



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Hal Ġinwi Temple		
Address	Triq Xrobb l-Għagin		
Town Name	Żejtun	Toponym	N/A
Property Owner	Unknown	Local Council	Żejtun
Guardianship Deed	No	Managing Body	Government Property Department

Period	Prehistory (6th Millenium - 9th Century BC)		
Phase	Temple Period: Ġgantija (3600 - 3200 BC)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Archaeological	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High
Property Function	Ritual	Conservation Area	N/A

Outline Description	A prehistoric temple site composed of 5 semi-rectangular spaces dating back to the Ggantija phase.
Property Description	Lying to the right of the road from Zejtun to Marsaxlokk stood the prehistoric temple site of Hal Ġinwi, now destroyed. Excavated by A.V. Laferla in 1917, Themistocles Zammit interpreted the site as the remains of a possible domestic dwelling context. John Evans suggests that the megalithic remains are more akin to the remains of a dual temple site. The site is characterised by a set of sub-rectangular rooms (5 in number) enclosed by a megalithic wall. The floors were mainly paved in hard stone or covered in beaten earth (torba). Flint and chert remains were scarce, but pottery finds were plentiful. The pottery dated mainly to the Ggantija and Tarxien phase with a very few sherds from the Tarxien cemetery phase.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Class A	G.N. No.	1082	G.N. Date	2009
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Recommended Bibliography	1917-1919 <i>Museum Annual Report</i> (M.A.R.), Museums Department MEPA Scheduled Property Register Evans, J.D. (1971) <i>The Prehistoric Antiquities of the Maltese Islands: A Survey</i> , London: Athlone Press;
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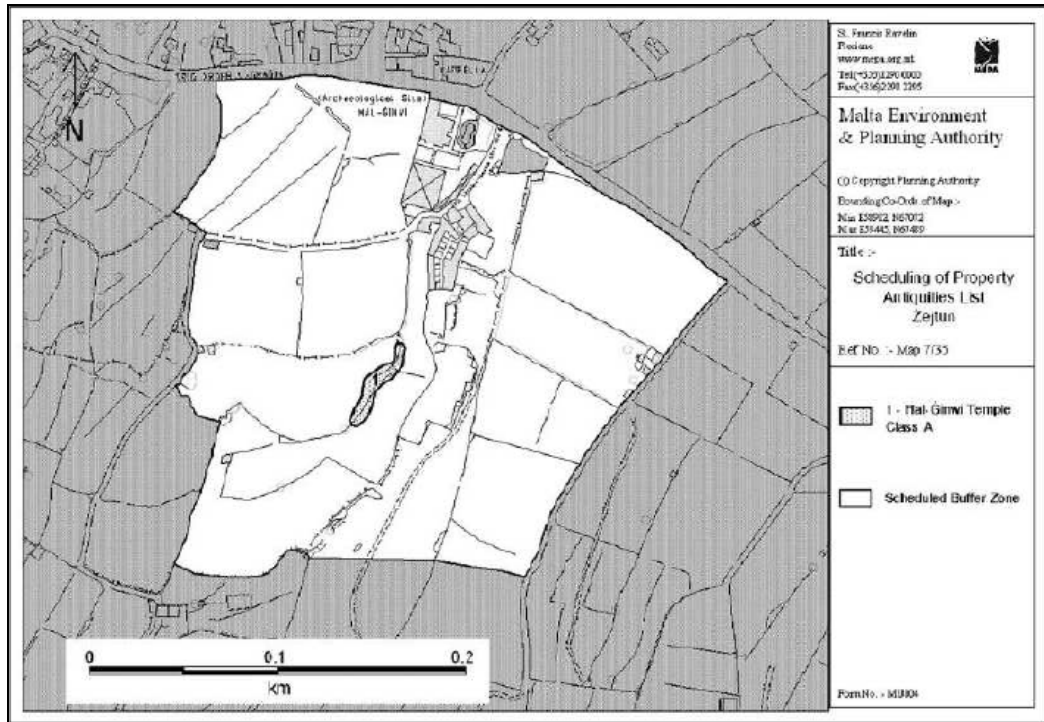
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Property Plan



Property Images

