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TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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<b>Property Name</b>	Ramla Underwater Barrier and remains of Entrenchment				
<b>Address</b>	Ir-Ramla l-Ħamra				
<b>Town Name</b>	Ramla l-Ħamra	<b>Toponym</b>	-	<b>Local Council</b>	Nadur
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	The Gaia Foundation		
<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	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Outstanding		
	Architectural				
	Archaeological				
<b>Property Function</b>	Fortification	<b>Conservation Area</b>			

<b>Outline Description</b>	Seawall
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>Ramla Bay contains the remains of a set of coastal defences dating from the eighteenth century. Two of these comprised linear structures, the first an entrenchment wall which ran along the beach, and the second, an underwater barrier. Very little survives of the former above ground level since the entrenchment was of light rubble wall construction in the 'pietra à secco' style. More remains survive of the underwater obstacle, referred to as a 'catena di pietre' in the Order's records, which was designed to prevent enemy boats from reaching the shore to land their troops. The structure was constructed during the course of the mid-eighteenth century.</p>

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	7	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1995
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Cross (Malta,1994), 559
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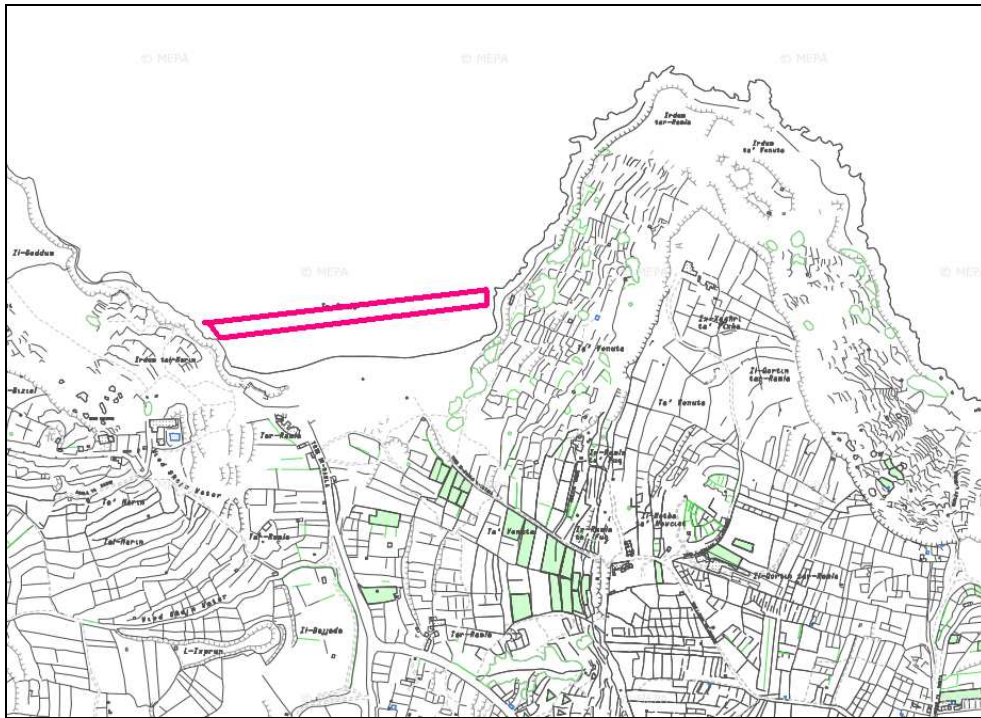
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Property Plan



Property Images

