

NICPMI Inv. No. 01143

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Property Name	Triton Fountain		
Address	Putirjal		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	N/A
Property Owner	-	Managing Body	-
Guardianship Deed	-		
	Local Council	Valletta	

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Modern: British (1800 - 1964)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Artistic	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Decorative	Conservation Area	

Outline Description	Fountain by Vincent Apap
Property Description	<p>The Tritons Fountain was modelled in stucco by Vincent Apap, casted in bronze in a foundry in Naples, and was architecturally and technically devised by the draughtsman Victor Anastasi. The monument was inaugurated in 16th May 1959. The fountain originally consisted of three tritons holding a platter. All three figures are balanced on a seaweed base: two in a sitting position and the third kneeling. The three Tritons are strategically placed to face City Gate so that when viewed from this position the face of each figure can be seen. The posture of the tritons conveys not only a sense of strength, but also creates a dynamic spiral movement which adds a sense of monumentality. This movement was taken a step further by the use of water jets installed in the fountain. On execution of this monument, the platter was found to be too heavy for the structure and was replaced by a lighter one - constructed at the Dockyard (Malta). In the early 1980s, the platter was damaged, and in 1986 a bronze pillar was added at the centre of the fountain to sustain the weight of the platter. This pillar was also modelled by Vincent Apap, and includes a flight of seagulls. As a result of the damages and addition to the fountain, water from the tritons was blocked, and now passes through the central pillar. Unfortunately, the tritons have developed numerous cracks and are in dire need of restoration.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	522	G.N. Date	2012
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Recommended Bibliography	<p>Cassar P (2010), <i>Pioneers of Modern Art in Malta</i>, Malta: Pin.</p> <p>Pellegrini G (2000), <i>Vincent Apap: A Retrospective Exhibition</i>, Malta: Bank of Valletta</p> <p>Cauchi, K (2012), <i>Vigilio: The Tritons' Fountain</i>, Malta: Din l-Art Helwa.</p>
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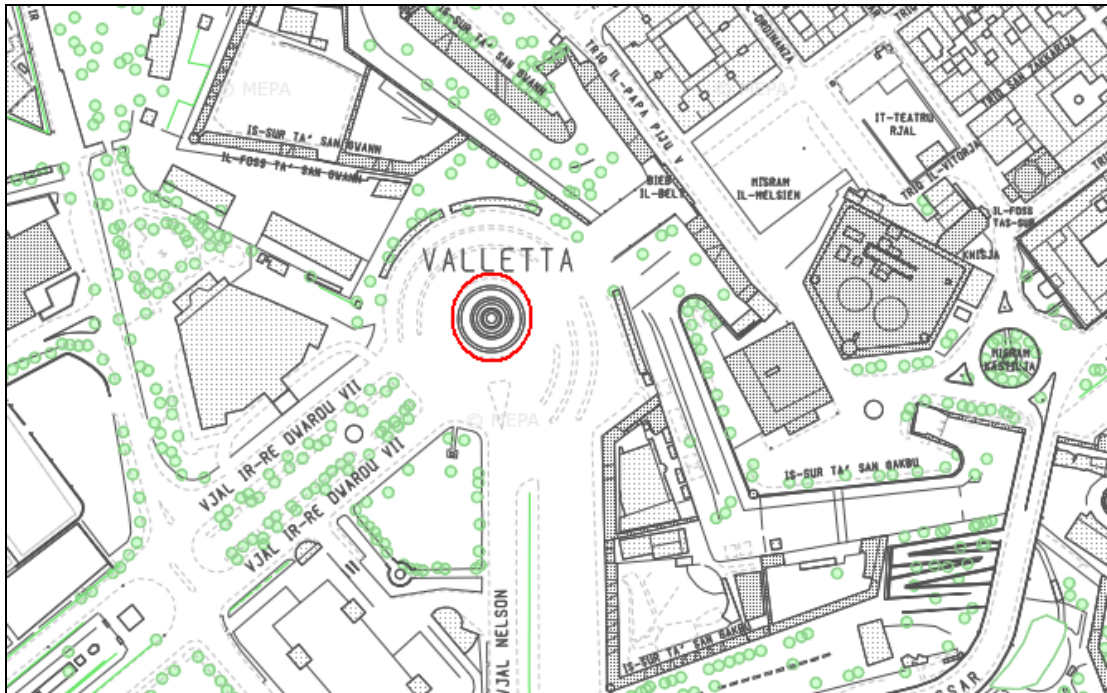
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Property Plan



Property Images

