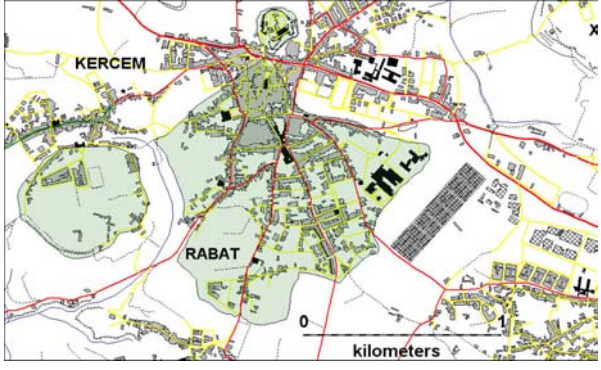
 MALTA RESOURCES AUTHORITY		
Groundwater Body Code	MT018	
Groundwater Body Name	Victoria-Kercem Perched Groundwater Body	
Reference Year	2004	
General Characteristics		
Location		
<p>The Victoria-Kercem Upper Coralline Limestone Aquifer lies in the centre of Gozo and ranges in height from 85m to 105m. It is bounded by faults to both the north and south which downthrow inwards. As a result two areas of Upper Coralline Limestone have been preserved covering an area of 1.1km² in the Victoria area and 0.35km² in the Kercem area.</p>		
Area	1.5km ²	
Main Aquifer	Upper Coralline Limestone	
Main Aquifer Type	Fractured Carbonate Media	
Groundwater Horizon	1	
Maximum Length	1.4km	
Maximum Width	2.1km	
Mathematical centre of groundwater body	431600, 3988700	
Hydro-geological characteristics		
Stratigraphy	Tertiary—Miocene	
Mean Annual Precipitation	450mm	
Mean Aquifer Thickness	22.5m	
Main Recharge Source	Precipitation	
Mean Annual Recharge	0.6hm ³	
Pressures		
Main Land-Use Features (Corinne Landcover 2000)		
Discontinuous urban fabric	70%	
Agriculture with significant area of natural vegetation	30%	
Other Pressures		
Water Abstraction Purpose	Irrigation, Secondary Domestic	
Artificial Recharge	Mainly due to leakages from the potable supply and sewerage network	
Associated Aquatic Ecosystems	Wied II-Lunzjata and Wied ix-Xlendi	