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Property Name	Qolla Bajda Battery			
Address	l-Qolla l-Bajda			
Town Name	Marsalforn	Toponyn	1 -	Local Council Żebbuġ
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Private	
Guardianship Deed	-			
Period	Modern (18th Century)			
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)			
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural		Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification		Conservation Area	
Outline Description	Coastal battery			
Property Description	Qolla l-Bajda Battery is one of the coastal works of fortification erected by the Knights in 1715/16. The structure consists of a semi-circular gun battery, partly ringed by a parapet (with six embrasures), with its gorge occupied by means of two blockhouses linked together by a short wall containing the main gate. Only the flanks of the blockhouses, overlooking the main entrance into the battery were pierced with musketry loopholes. A low flight of steps provided access, via a wooden drawbridge, to the main entrance. A sea-filled moat protected the seaward front of the battery. The Qolla l-Bajda battery has undergone some alterations to its structure, amongst which were those which were made to convert it into a catering and entertainment venue.			
Scheduled by MEPA	Yes Degree	of Protection (Grade 1 G.N. No	. 729 G.N. Date 1995
Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortre	sses of the Cros	s (Malta,1994), 532	

