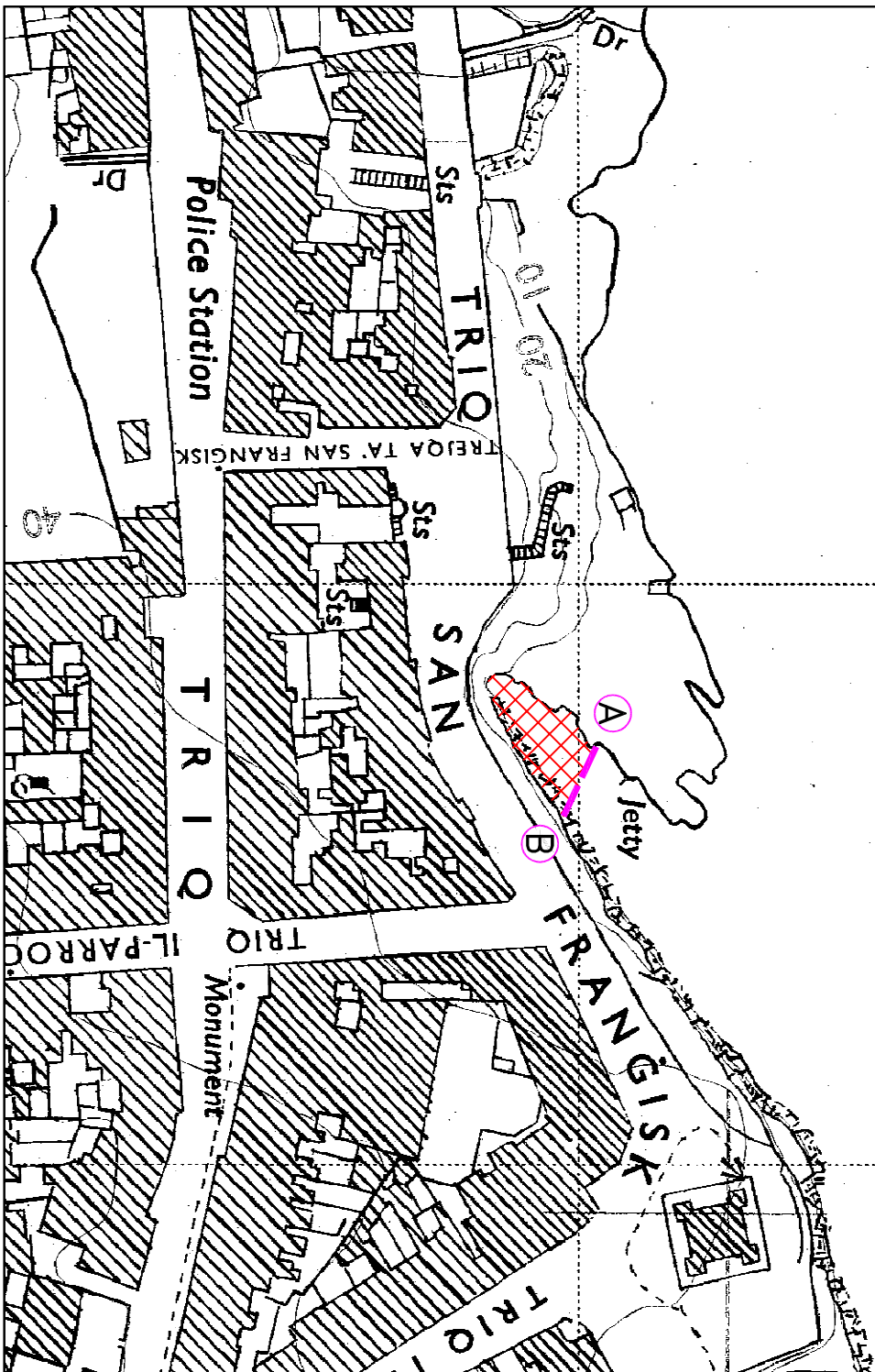
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Qala tal-Għażiżellin

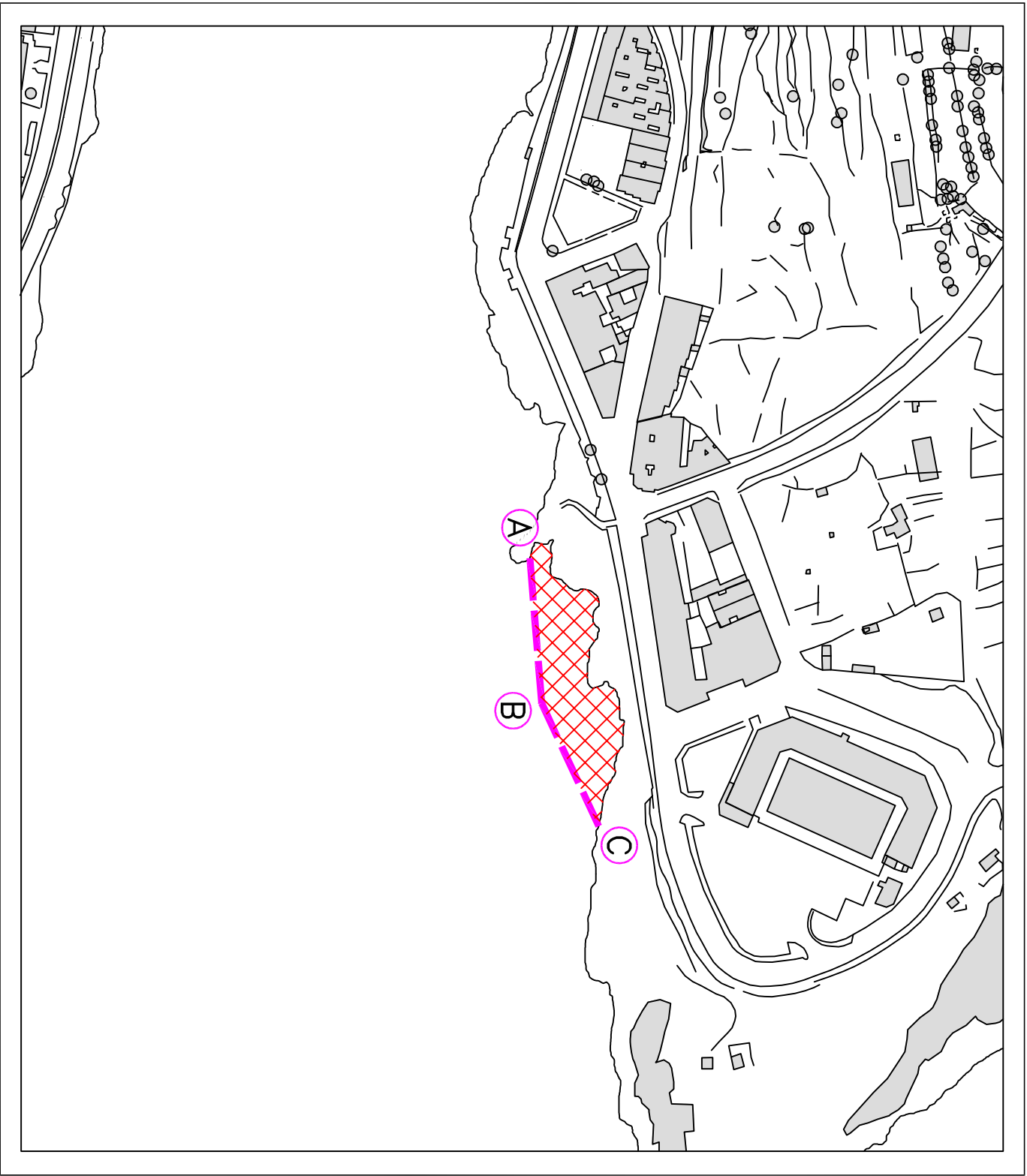


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