



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 1398

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<b>Property Name</b>	Arrias Battery		
<b>Address</b>	Triq Xatt il-Pwales		
<b>Town Name</b>	St. Paul Bay	<b>Toponym</b>	-
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	Private
<b>Local Council</b>	San Pawl il-Baħar		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	-		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (18th Century)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Historical Architectural	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Outstanding
<b>Property Function</b>	Fortification	<b>Conservation Area</b>	

<b>Outline Description</b>	Coastal redoubt
<b>Property Description</b>	Also known as ix-Xemxija or Pwales Left Battery. Arrias Battery is one of the coastal works of fortification erected by the Knights in 1715/16. The structure originally consisted of a rectangular platform with rounded northern end, ringed off by a low parapet and closed off along the gorge by a rectangular blockhouse. An inscription commemorating the knight Fra Emmanuale Arrias stands above the main entrance. The battery underwent various alterations in the course of the last century, amongst which was the addition of a room on top of the blockhouse, the opening of a new entrance with flight of steps along its front facing the sea. An early 20th century plan of the structure shows that the parapet had only one embrasure.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	729	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1995
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Cross (Malta,1994), 518
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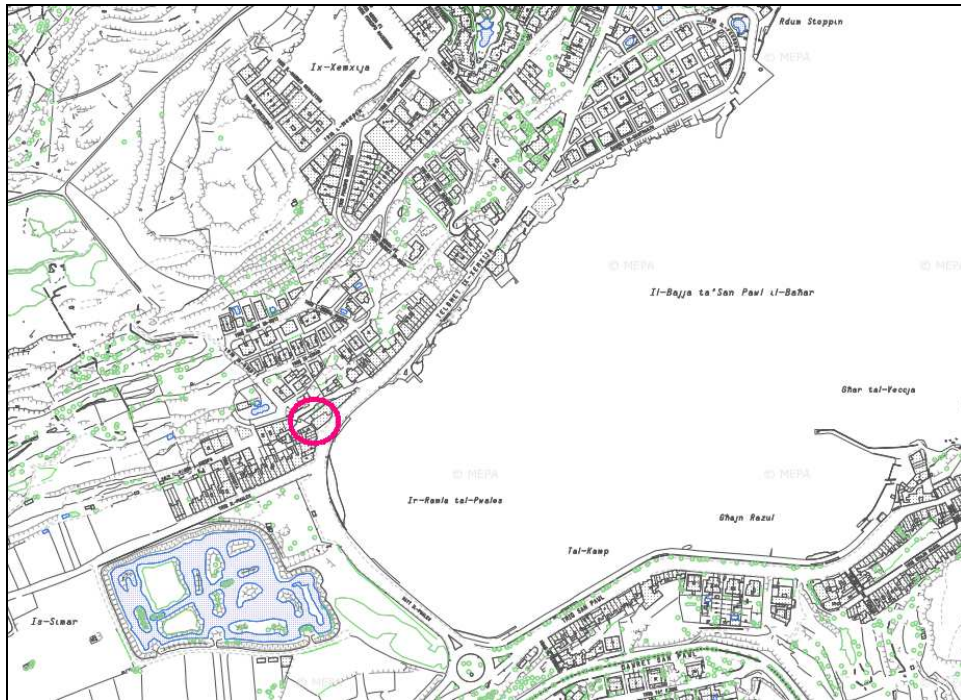
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Property Plan



Property Images

