## SOVRINTENDENZA TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI SIJPERINTENDENCE OF CUITURAI HERITAGE

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NICPMI Inv. No. 00022

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Property Name Fort San Lucjan

Address Triq il-Qajjenza

Town NameMarsaxlokkToponymTad-DebbraLocal CouncilMarsaxlokk

 Property Owner
 Unknown
 Managing Body
 Malta Centre For Fisheries Sciences (MRRA)

Guardianship Deed No

Type & Value

**Period** Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)

**Phase** Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)

Cultural Heritage Historical

Cultural Heritage
Property Value High
Assessment

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 attached 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

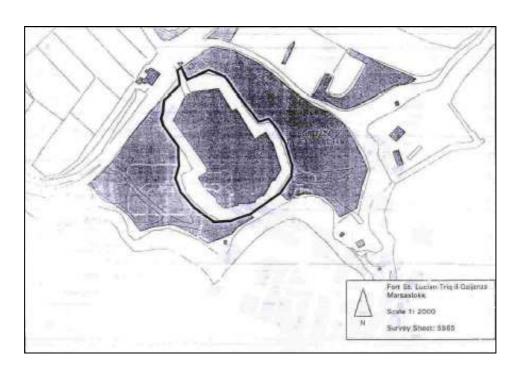
MEPA Scheduled Property Register

Recommended Bibliography

Spiteri, S.C. (1996) British Military Architecture in Malta, Malta: Print Services Ltd

Coordinates: Easting 58797 65450 Northing: Coordinates

## **Property Plan**



## **Property Images**