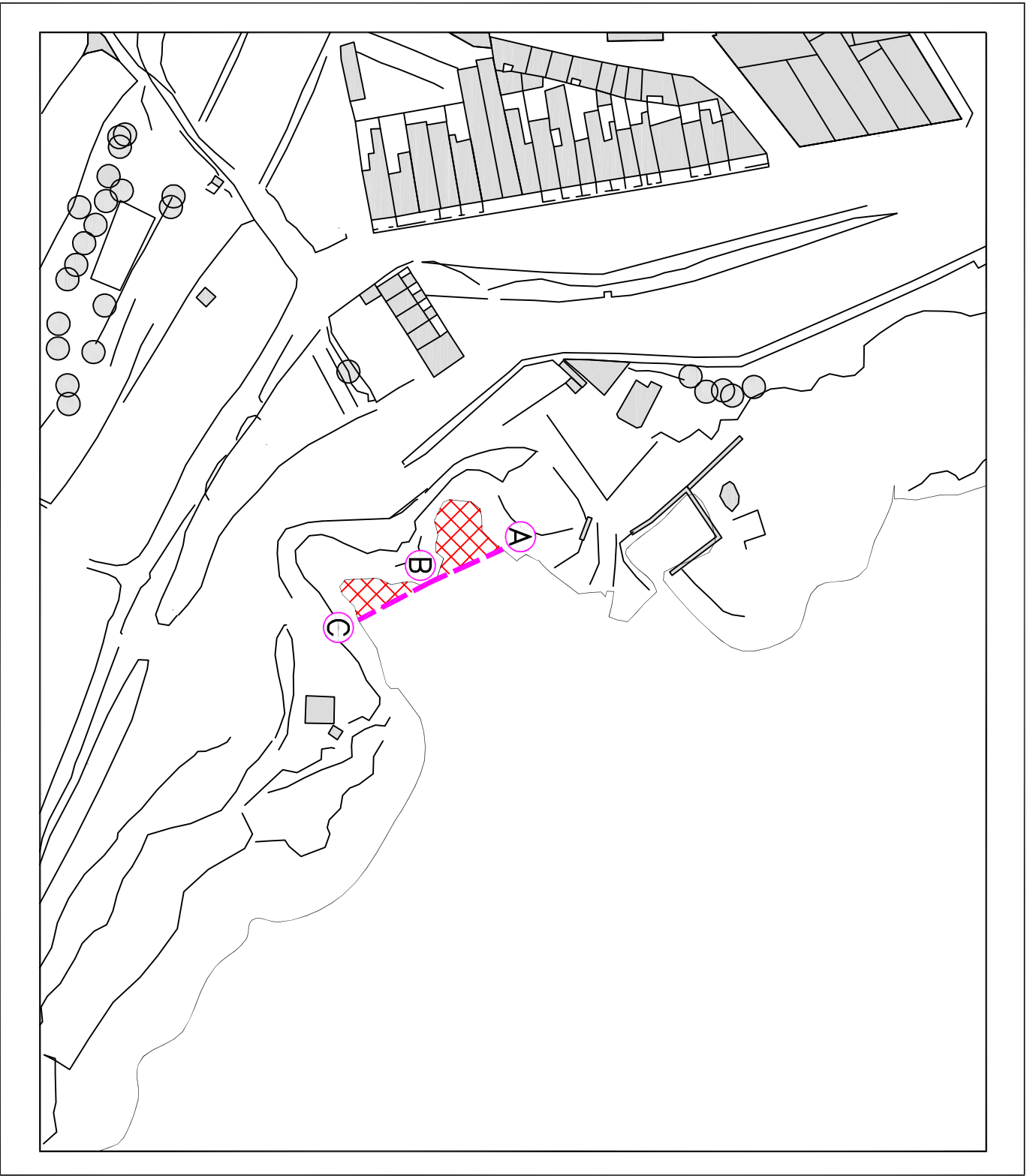


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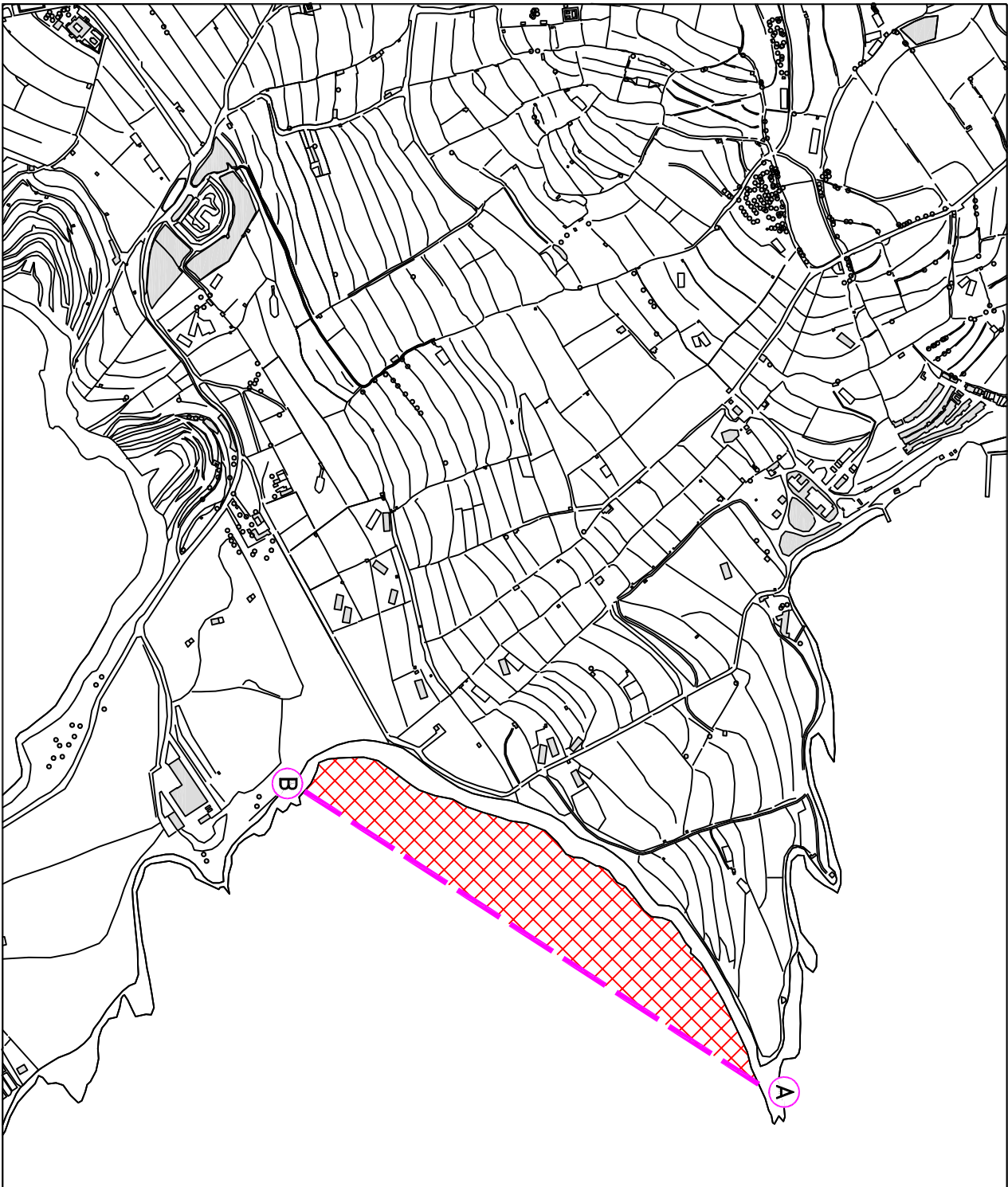


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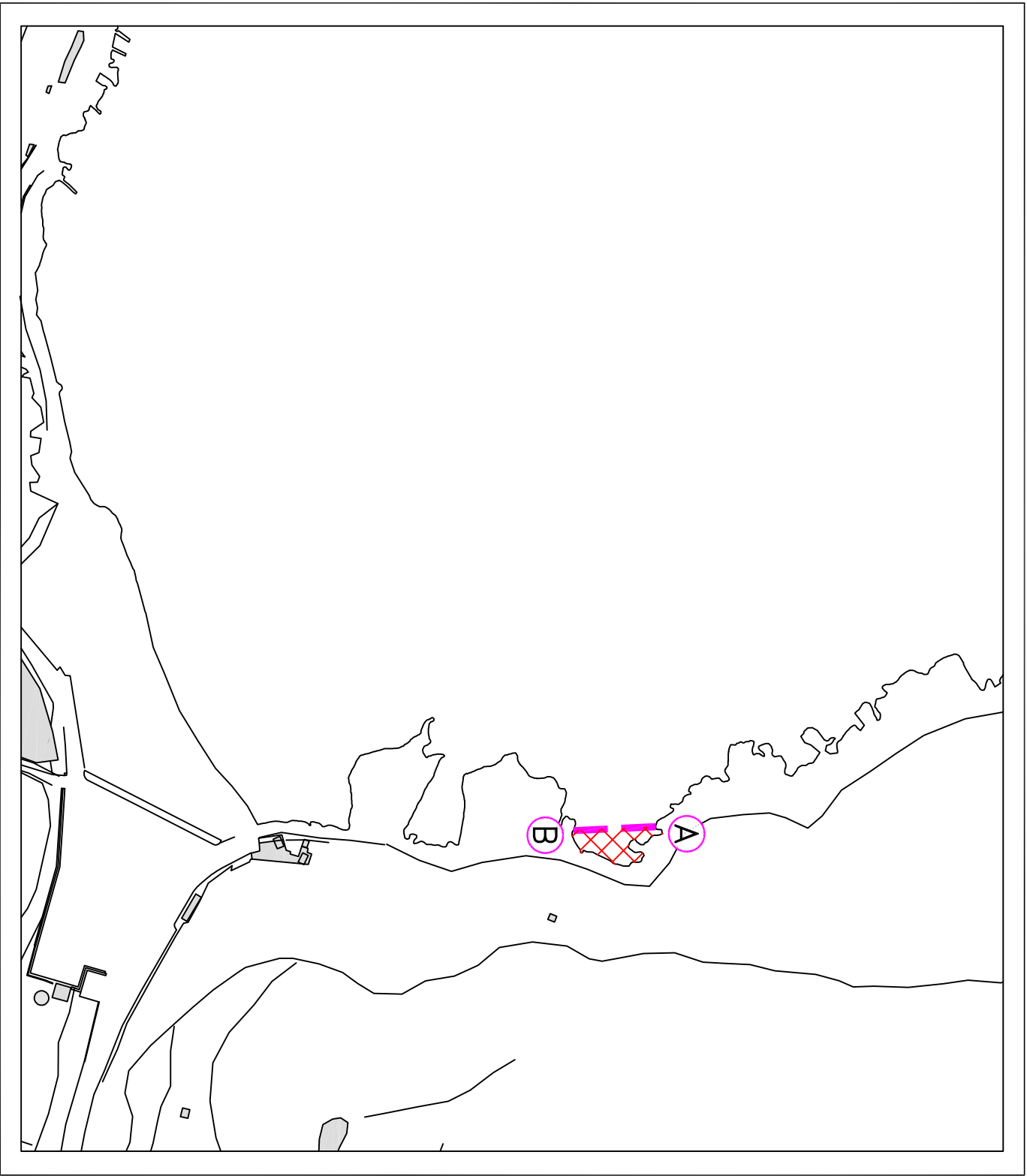
