



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00052

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<b>Property Name</b>	Msida Bastion Cemetery		
<b>Address</b>	N/A		
<b>Town Name</b>	Floriana	<b>Toponym</b>	N/A
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	Din L-Art Helwa
<b>Local Council</b>	Floriana		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	Yes		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Modern: British (1800 - 1964)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Historical Artistic Social	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	High
<b>Property Function</b>	Burial	<b>Conservation Area</b>	AHLV

<b>Outline Description</b>	A 'Garden of Rest' as it is commonly referred to in use at the beginning of British Period (between 1800 and 1857)
<b>Property Description</b>	Located close to the 17th century bastions at Floriana, the use of this site as a burial ground (or cemetery) started shortly after the British expulsion of the French from Malta in 1800. Around 530 individuals (predominantly British Army and Navy personnel, British civil officials and merchants as well as their immediate families) are known to have been buried there. The cemetery went out of use around 1857 at the same time as the opening of the much larger Ta' Braxia cemetery, with the exception of burials taking place in existing family vaults. Apart from the site's function as a burial ground, thanks to the rich soil present and its sheltered location, the 'Garden of Rest' as it is commonly referred to hosts a variety of flora and small wildlife. Some trees, which date back to 150 years or so may still be seen in the Garden.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	133	<b>G.N. Date</b>	2001
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	Keighley, A.; Welsh, A. (1999) <i>The Msida Bastion Garden of Rest: A Visitor's Guide</i> , 2nd edition, Malta: Din l-Art Helwa
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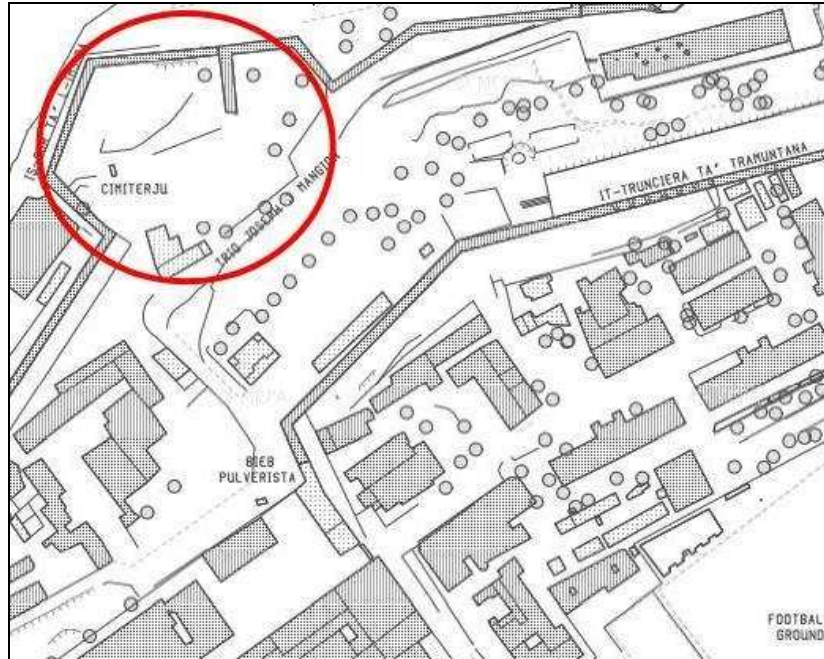
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Property Plan



Property Images

