



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00005

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Property Name	Ta' Kola Windmill				
Address	Triq Marija Bambina				
Town Name	Xagħra	Toponym	Ta' Kola	Local Council	Xagħra
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Heritage Malta		
Guardianship Deed	No				

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)				
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)				
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Social	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High		
Property Function	Economic	Conservation Area	N/A		

Outline Description	An 18th Century windmill.
Property Description	<p>Ta' Kola Windmill dates back to the mid-18th Century during the reign of Grandmaster Manoel de Vilhena. He had set up the Fondazione Vilhena to fund windmills in order to sustain the demands of an increasing population of the Maltese Islands. Before the introduction of steam, oil and electricity, the windmill was the cheapest most efficient system to grind grain. Ta' Kola windmill owe its name to the last miller and owner Gużepi Grech, known locally as Żepu ta' Kola. Gużepi operated and maintained the structure until his death in 1987. Ta' Kola Windmill follows a plan which echoed most of the Maltese windmills of that period. It consists of a number of rooms on two floors surrounding a centrally placed cylindrical stone tower. This houses the milling mechanism and consists of two circular hard-wearing stones placed on top of each other to crush the grains forced between the two rotating surfaces. The ground floor was used by the owner as a workshop and the first floor was used as the miller's living quarters.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	0853	G.N. Date	2010
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Recommended Bibliography	MEPA Scheduled Property Register
	Vella, C. (2011) <i>L-Imtiehen tat-thin tal-Qamh fil-gzejjer Maltin</i> , Malta : Printit Ltd
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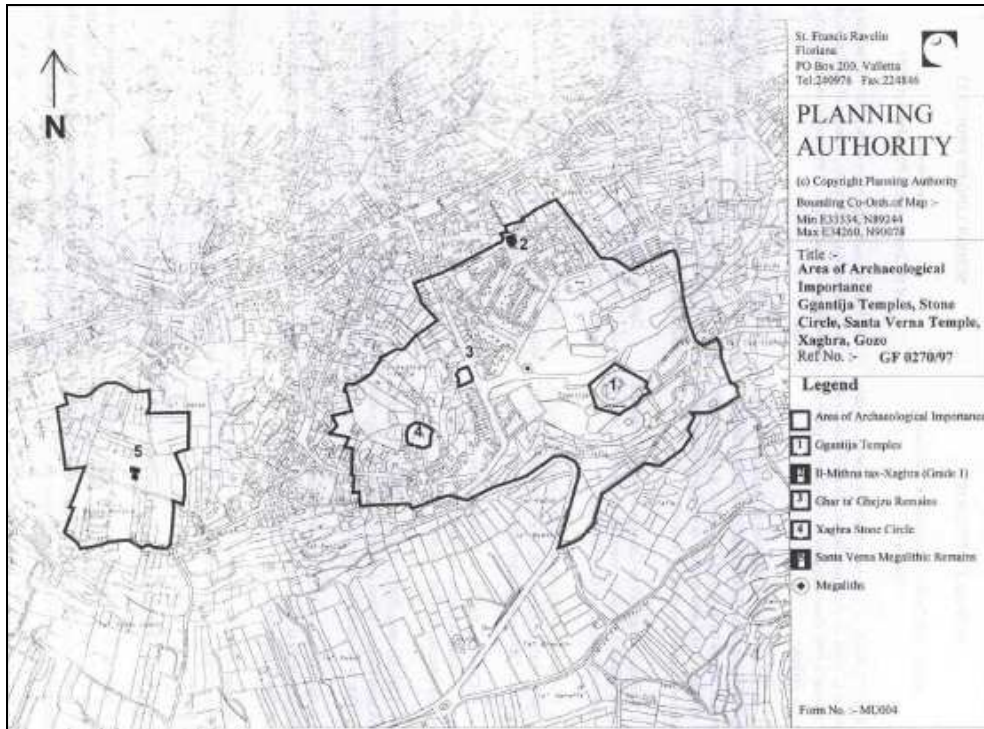
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Property Plan



Property Images