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Chart 7



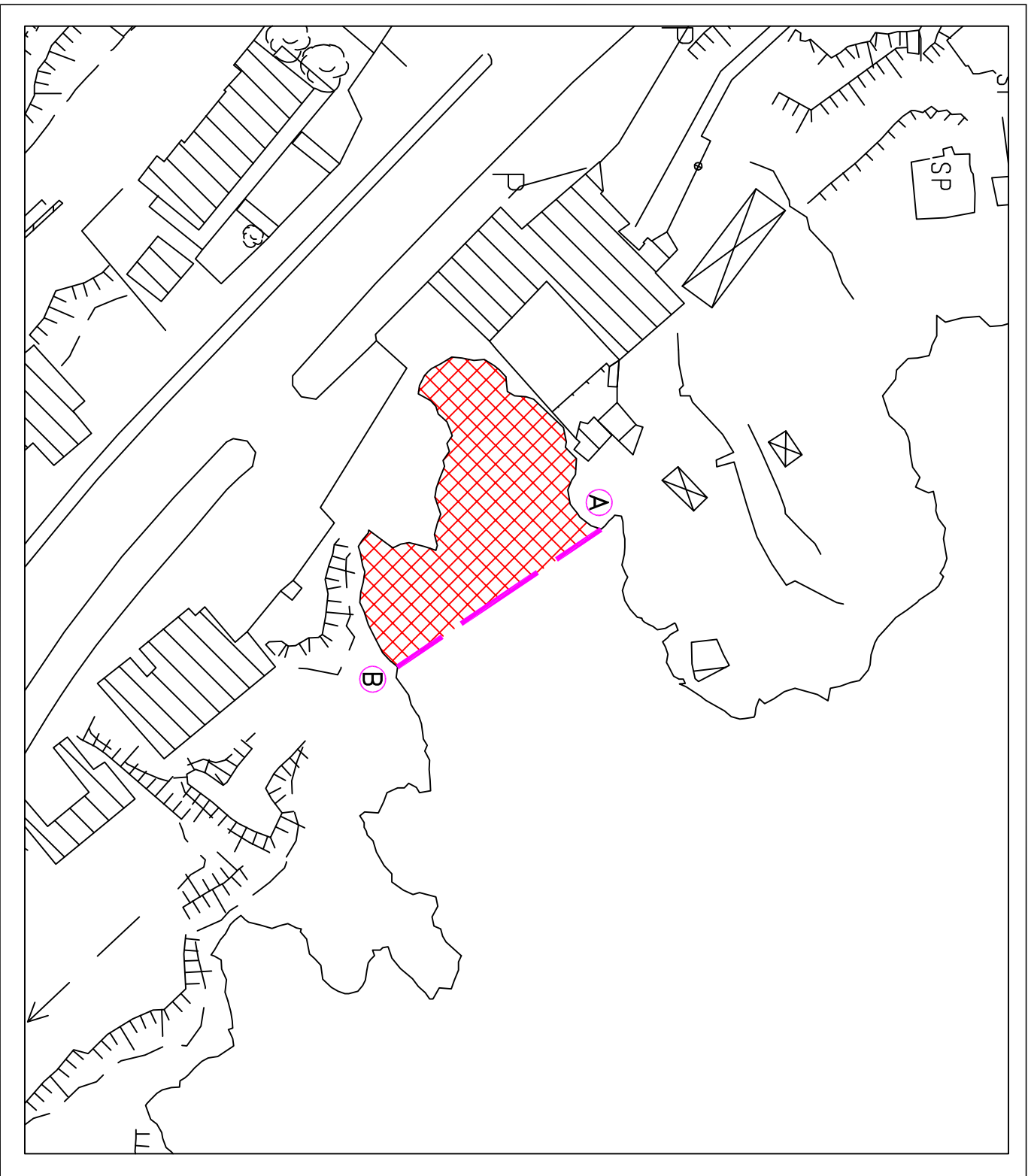
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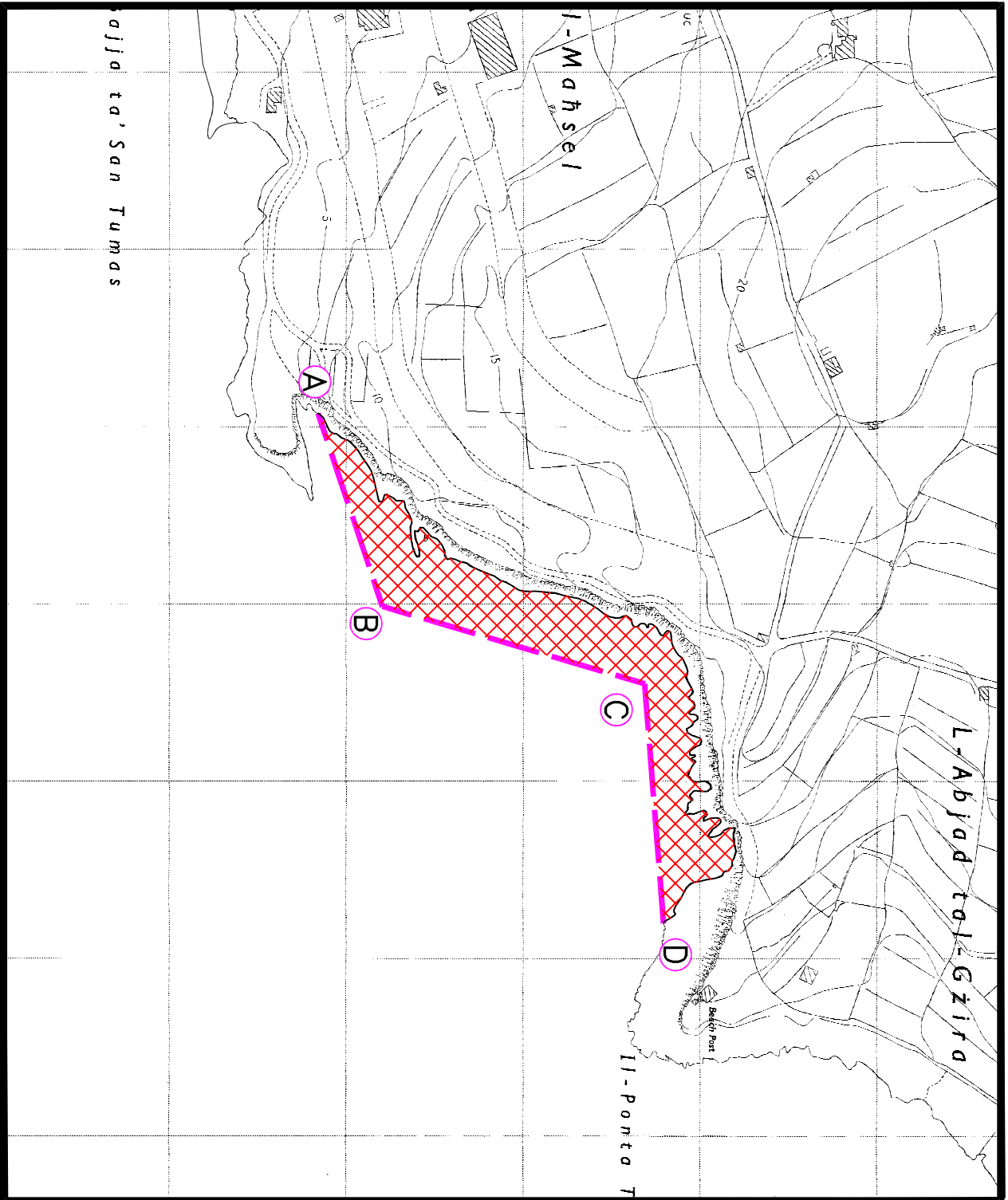
