



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 1704

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Property Name	Church of St George		
Address	Triq Alfons Maria Galea		
Town Name	Birżebbuġa	Toponym	Local Council Birżebbuġa
Property Owner	Religious	Managing Body	Society of the Missionaries of St Paul (MSSP)
Guardianship Deed			

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

Outline Description	Church of St George
Property Description	<p>The church is built behind a redoubt built by the Order of St John in 1714, which replaced a cemetery linked to the church. It seems that the Church existed prior to the Siege of 1565, but was abandoned, until it was rehabilitated in 1683. It was abandoned again in the 19th century, and reopened in 1907. It has a rectangular plan, and the titular painting is a copy of Mattia Preti's St George found in St John's Co-Cathedral. There are a number of ship graffiti on the facade dating to the 17th century. Members of the Order used to hear mass in this church, before embarking on corsairing sprees in the North African coast.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	344	G.N. Date	1996
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Recommended Bibliography	<p>http://www.kappellimaltin.com/html/san_gorg_martri.html</p> <p>Gullaimier, A., 2005, <i>Bliet u Rhula Maltin</i> 5th edn, Vol 1: 104.</p>
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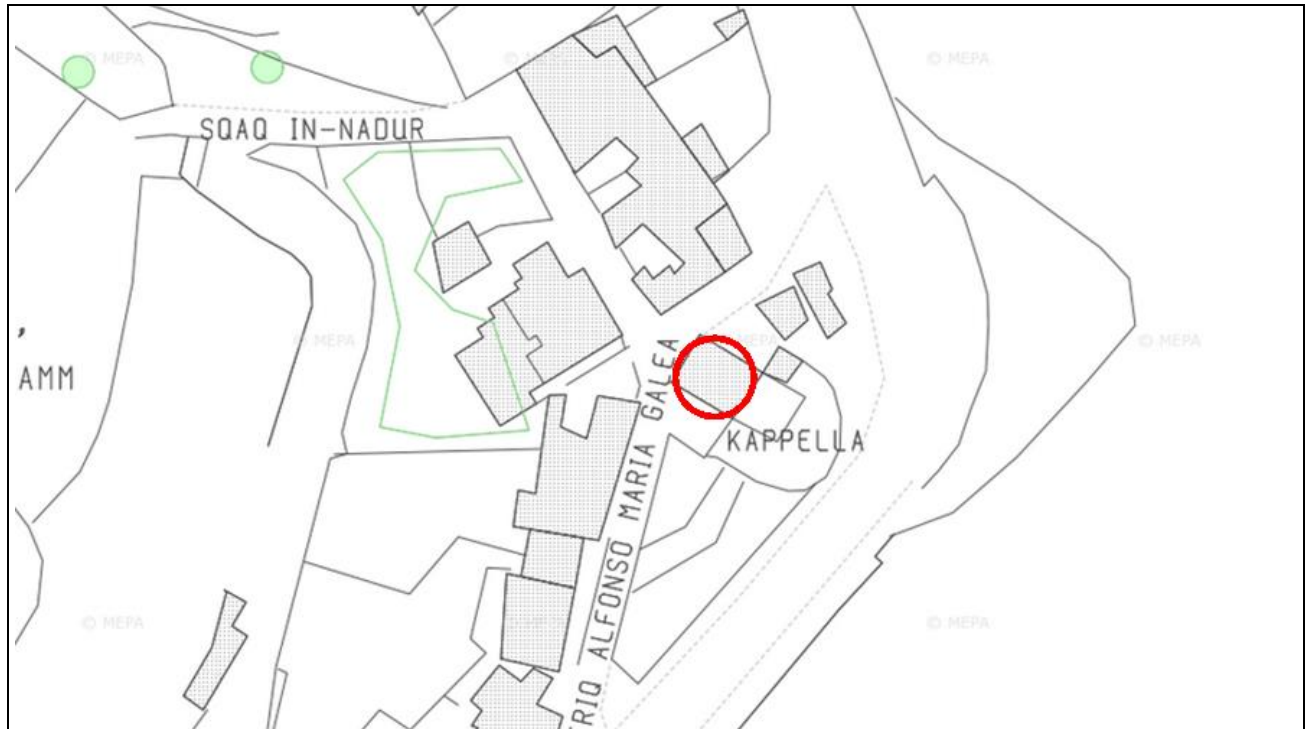
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Property Plan



Property Images

