



SOVRINTENDENZA  
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>	Chapel of the Immaculate Conception				
<b>Address</b>	Triq Hondoq ir-Rummien				
<b>Town Name</b>	Qala	<b>Toponym</b>	-	<b>Local Council</b>	Qala
<b>Property Owner</b>	Religious	<b>Managing Body</b>	Archidioceses		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	No				

<b>Period</b>	Medieval (6th to 16th Century AD)				
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)				
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Architectural	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	High		
	Artistic				
	Historical				
<b>Property Function</b>	Religious	<b>Conservation Area</b>	No		

<b>Outline Description</b>	<p>The presence of a chapel in this area has always been documented since the Arab conquest. Prior this dedication, the chapel fell under the patronage of the Assumption of the Madonna. The rededication took place in 1615. When Qala was cut off from the Parish of Nadur, this chapel served as a parish church of Qala.</p>
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>Surrounding the chapel there is a stone wall. The front elevation is a simple with a single pilaster, raising the full height of the elevation to support an entablature with a deep cornice spanning the full width. Above the cornice is a raised niche, surmounted by a triangular pediment, which contains the statue of the Virgin. The niche possibly once acted as a bell-cot and contained a bell, before the construction of a simple campanile in 1887. The campanile contains two bells and is sited at the back of the chapel on the right hand side.</p> <p>The main door is located in the middle of the front façade, and it is possible that this was enlarged and embellished as part of the work undertaken towards the end of the 19th century. The door has a semicircular arched head with a flower carved into each of the spandrels. Flanking the door is a pair of Doric pilasters that carry an entablature with triglyphs and metopes, under a broken pediment. A broken pediment has had to be used to avoid clashing with a round window that is located immediately above the door.</p>

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	No	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	-	<b>G.N. No.</b>	-	<b>G.N. Date</b>	-
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	<p>Grech, P., (1999), <i>Exploring The Chapels of Gozo: Malta</i>: Progress Press Co. Ltd Valletta</p> <p>Anon., <i>About Qala, Qala Local Council</i>, accessed 13 August 2012 &lt;<a href="http://www.qala.gov.mt/default.asp?module=content&amp;pageid=124">http://www.qala.gov.mt/default.asp?module=content&amp;pageid=124</a>&gt;</p>
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

