



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Nadur Tower				
Address	N/A				
Town Name	Għajn Tuffieħa	Toponym	Tan-Nadur	Local Council	Mgarr
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Unknown		
Guardianship Deed	No				

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	Defence	Conservation Area	Not Available	

Outline Description	The tower at tan-Nadur is another defensive post built during the reign of GrandMaster Lascaris to protect the Maltese coastline.
Property Description	The tower known as tan-Nadur is located to the north-west of Malta at the Bingemma Gap close to the Victoria Lines. It stands at an altitude of 220m above sea level. The Nadur Tower served as one of a chain of watch-out posts found around Malta's coast with the mission to surveille the coastline and warn off any approaching vessels. The Nadur Tower was placed in a strategic point so to enable communication with other nearby towers such as Lippija and Għajn Tuffieħa. This tower was constructed in 1637 at a time of other similar defence constructions happening during the years 1636 to 1657 under the reign of Grand Master Lascaris. The preference to build small posts instead of the earlier large garrisoned outposts was mainly due to the Order's limitation to place troops at every prospective landing place. These watch-towers were built to a height of about 11m and covered in plan an area of 6m by 6m. The exterior of these towers had the lower masonry battered and all topped by a flat roof protected by a parapet. Internally, 2-single roomed floors are found. Access to the tower was provided solely to the upper floor, generally reached by a wooden ladder or a 'scala di corda'.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	729	G.N. Date	1995
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Recommended Bibliography	Hoppen, A. (1979) <i>The Fortification of Malta by the Order of St. John</i> , Edinburgh: Scottish Academic Press Spiteri, S.C. (2001) <i>Fortresses of the Knights</i> , Malta: Book Distributors Ltd. MEPA Malta Scheduled Property Register
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