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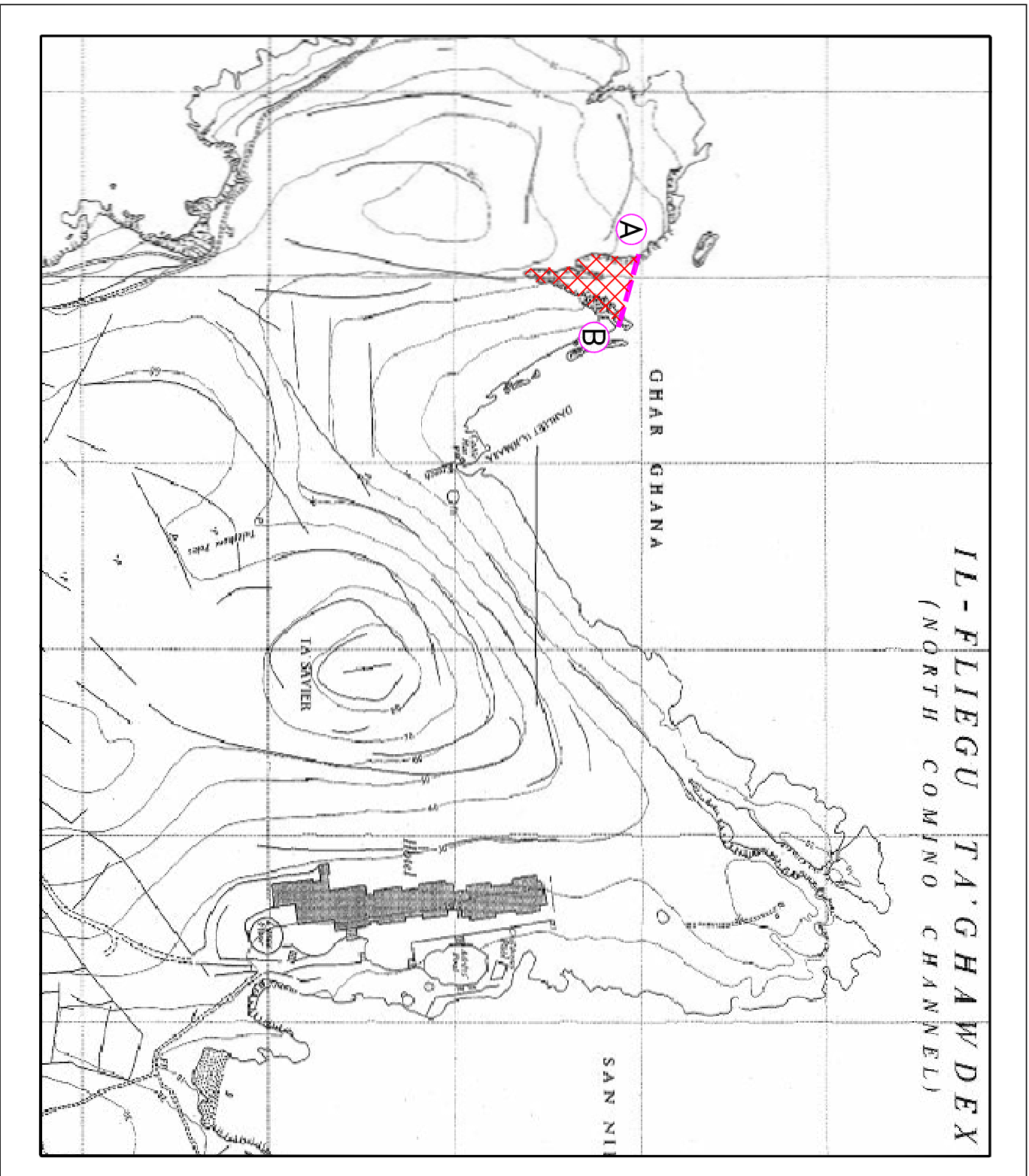
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Chart 11



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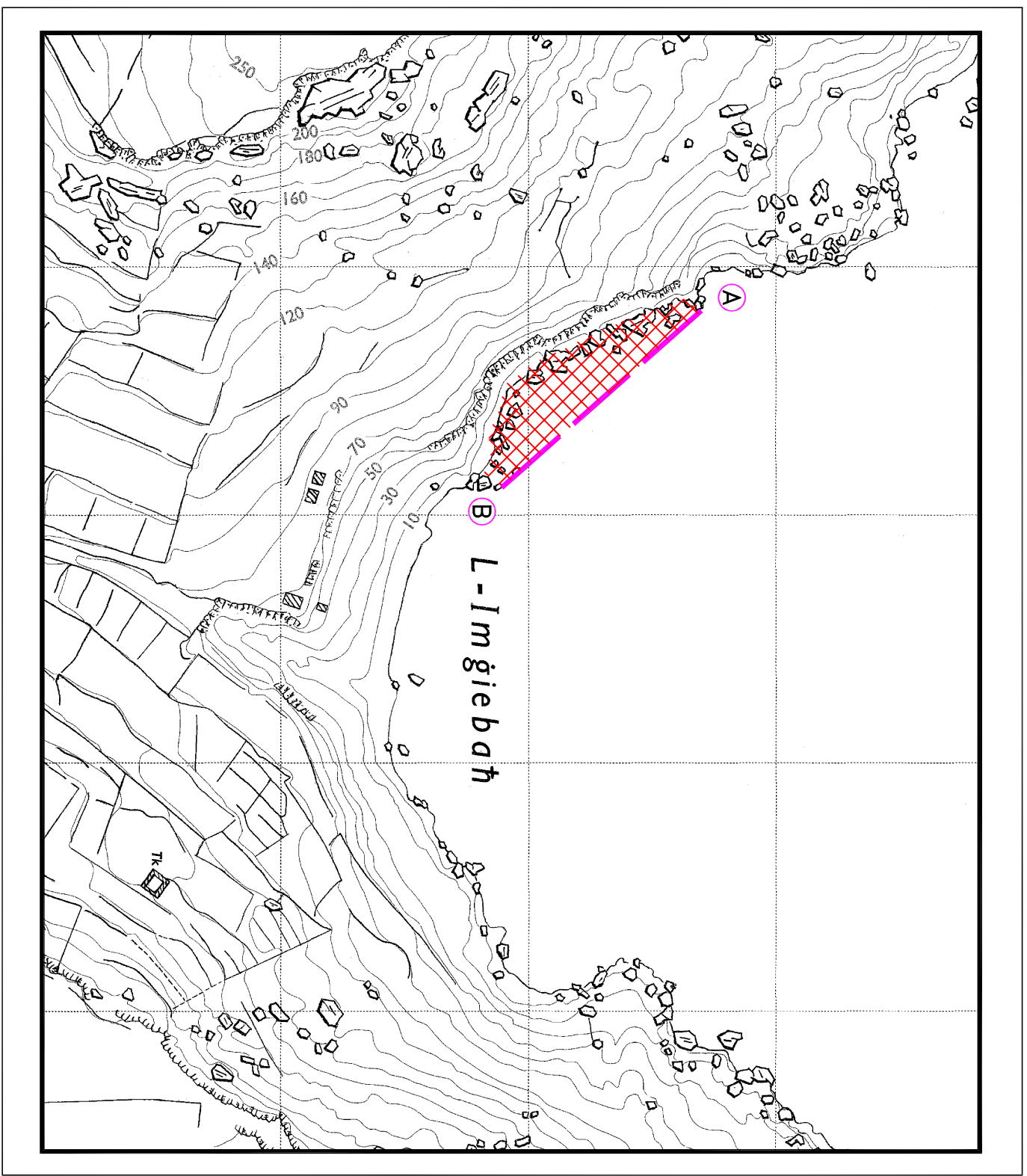
