



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00028

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<b>Property Name</b>	Xemxija prehistoric tombs		
<b>Address</b>	Triq il-Preistorja		
<b>Town Name</b>	Xemxija	<b>Toponym</b>	N/A
<b>Property Owner</b>	Unknown	<b>Managing Body</b>	Unknown
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	No		
<b>Local Council</b>	San Pawl il-Baħar		

<b>Period</b>	Prehistory (6th Millenium - 9th Century BC)		
<b>Phase</b>	Temple Period (4100 - 2500 BC)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Archaeological	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Very High
<b>Property Function</b>	Burial	<b>Conservation Area</b>	AAI, SAI

<b>Outline Description</b>	The Xemxija tombs consist of 7 prehistoric tombs dated to the Temple Period and later.
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>In 1955 the excavations of the Xemija prehistoric tombs were carried out. These are located at the top of a hill overlooking the Xemxija bay.</p> <p>In total seven tombs were discovered each consisting of a circular shallow shaft leading to a burial chamber or chambers. The tombs are not homogeneous in plan since they differ in size and internal details and number of burial chambers. In general the plan of the burial chambers is often described as having a kidney shape. During the excavation human remains as well as pottery, personal ornaments and animal bones were discovered. Bronze Age pottery was also discovered at the site indicating a use of the site during the Broze Age.</p>

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Class A	<b>G.N. No.</b>	763	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1998
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	<p>Evans, J.D.(1971) <i>The Prehistoric Antiquities of the Maltese Islands: A Survey</i>, London: Althone Press</p> <p>MEPA Scheduled Property Register</p>
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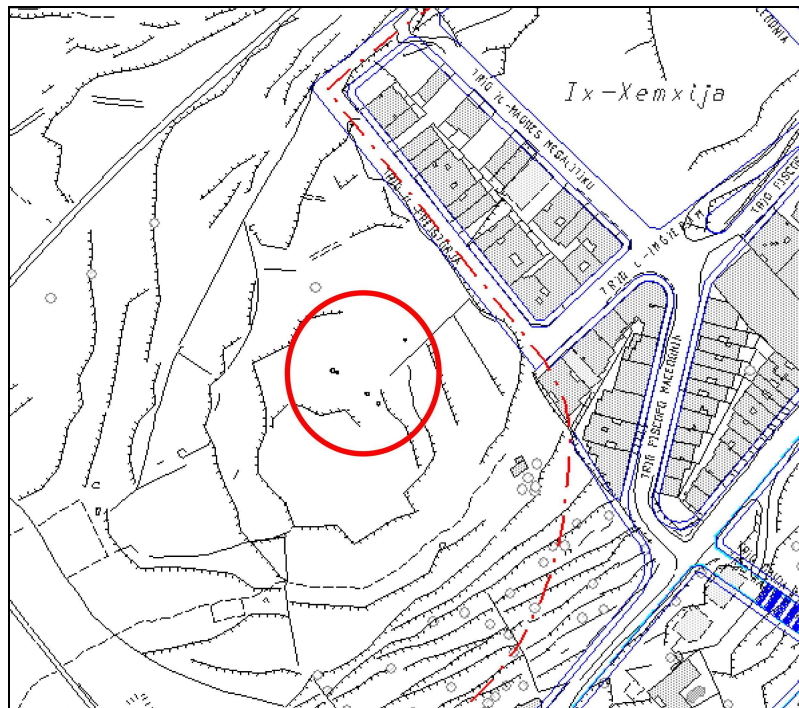
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Property Plan



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