SOVRINTENDENZA TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Property Name	Church of the Annunciation				
Address	L-Gholja tas-Salib				
Town Name	Siġġiewi	**Toponym**	Ta' San Blas	**Local Council**	Siġġiewi
Property Owner	Religious	**Managing Body**	Mdina Cathedral Chapter/Moviment Azzjoni		
Guardianship Deed					

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Artistic Historical	**Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment**	Very High
Property Function	Religious	**Conservation Area**	

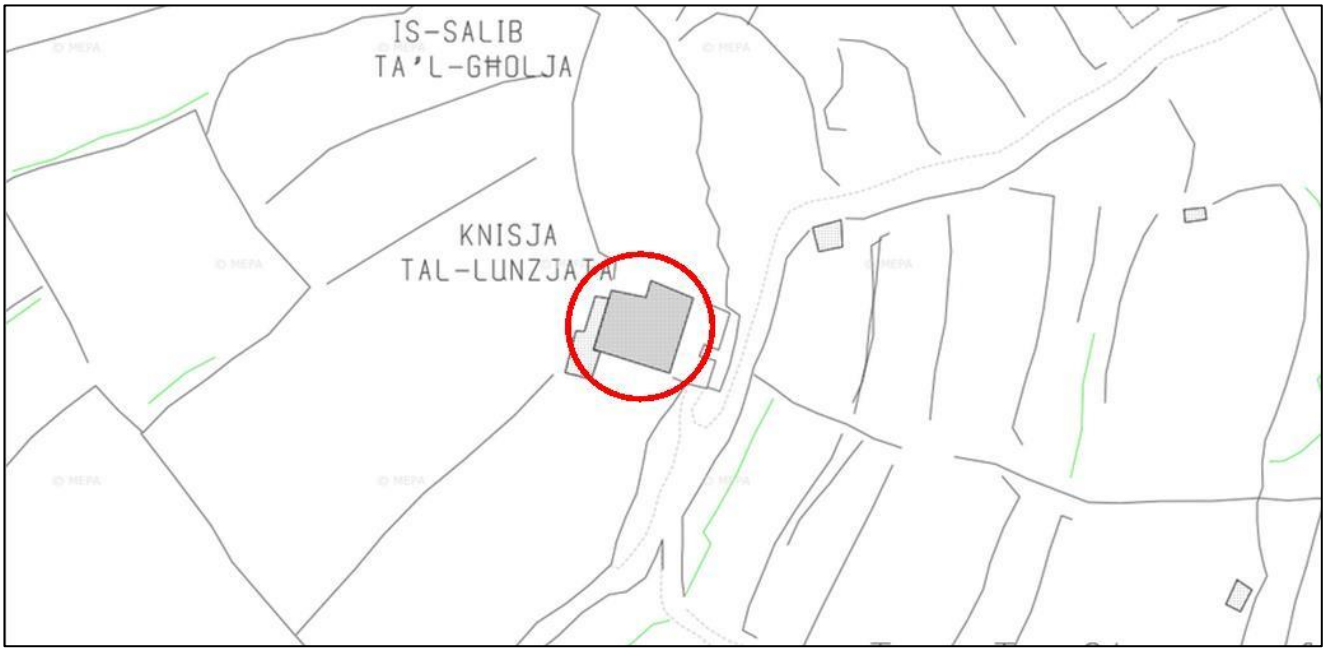
Outline Description	Church of the Annunciation
Property Description	The present Church stands on the location of a previous one, first recorded in the 2nd half of the 15th century. Originally, it was built by Dun Guljelmu Tonna, who erected the Church on his property and paid for its maintenance. The Church was referred to as Santa Maria ta' Kemmuna from the surrounding lands known as Ta' Kemmuna, due to cumin being cultivated in the area or it was linked to a proper name. Dusina described the Church as being built on lands known as Ix-Xaghra Fuqanija tal-Qassis. At the time it was highly maintained and devotion towards it is shown by the several references to it on maps. The Church was rebuilt between 1680 and 1681 and suffered damage by the 1693 earthquake that required its rebuilding. Two further earthquakes damaged the Church in 1856 and 1932. The latter two restorations are marked by a plaque near the entrance, the second of which is signed by L. La Ferla. The rectangular-shaped church has little decoration, except for the moulded frame of the titular painting now housed in the Sacristy of the Siggiewi Parish Church. The facade also lacks decoration except for the balustraded parapet wall.

Scheduled by MEPA	No	**Degree of Protection**	**G.N. No.**	**G.N. Date**	

Recommended Bibliography	http://www.kappellimaltin.com/html/san_blas.html

Coordinates : Easting	47385	67653	Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



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