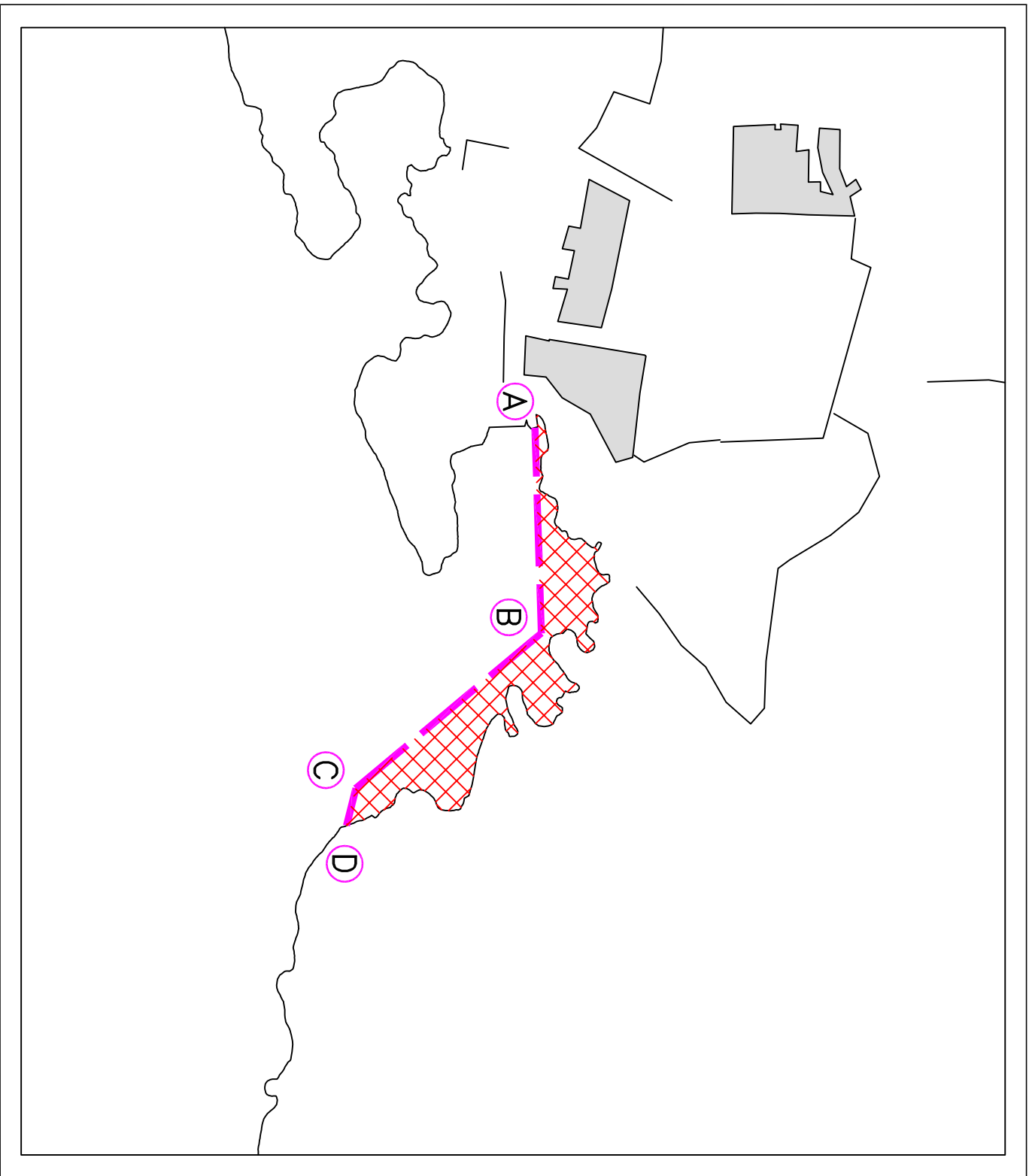


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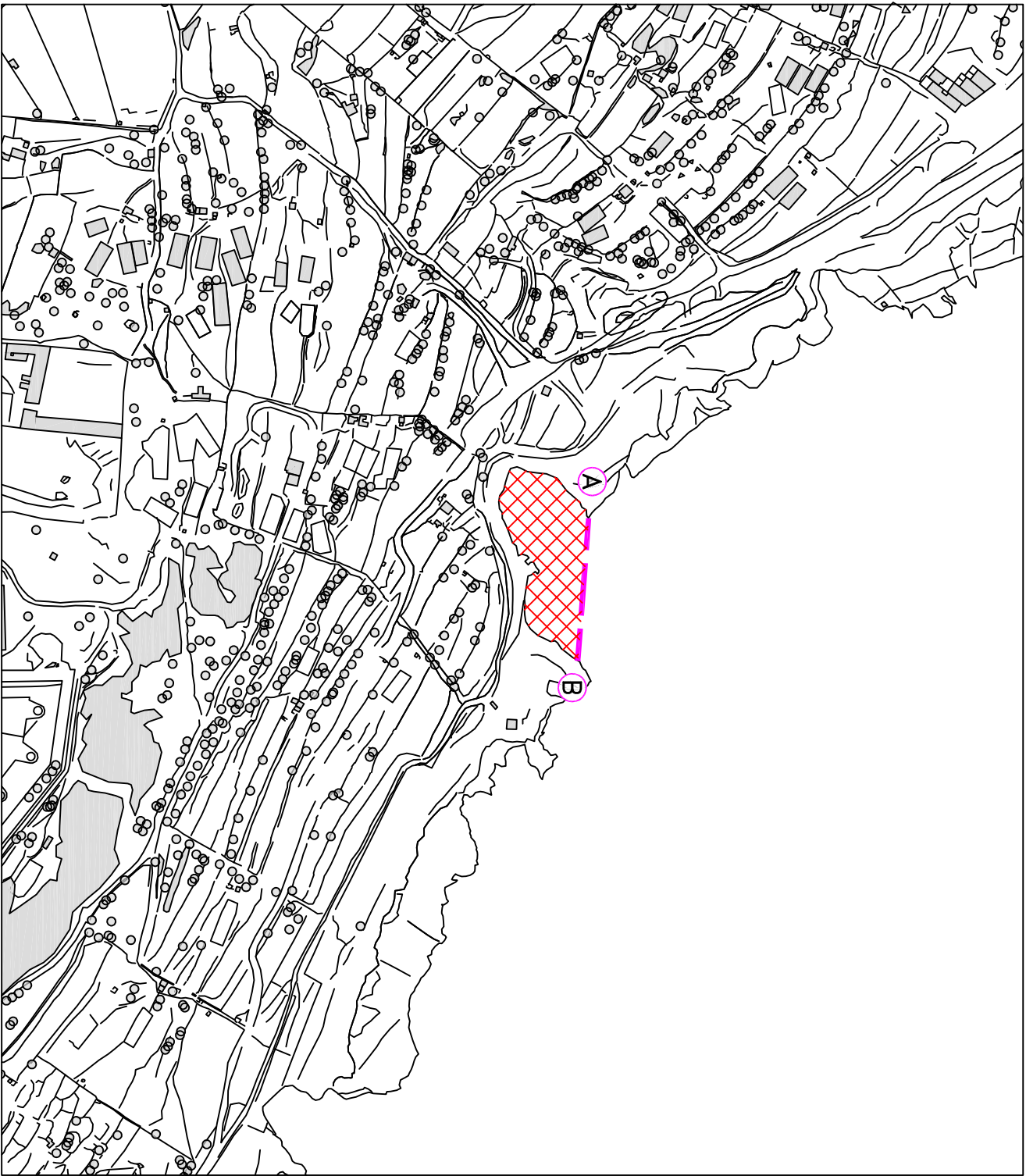


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