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TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 01137

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<b>Property Name</b>	Sacra Infermeria		
<b>Address</b>	Mediterranean Street		
<b>Town Name</b>	Valletta	<b>Toponym</b>	N/A
<b>Property Owner</b>	Private	<b>Managing Body</b>	Private Organisation
<b>Local Council</b>	Valletta		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	-		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Architectural Historical	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Very High
<b>Property Function</b>	Social and Communal	<b>Conservation Area</b>	UCA

<b>Outline Description</b>	Knights' Infirmary
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>The Infirmary, built in 1574, is attributed to Girolamo Cassar. It originally consisted of a large central courtyard with two wards, with staff and accommodation on the other two sides. The hospital was enlarged during the reigns of GM Verdala, and brothers Cotoner, and has six large wards, each of which used to have an altar. Between 1662 and 1666, the hospital was enlarged, when the main ward was extended, making it over 160m long. Further extensive structural alterations were undertaken in 1712 under GM Perellos. A magnificent staircase leads from the lower ward to the main floor and to the hall of the Grand Infirmary on the first floor. The vaults of the corridors and staircase are coffered, and those in the lower ward are supported by transversal and diagonal moulded ribs. The 16th century timber construction of the ceiling was partially destroyed in WWII, and was replaced by concrete structures in recent years. This building was one of the foremost hospitals of Europe between the 16th and 18th century; it served as a military hospital up to 1920.</p>

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	276	<b>G.N. Date</b>	2008
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	Cilia D & Ellul M, (1991), <i>Legacy in Stone: the Architecture of the Knights in Malta</i> , Malta: Miranda Publications.
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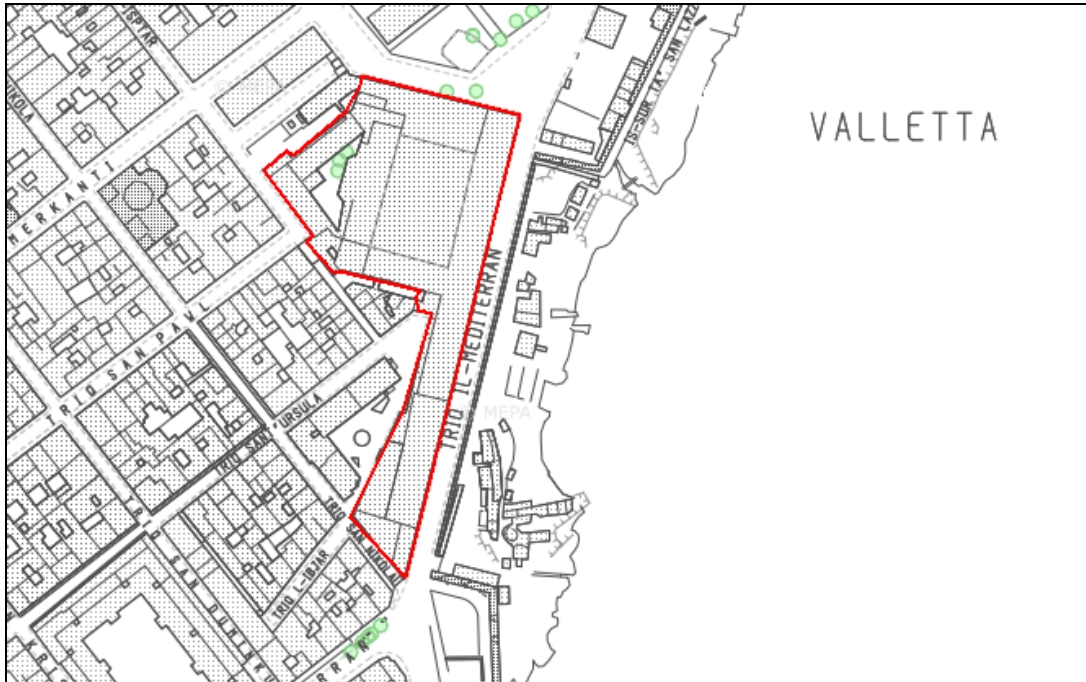
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Property Plan



Property Images

