



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00032

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| Property Name | Armier Tower | | |
| Address | N/A | | |
| Town Name | L-Ahrax | Toponym | L-Ahrax tal-Mellieha |
| Property Owner | Government | Managing Body | Unknown |
| Guardianship Deed | No | | |
| Local Council | Mellieħa | | |

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| Period | Modern (16th to 20th Century AD) | | |
| Phase | Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798) | | |
| Cultural Heritage Type & Value | Architectural Historical | Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment | High |
| Property Function | Fortification | Conservation Area | Not Available |

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| Outline Description | Popularly known as it-Torri l-Abjad, the tower is one of a series of watch towers built during the reign of Grandmaster de Redin. |
| Property Description | Known as it-Torri l-Abjad (the White Tower) or it-Torri tal-Ahrax, this tower stands on the tat-Ahrax peninsula at the extreme northern end of Malta. The tower is one of a series of thirteen fortified towers, built between 1658 and 1659, under Grand Master Martin de Redin. These towers were strong enough to withstand attack and functioned as watch towers against corsair incursions. Each tower was also within sight of its neighbours, creating a visual communication link between Gozo and the Grand Harbour. |

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| Scheduled by MEPA | Yes | Degree of Protection | Grade 1 | G.N. No. | 729 | G.N. Date | 1995 |
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| Recommended Bibliography | Spiteri, S.C. (2001) <i>Fortresses of the Knights</i> , Malta: Book Distributors Ltd. Spiteri, S.C. (2008) <i>The Art of fortress building in Hospitaller Malta</i> , Malta: Book Distributors Ltd. Spiteri, S.C. (1994) <i>Fortresses of the Cross, Hospitaller Military Architecture (1136-1798)</i> , Malta: Heritage Interpretation Services. |
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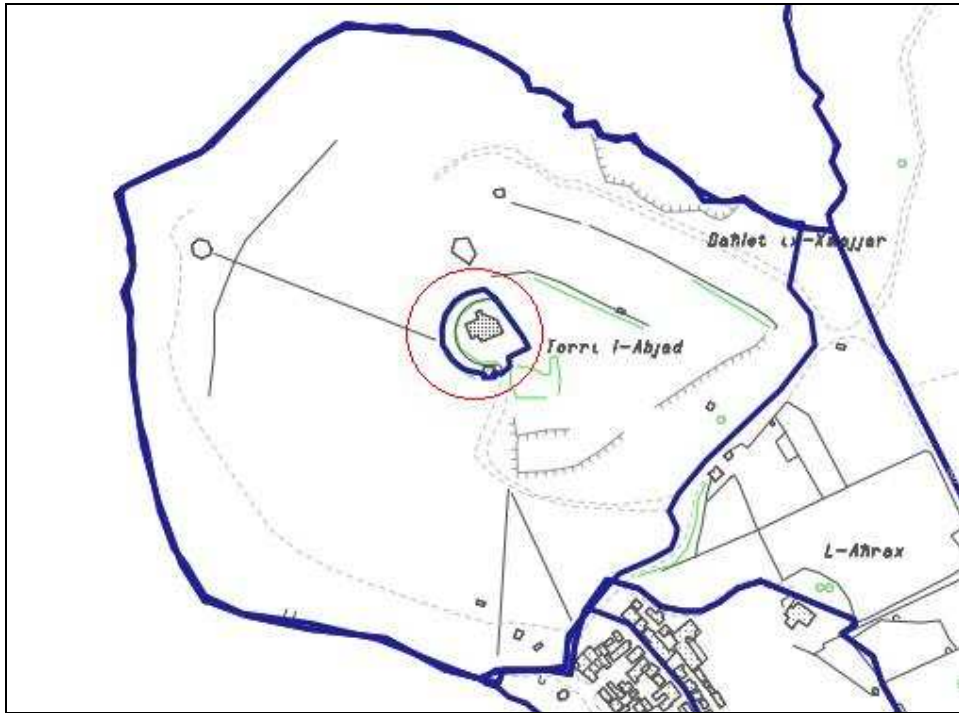
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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

