



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Fort San Luċjan				
Address	Triq il-Qajjenza				
Town Name	Marsaxlokk	Toponym	Tad-Debbra	Local Council	Marsaxlokk
Property Owner	Unknown	Managing Body	Malta Centre For Fisheries Sciences (MRRA)		
Guardianship Deed	No				

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)			
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)			
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High	
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	N/A	

Outline Description	The second largest coastal tower in the Maltese Islands.
Property Description	Fort San Lucian is a fortification on the headland between Marsaxlokk and Birzebbuga bays. Fort St Lucian was initially built by the Knights of Malta between 1610 and 1611 and is one of a series of Wignacourt towers. By the 1715-16 the fort was fitted with a semicircular battery and later in 1795 both the fort and the battery were enclosed by a ditch and renamed Fort Rohan after Grandmaster Emanuel de Rohan. During the French occupation, the British used the tower as their main supply base and as fallback position in case they were attacked by the French army. Under the British the original tower was kept to form the core of a Victorian era fortress. In fact in 1874 the fort was substantially modified and enlarged to house guns on disappearing carriages. However by 1885 the fort was decommissioned since it was considered as obsolete for military purposes. San Lucian forms part of a ring of fortresses that protected Marsaxlokk bay and which included other fortresses such as Fort Delimara, Fort Tas-Silg and Fort Benghisa.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	0652	G.N. Date	1994
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Recommended Bibliography	MEPA Scheduled Property Register Spiteri, S.C. (1996) <i>British Military Architecture in Malta</i> , Malta: Print Services Ltd
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Property Plan



Property Images

