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TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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<b>Property Name</b>	Wignacourt Aqueduct		
<b>Address</b>	Triq L-Imdina		
<b>Town Name</b>	Balzan	<b>Toponym</b>	N/A
<b>Property Owner</b>	-	<b>Local Council</b>	Balzan
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	-	<b>Managing Body</b>	-

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Architectural Historical	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Very High
<b>Property Function</b>	Functional	<b>Conservation Area</b>	-

<b>Outline Description</b>	Aqueducts
<b>Property Description</b>	Built between 1610 and 1614 and commissioned by the GM Wignacourt to supply constant good drinking water to Valletta. They are over 15kms long, and are mostly non-underground. The water was carried on a series of stone arches, which varied according to the depressions were encountered along the route; the higher the ground the small the arches, and vice versa – the lower the ground, the larger the arches. Just like in Attard, Balzan is located on a relatively higher ground, the aqueducts in this area are mostly characterized by a series of relatively small stone arches where the water could flow rather easily. The higher the ground, the arches seem to be getting smaller, however, once a depression is encountered, the arches start to be enlarged.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	790	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1994
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	
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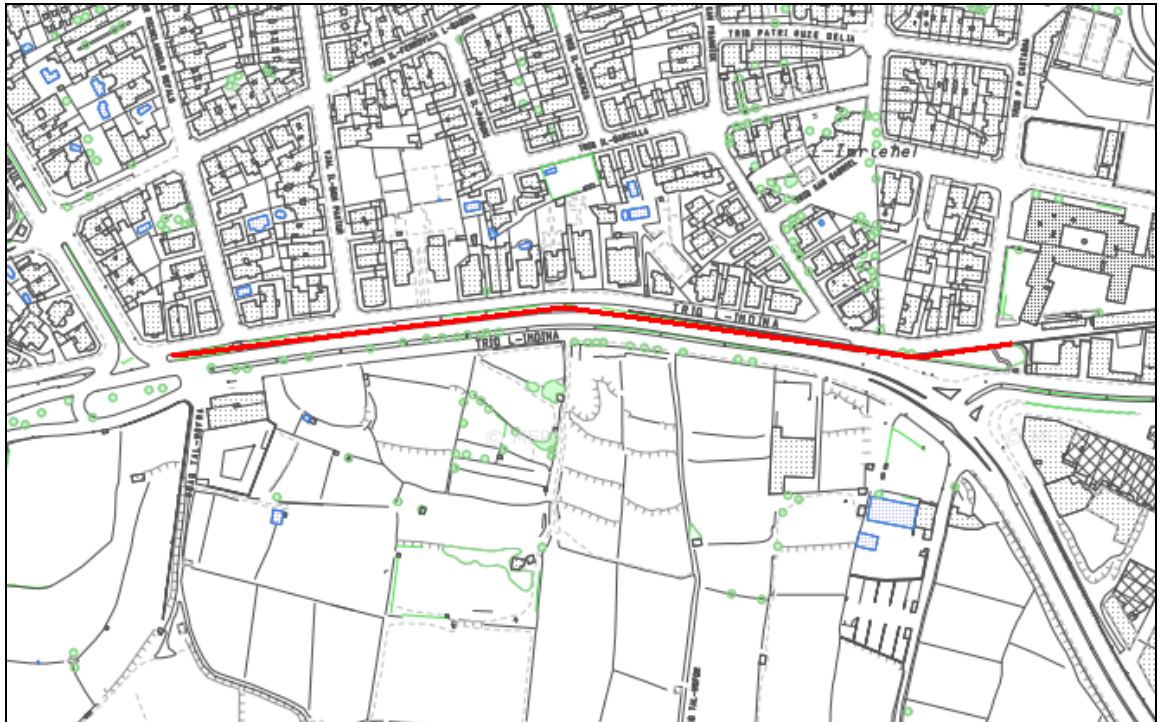
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Property Plan



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