



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name Tal-Ghallis Tower

Address Triq is-Salini

Town Name Naxxar

Toponym Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq

Local Council Naxxar

Property Owner Government

Managing Body Din L-Art Helwa

Guardianship Deed Yes

Period Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)

**Cultural Heritage
Type & Value** Architectural
Historical

**Cultural Heritage
Property Value
Assessment** High

Property Function Military

Conservation Area Not Available

Outline Description One of a chain of thirteen coastal towers built during the period of the Knights of St John

Property Description Built in 1658 by Grand Master de Redin, Tal-Ghallis Tower was the second of a chain of thirteen coastal tower to be built during the period of the Knights of St John to fortify Malta's coastline. The main purpose of these watch towers was to provide an early warning system to the Knights from attacks by pirates and other raiders. They were not designed to oppose invading forces. Guarding the entrances to Salina Bay, Ghallis Tower followed the standard design pattern for coastal towers which consisted of a square plan and two floors with a turret at roof level.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes

Degree of Protection Grade 1

G.N. No. 729

G.N. Date 1995

**Recommended
Bibliography**

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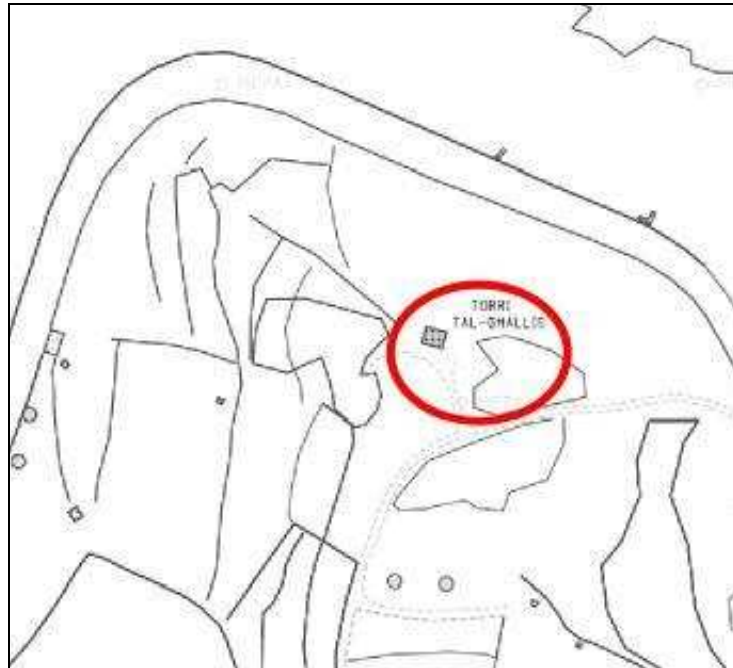
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Property Plan



Property Images

