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Property Name	St John Bastion Caraffa - Valletta		
Address	Caraffa Enceinte (Lower St Elmo)		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	- Local Council Valletta
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Heritage Malta
Guardianship Deed	-		

Period Modern (17th to 18th Century AD)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century)

Cultural Heritage
Type & Value

Historical
Architectural

Cultural Heritage
Property Value
Assessment

Outstanding

Property Function Fortification

Conservation Area UCA (Valletta)

Outline Description Bastion

Property Description Large asymmetrical bastion with longer right face. Later known as Abercrombie's Bastion by the British military following the burial of Sir Abercrombie on the bastion. In its current state, the bastion contains various features and a succession of gun emplacements and magazines, namely, two concrete emplacements, with Fire Control Towers, gun crew shelters and magazines for two win 6-pdr QF guns (E-gun and F-gun), with concrete glacis, iron shields for 9-inch RML gun emplacement, a la searchlight emplacement. A large parados with covered passage way occupies the gorge of the bastion. The bastion has various underground magazines and rooms. An opening in the left face of the bastion, towards its shoulder provided access into the interior of Fort St Elmo.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes

Degree of Protection Grade 1

G.N. No. 133

G.N. Date 2001

Recommended
Bibliography

S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta, 2001), 268-80

Coordinates : Easting

56738

73473

Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