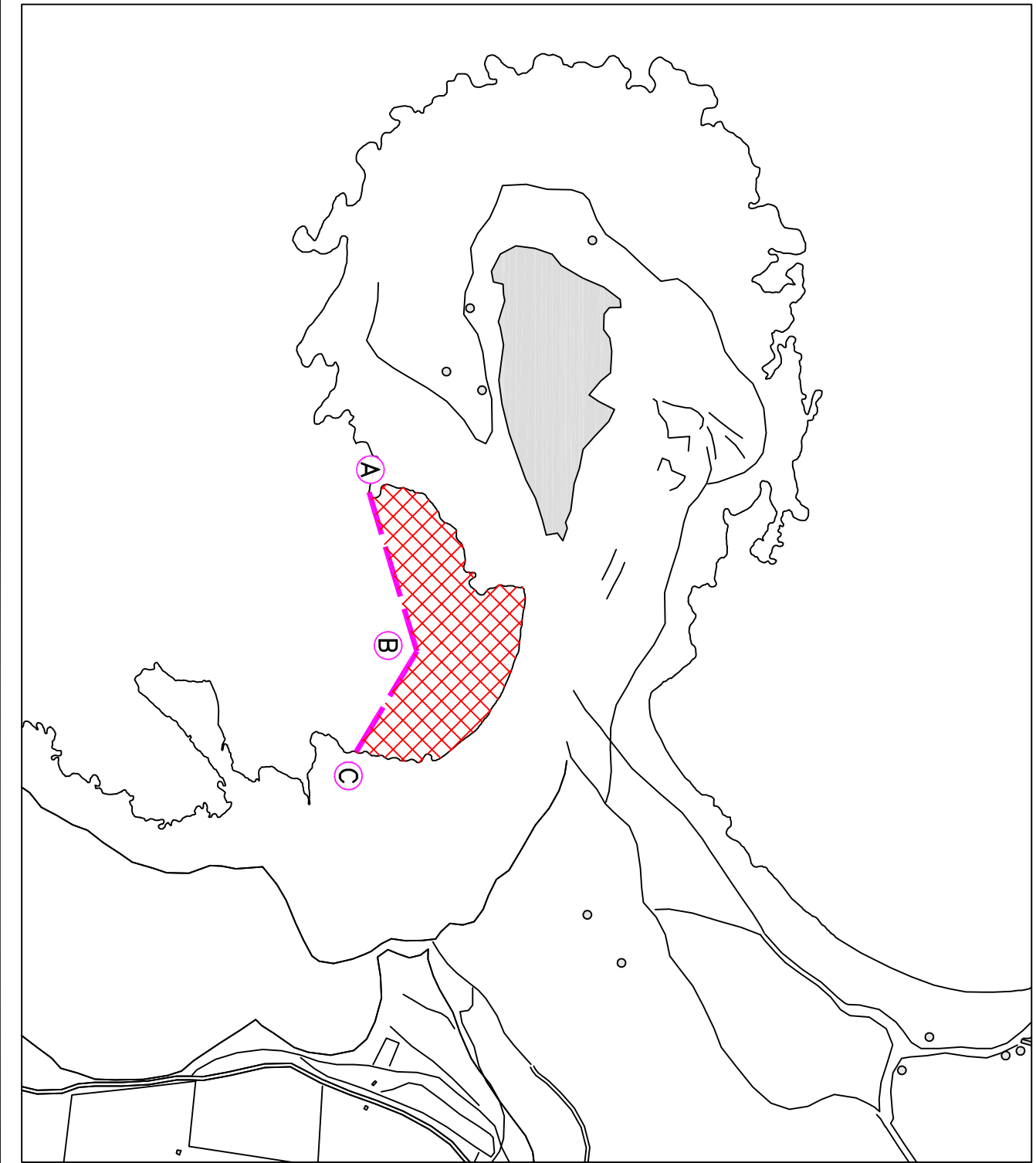


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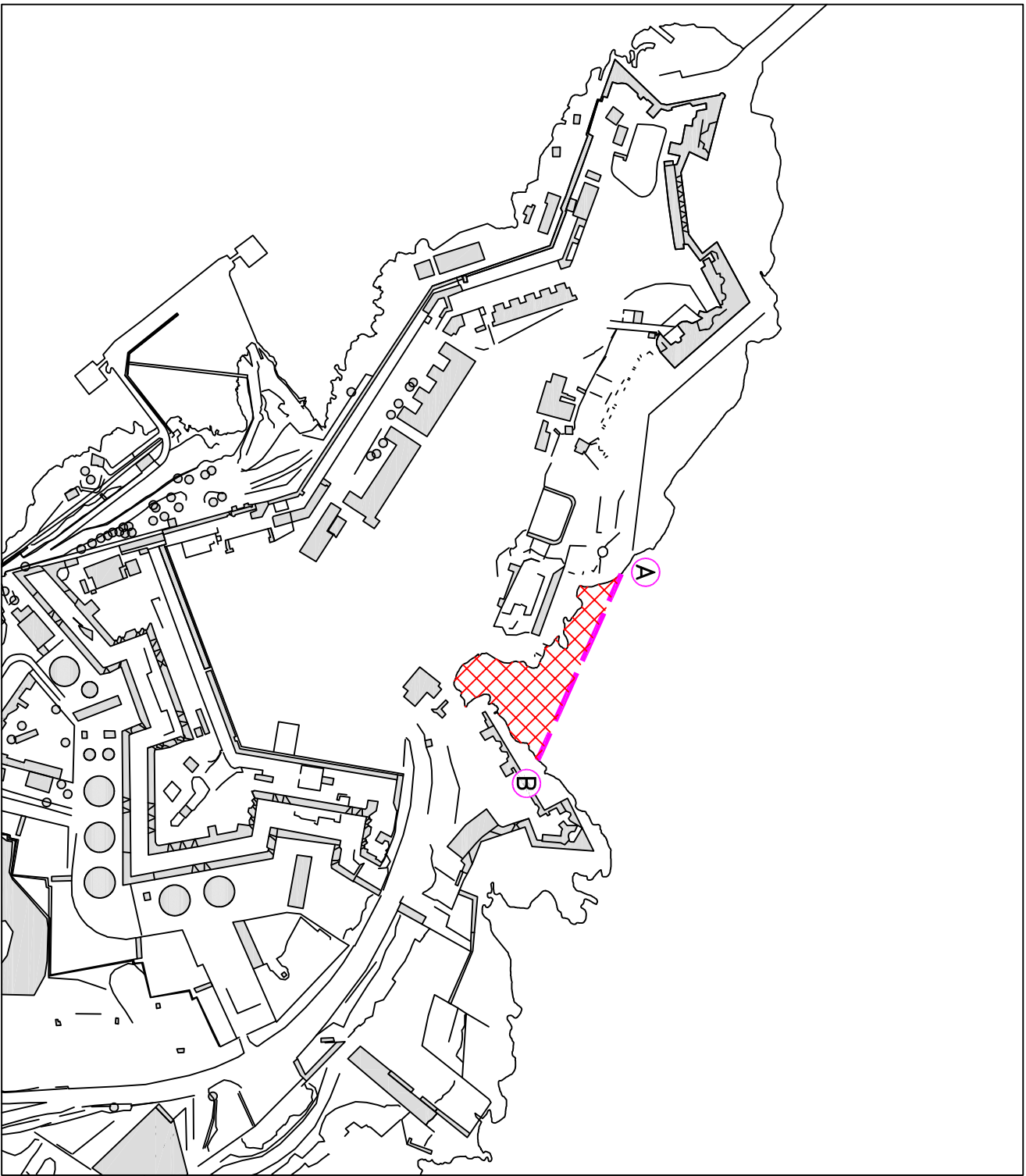
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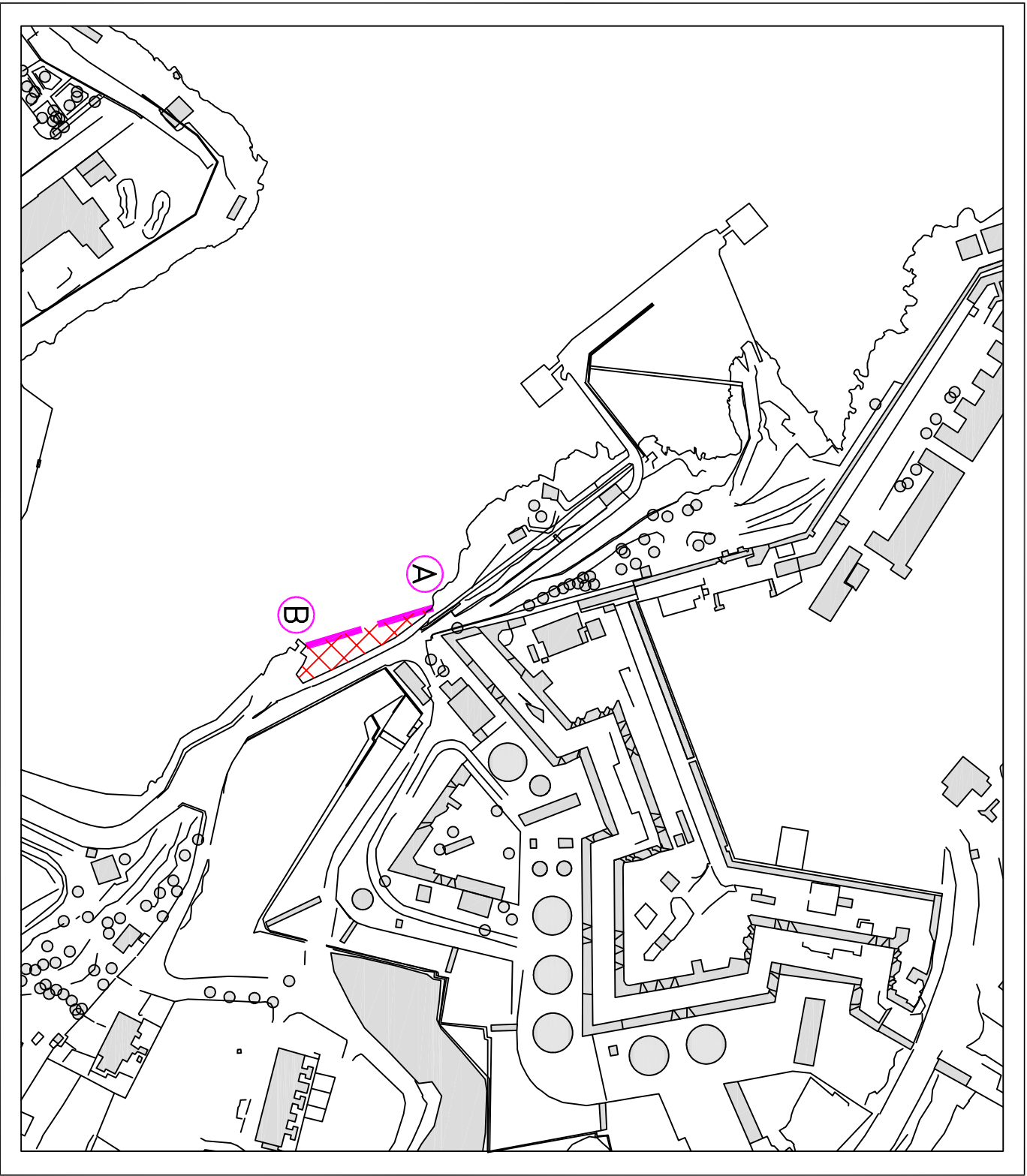


