



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00013

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Property Name	Tal-Bidni Roman Villa				
Address	N/A				
Town Name	Bidnija	Toponym	Tal-Bidni	Local Council	Mosta
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Unknown		
Guardianship Deed	No				

Period	Classical (8th Century BC to 5th Century AD)			
Phase				
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Archaeological	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High	
Property Function	Agricultural	Conservation Area	N/A	

Outline Description	The archaeological ruins at Tal-Bidni were discovered in 1912. A Roman villa associated to the cultivation of olives was found at Bidnija. The site is attributed to the Roman period.
Property Description	The site of a Roman villa was found in 1912 by Sir Temi Zammit. The villa is located in the fields of Tal-Bidni, an area covered by olive trees found to the east of the road from Mosta to the Bidnija Church. At time of discovery, a stone through of an oil press was found. At the middle of the stone through a square hole is found probably for the insertion of a pole. A large circular stone with a hemispherical section, probably used as a crusher was found close by. Visible at the surface of the site were other remains including traces of foundation walls, throughs, tiles and plentiful of ceramic sherds. Since 2008, further surface explorations of the site are undertaken by the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage, University of Malta and the University of Ghent as part of the Malta Survey Project.

Scheduled by MEPA	No	Degree of Protection	N/A	G.N. No.	N/A	G.N. Date	N/A
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Recommended Bibliography	1911/1912: 4. <i>Museum Annual Report (M.A.R.)</i> , Museums Department Zammit, T. 1909-1912. <i>Temi Zammit Notebook III</i> : 118-120
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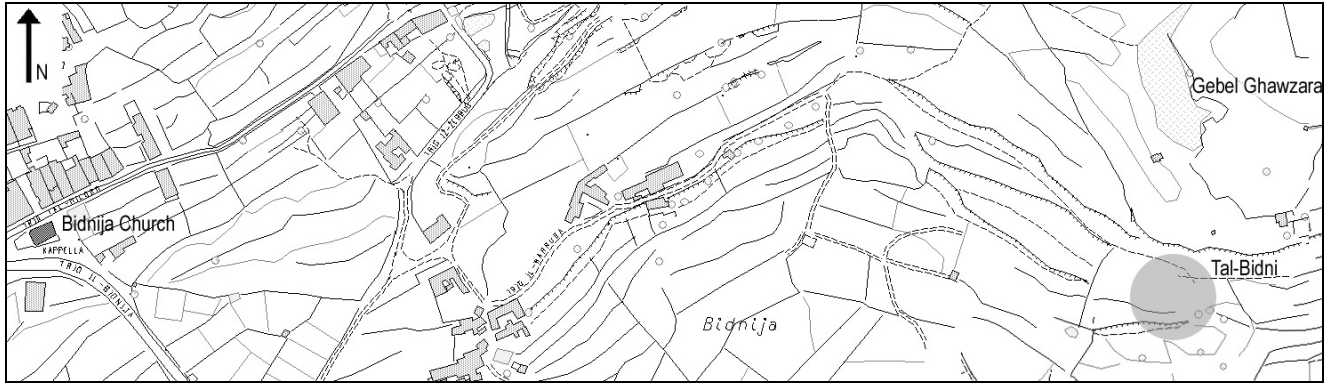
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