



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Ghajn Hammam Wash House				
Address					
Town Name	Mdina	Toponym	Ghajn	Local Council	Mdina
Property Owner	-			Managing Body	-
Guardianship Deed	-				

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)			
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)			
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Historical	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Very High	
Property Function	Social and Communal	Conservation Area	-	

Outline Description	Wash house
Property Description	<p>This 17th century wash house, built on a steep hill on the outskirts of Mdina, was built by the Knights for the perusal of the locals of Rabat and Mdina. Its façade is characterized by three stout semicircular arches, on top of which runs a plain band of masonry, which is repeated at roof level as a cornice. Three coat-of-arms, now defaced, are all centrally positioned each above every arch. The wash house has a flow of natural spring water, and a drainage system. However, it seems that the outflow drain is blocked, and thus, this is causing the spring water to seep into the ground and weakening the foundations. Consequently, a series of fissures are occurring all over the building as can be clearly seen on the façade. The interior of the wash house is characterized by a series of vaulted-arches, with a number of troughs were with the water flows for the washing of garments.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	348	G.N. Date	2001
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Recommended Bibliography	<p>Xuereb M (2010), <i>Ghajn tal-Hasselin in danger of collapse</i>, Times of Malta, 16 November 2012 http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20100530/local/ghajn-tal-hasselin-in-danger-of-collapse.309795</p> <p>Xuereb M (2010), <i>17th Century wash house in danger of collapse</i>, Times of Malta, 16 November 2012. http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20100530/local/17th-century-wash-house-in-danger-of-collapse.309678</p>
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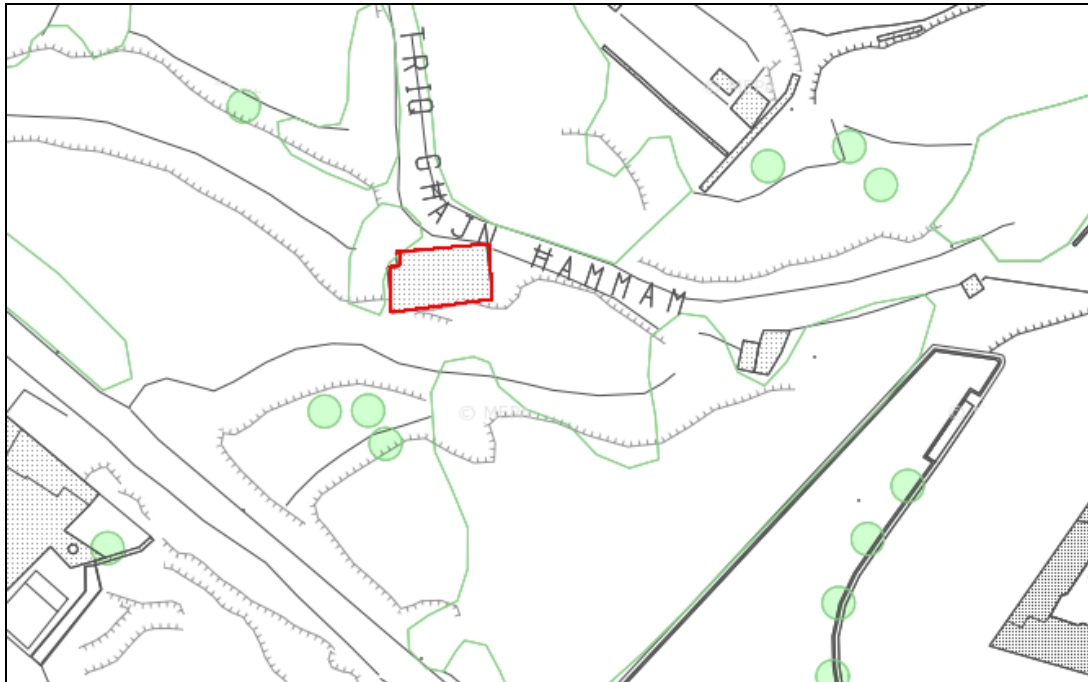
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Property Plan



Property Images