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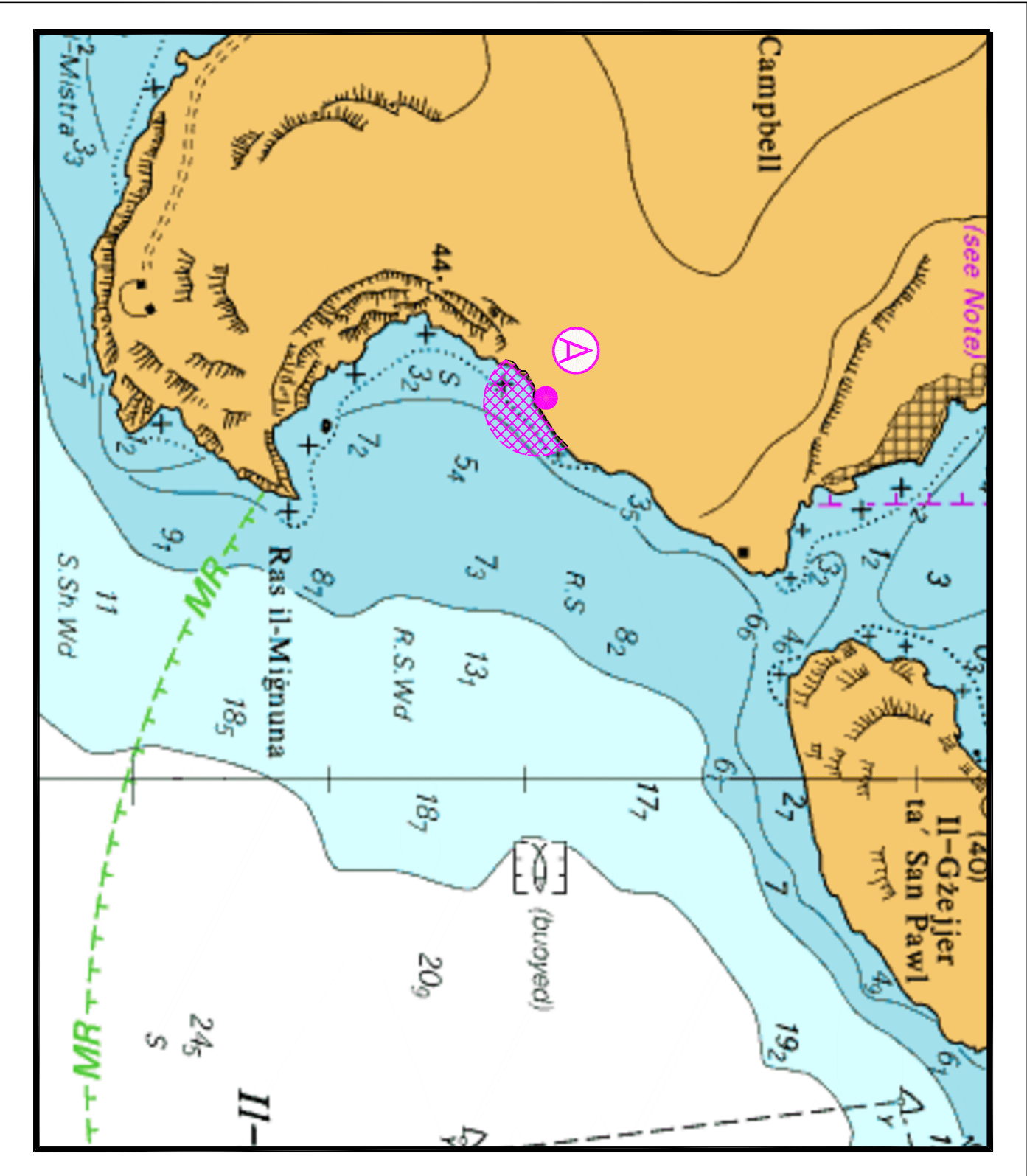


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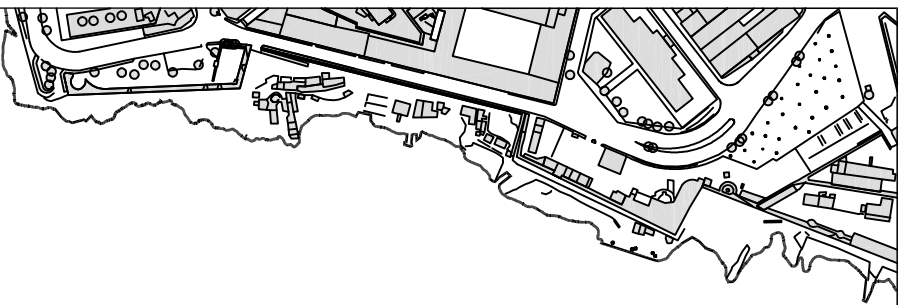
