



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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<b>Property Name</b>	St. Mary Battery				
<b>Address</b>	N/A				
<b>Town Name</b>	Comino	<b>Toponym</b>	Il-Miskita	<b>Local Council</b>	Għajnsielem
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	Din L-Art Helwa		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	Yes				

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)			
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)			
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Architectural Historical	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	High	
<b>Property Function</b>	Military	<b>Conservation Area</b>	Not Available	

<b>Outline Description</b>	Coastal battery on Comino
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>St. Mary's battery was built in 1715 to protect the South Comino Channel. It is one of three surviving coastal batteries and was equipped with two 24-pounder and four 6-pounder canon.</p> <p>This battery was built to resist the disembarkation of troops from enemy fleets. It as fitted with a semi-circular enceinte facing the entrance to the bay. It had also a blockhouse to accomodate garrison, ammunities and supplies.</p> <p>This battery was restored in 1994 by Din L-Art Helwa.</p>

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	729	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1995
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	<p>Spiteri, S.C. (2001) <i>Fortresses of the Knights</i>, Malta: Book Distributors Ltd.</p> <p>Samut-Tagliaferro, A. (1993) <i>The coastal fortifications of Gozo and Comino</i>, Malta: Midsea Publications</p> <p>Coralie, 2011, <i>Santa Marija Battery, Comino</i>, Din L-Art Helwa, accessed 15 March 2012 &lt;<a href="http://dinlarthelwa.org/properties/our-properties/santa_marija_battery_comino">http://dinlarthelwa.org/properties/our-properties/santa_marija_battery_comino</a>&gt;</p>
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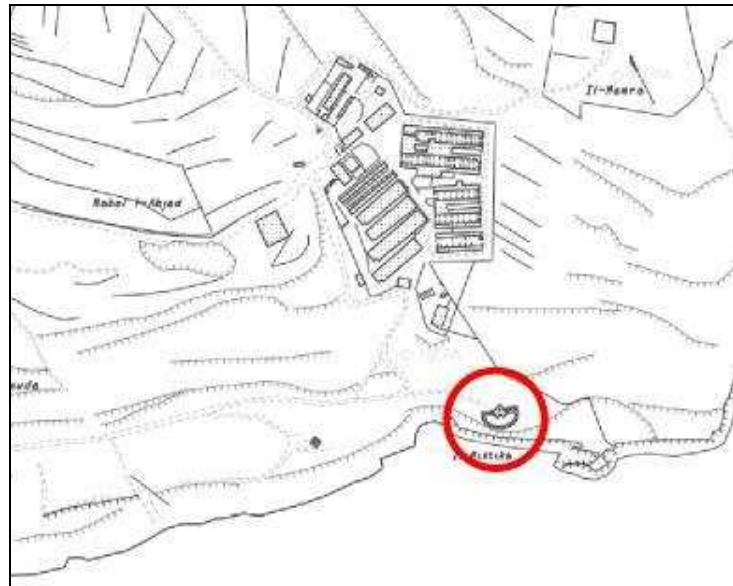
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Property Plan



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