



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00002

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<b>Property Name</b>	Ras il-Wardija		
<b>Address</b>	N/A		
<b>Town Name</b>	Kerċem	<b>Toponym</b>	Ras il-Wardija
		<b>Local Council</b>	Kerċem
<b>Property Owner</b>	Private	<b>Managing Body</b>	Private Owner
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	No		

<b>Period</b>	Classical (8th Century BC to 5th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Punic (500 - 218 BC)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Archaeological Architectural	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Very High
<b>Property Function</b>	Ritual	<b>Conservation Area</b>	SAI

<b>Outline Description</b>	A Punic-Roman sanctuary
<b>Property Description</b>	Ras il-Wardija is located in the West-South-West of Gozo. It is one of the most impressive locations in the Maltese Islands. Excavations on site started in 1964 up till 1967 by the Missione Archaeologica Italiana a Malta. These excavations showed that this grand, complex and unique monument was a religious complex assumed to have been dedicated to a celestial deity. This sanctuary dates back to the Punic and early Roman Periods. The complex consists of various structures built of different architectural elements set against the astonishing landscape of the Ras il-Wardija promontory. The main structural elements present on site is composed of; a rectangular chamber, the external corridor, a water reservoir, a bell shaped well and an altar. The finds were rather insufficient and fragmented yet the period they cover is noteworthy since the finds range from Punic period of the 3rd B.C to the Roman period of the 4th Century A.D.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Class A	<b>G.N. No.</b>	0829	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1998
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	1964:4-5, 1965:2, 1966:4-5, 1967:7 <i>Museum Annual Report (M.A.R.)</i> , Museums Department <i>Missione Archaeologica Italiana A Malta</i> 1965:177-180, 1966:133-134, 1967:87-94 MEPA Scheduled Property Register
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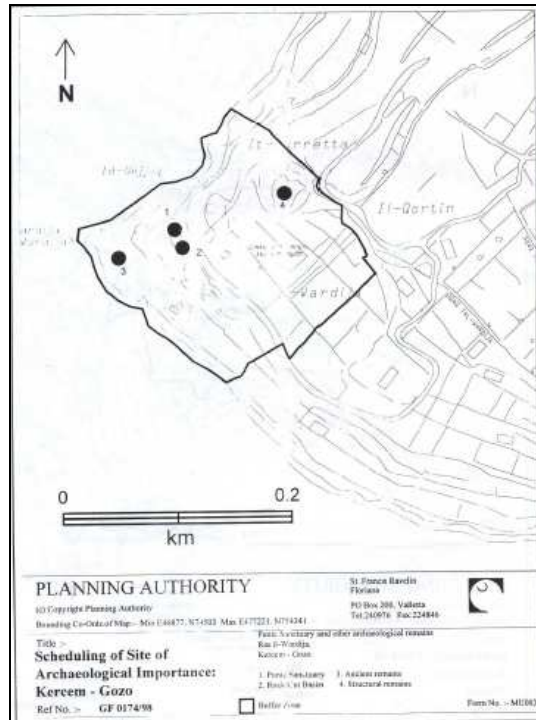
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### Property Plan



### Property Images