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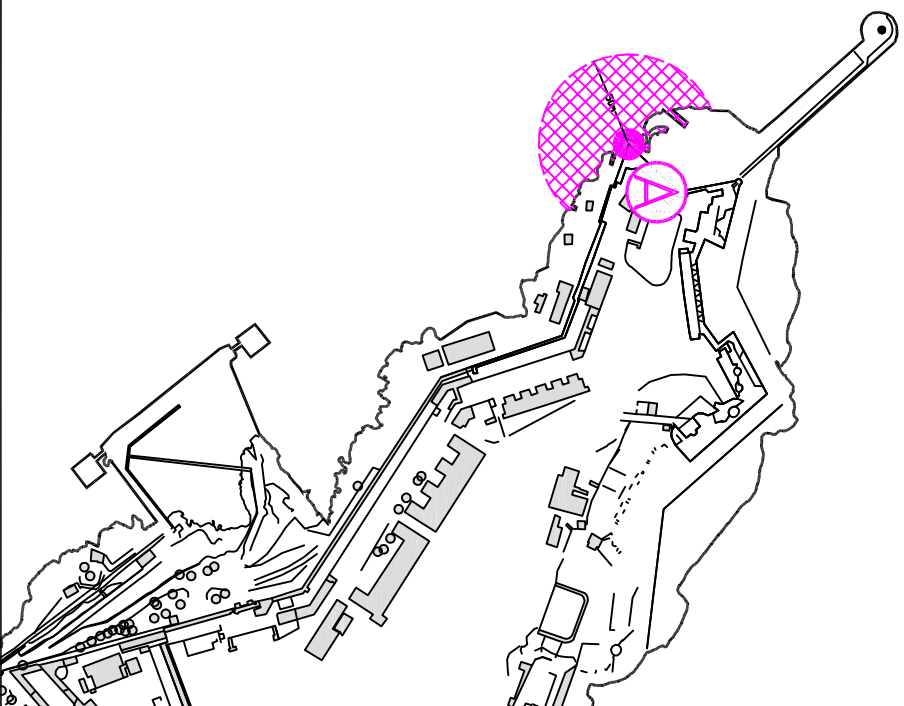
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Chart 19



Il-Port il-Kbir



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