



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Property Name	Ta' Isopu /San Blas Tower		
Address	Nadur		
Town Name	Nadur	Toponym	-
Property Owner	Government	Local Council	Nadur
Guardianship Deed	-	Managing Body	Din l-Art Helwa

Period	Modern (17th Century)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural Technical	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Very High
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	AEI, SSI

Outline Description	Coastal tower
Property Description	<p>Also known as Torre Nuova, Torri ta' Isopu, or Nadur Tower, and San Blas Tower was built in 1667 at the expense of the Università' of Gozo. It is a relatively small structure, built to a square plan with thick sloping walls. It rests on a squarish plinth about three feet high and sloping gently outward. Internally, the tower consists of a high barrel vault, divided vertically into two rooms by means of an intermediate floor resting on spring arches. A spiral staircase provided access to the roof and to the ground floor room. The roof is ringed off by a low parapet. The main access into the tower is set in the south face and was originally approached via a low, external flight of steps. Four escutcheons which once displayed the coat of arms of the Order, Grand Master Cotoner, the Knight Ludoviko Xedler y Gomes and possibly those of the Università of Gozo, flanked the main entrance. The San Blas Tower is being restored by Din L-Art Helwa.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	729	G.N. Date	1995
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