



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 1386

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<b>Property Name</b>	Wardija Tower		
<b>Address</b>	Bubaqra		
<b>Town Name</b>	Bubaqra	<b>Toponym</b>	<b>Local Council</b> Żurrieq
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	Private
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>			

<b>Period</b>	Modern (17th Century)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Historical Architectural	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Outstanding
<b>Property Function</b>	Fortification	<b>Conservation Area</b>	

<b>Outline Description</b>	Coastal tower
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>Wardija Tower is one of the thirteen coastal towers erected by Grand Master Martin de Redin in 1659. Internally, the tower was built around a barrel vault, which was divided vertically by means of a first floor resting on spring arches in order to create two rooms, one above the other. The upper room was used as the living quarters for the small garrison and the lower room, windowless, was reserved for storage. A small spiral staircase was set within the thickness of the wall to provide access from the first floor to the roof. The roof was ringed of by a parapet fitted with small embrasures. An opening in the ceiling served as a ventilation shaft. Access to the tower was via a small doorway set in the inland-facing wall of the tower, with a small window opening on the opposite facing wall towards the sea.</p>

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	729	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1995
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Cross (Malta,1994), 500
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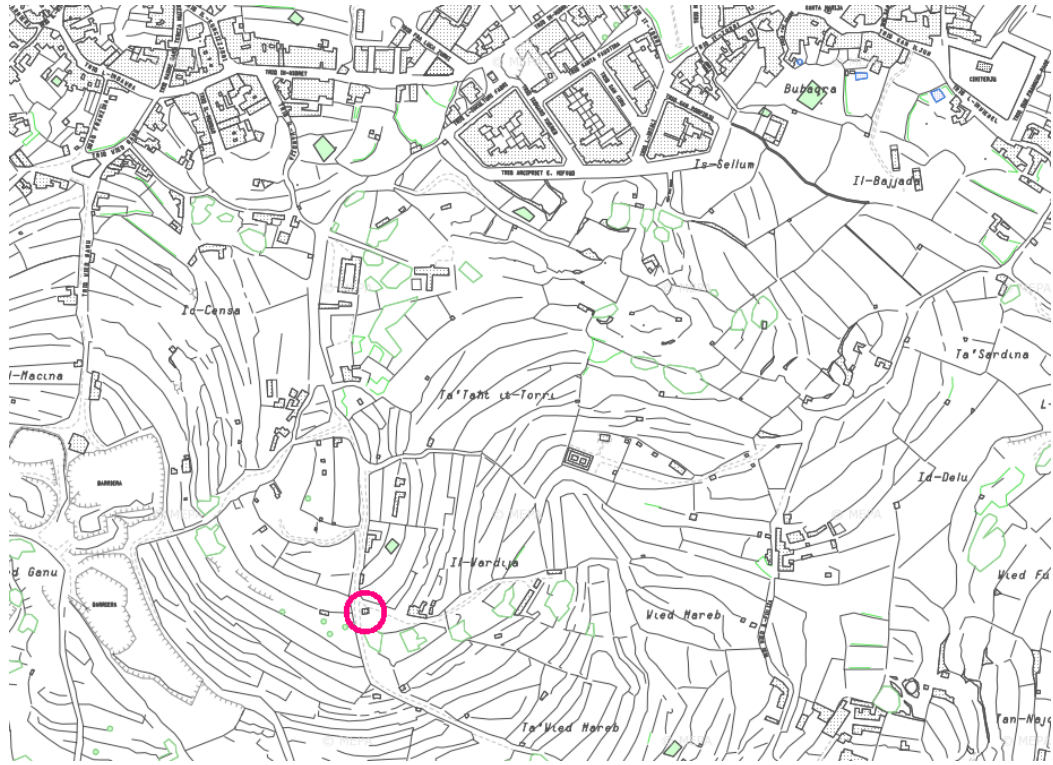
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Property Plan



Property Images

