



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00036

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Property Name	Xlendi Tower				
Address	Triq Tar-Ras				
Town Name	Xlendi	Toponym	Il-Misraħ	Local Council	Munxar
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Din l-Art Helwa & Munxar Local Council		
Guardianship Deed	No				

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	Defence	Conservation Area	Not Available	

Outline Description	Coastal Tower built under the reign of Grandmaster Lascaris
Property Description	<p>Xlendi Tower was built in 1650 with a squarish plan and thick battered walls. It consisted of two stories with the main entrance accessible through a flight of steps and a wooden drawbridge of the lifting bridge type.</p> <p>The main purpose of this tower was to deny entrance and use of Xlendi to pirates and evaders of quarantine.</p> <p>Xlendi Tower is now the oldest coast watch-tower still standing in Gozo.</p> <p>The tower restoration is a joint venture between Din l-Art Helwa and il-Munxar Local Council.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	729	G.N. Date	1995
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Recommended Bibliography	<p>Samut-Tagliaferro, A. (1993) <i>The coastal fortifications of Gozo and Comino</i>, Malta: Midsea Publications</p> <p>Spiteri, S.C. (2001) <i>Fortresses of the Knights</i>, Malta: Book Distributors Ltd.</p> <p>Spiteri, S.C. (2008) <i>The Art of fortress building in Hospitaller Malta</i>, Malta: Book Distributors Ltd.</p>
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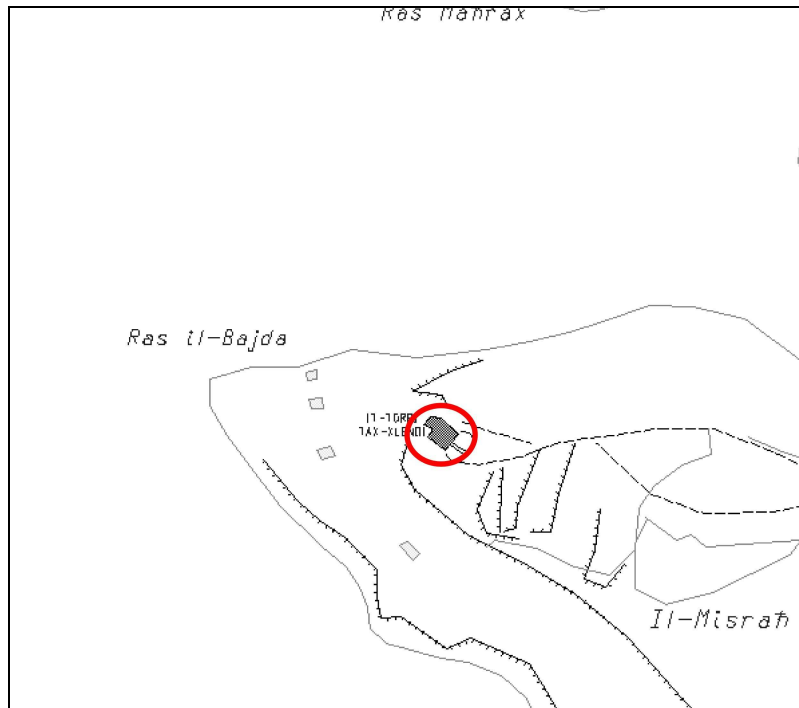
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Property Plan



Property Images

