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SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 1397

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<b>Property Name</b>	Mistra Battery		
<b>Address</b>	Mistra Bay		
<b>Town Name</b>	Mellieħa	<b>Toponym</b>	-
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	Private
<b>Local Council</b>	Mellieħa		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	-		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (18th Century)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th 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>	AHLV

<b>Outline Description</b>	Coastal Battery
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>Mistra Battery was built during the reign of Grand Master Pinto. It does not appear in the original list of 1715/16 Batteries though the sum of 133 scudi is documented to have been forwarded for the construction of a battery at Mistra Bay in 1714 by Com. Mongontier. The battery consists of a roughly semi-circular gun platform, devoid of parapet and defended by a shallow rock hewn ditch. On the landward side, the battery has two blockhouse linked by a central redan (with musketry loopholes) which also contains the main entrance. The redan is also fitted with an upper walkway and is reached through a hatch in the roof of one of the blockhouses. The rectangular blockhouses are roofed by means of spring arches. The gateway, which is surmounted by the coat of arms of the Order and G.M. Pinto, together with those of the Bailli de Montagnac, was served by a drawbridge and may as a result have had a drop pit (this needs to be ascertained by means of a small excavation). The outer faces of the blockhouse are pierced by musketry loopholes. The northern end of the gun platform originally had a parapet with three embrasures but these are no longer standing.</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), 481-2
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

### Property Plan



### Property Images

