# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

## Property Name
Msida Bastion Cemetery

### Address
N/A

### Town Name
Floriana

### Toponym
N/A

### Local Council
Floriana

### Property Owner
Government

### Managing Body
Din L-Art Ħelwa

### Guardianship Deed
Yes

### Period
Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)

### Phase
Modern: British (1800 - 1964)

### Cultural Heritage Type & Value
- Historical
- Artistic
- Social

### Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment
High

### Conservation Area
AHLV

### Outline Description
A ‘Garden of Rest’ as it is commonly referred to in use at the beginning of British Period (between 1800 and 1857)

### Property Description
Located close to the 17th century bastions at Floriana, the use of this site as a burial ground (or cemetery) started shortly after the British expulsion of the French from Malta in 1800. Around 530 individuals (predominantly British Army and Navy personnel, British civil officials and merchants as well as their immediate families) are known to have been buried there. The cemetery went out of use around 1857 at the same time as the opening of the much larger Ta’ Braxia cemetery, with the exception of burials taking place in existing family vaults. Apart from the site’s function as a burial ground, thanks to the rich soil present and its sheltered location, the ‘Garden of Rest’ as it is commonly referred to hosts a variety of flora and small wildlife. Some trees, which date back to 150 years or so may still be seen in the Garden.

### Scheduled by MEPA
Yes

### Degree of Protection
Grade 1

### G.N. No.
133

### G.N. Date
2001

### Recommended Bibliography