## 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 the Madonna of Mount Carmel

Address Triq tat-Teatru Antik / Triq Zekka

Town Name Valletta Toponym - Local Council Valletta

Property Owner Religious Managing Body Carmelite Friars

Guardianship Deed -

**Period** Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)

Phase Modern: British (1800 - 1964)

Cultural Heritage Artistic

Type & Value Historical Social

Property Function Religious Conservation Area

Outline Description Large, monochrome, stone niche.

**Property Description** 

This is a highly decorated niche housing a statue of the Madonna and Child holding a scapular. The baldachin above the statue is supported by angels and is decorated with cherubs and has a cross on top. On the mensola the Carmelite coat of arms is sculpted in low relief. It is surrounded by spiral designa and floral motifs. It was created by Salvatore Dimech in 1855, influenced from the Nazarenes. It replaced a mid-18th century statue which is now kept in the courtyard of the adjacent Carmelite friary. It has recently beed installed with electrical lighting in the form of bulbs. There is also a bulb in the shape of a flame fixed to the base of the statue beneath a cherub in low relief.

Cultural Heritage

**Property Value** 

Assessment

High

Scheduled by MEPA Yes Degree of Protection Grade 1 G.N. No. 0276 G.N. Date 2008

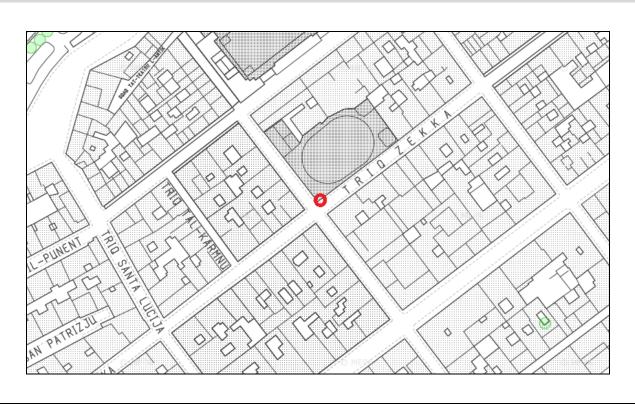
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Coordinates: Easting 56035 73163 Northing: Coordinates

## **Property Plan**



## **Property Images**

