## SOVRINTENDENZA TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

## National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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| Property Name                     | Niche of St. Paul                       |               |   |               |      |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|------|
| Address                           | Triq San Giljan / Triq il-Mina tax-Xatt |               |   |               |      |
| Town Name                         | Isla                                    | Toponym       | ı -   | Local Council | Isla |
| <b>Property Owner</b>             | Unknown                                 | Managing Body | -   |               |      |
| Guardianship Deed                 | -                                       |               |   |               |      |
|                                   |   |               |   |               |      |
| Period                            | Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)        |               |   |               |      |
| Phase                             | Modern: British (1800 - 1964)           |               |   |               |      |
| Cultural Heritage<br>Type & Value | Artistic<br>Historical<br>Social        |               | Cultural Heritage<br>Property Value<br>Assessment | High          |      |
|                                   | Religious                               |               |   |               |      |

Property Description

Situated in front of St Julian's Chapel,is a statue of St Paul sculpted by Anton Busuttil in 1886. This is a copy of Melchiore Gafa's titular statue which is found in St Paul's Parish Church in Valletta. The statue stands on a mensola that is narrow at the base and opens up towards the saint. It is very finely sculpted. The saint is traditionally represented with one hand held raised in blessing and the other clutching a book. He also has a snake at his feet which recalls the episode of the shipwreck on the Maltese Islands.

Scheduled by MEPA No Degree of Protection - G.N. No. - G.N. Date -

Recommended Bibliography Anon., *Niche of St. Paul*, Cottonera Today, accessed 17 August 2012 <a href="http://www.discovermalta.org/cottonera/pages/gb/p10cottoneratoday.asp?m=187#menu">http://www.discovermalta.org/cottonera/pages/gb/p10cottoneratoday.asp?m=187#menu>



