

# POSTAL DIARY

## 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 – 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

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### 07<sup>th</sup> February

MaltaPost announced that on the 9<sup>th</sup> February it will issue a set of three stamps depicting Traditional Maltese Costumes.

Daily life in early modern Maltese history was very much dependent on economic traits, mainly divided in two distinct spheres. The Grand Harbour area was centred on maritime activity which along various centuries was fuelled by trade, industry, strategic importance and wartime replenishment to generate years of considerable prosperity. The rest of the archipelago remained heavily reliant on agriculture up to the mid-twentieth century. This dichotomy finds its imprint in dress, since like all other forms of art, costumes reflect the society which produces them.

The stamps will be issued in sheets of 10 stamps. Each stamp measures 44mm x 31mm, and has a perforation of 13.9x 14.0 (comb.) bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. The sheets measure 185mm x 118mm. Printex Limited produced the set in offset and the issue consists of 700,000 of the €0.26 stamp, 300,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 80,000 of the €1.16 stamp.

The three photographs of the different attires, faithful reproductions sewn by Alda Bugeja, are courtesy of Heritage Malta.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.1/2018). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “TRADITIONAL COSTUMES” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST -----  
----- - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/09-02-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the costume shown on the €0.26 value positioned at the top centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 369.

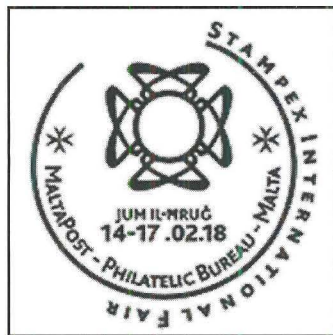


### 14<sup>th</sup> February

MaltaPost will be participating in the Stampex stamp fair to be held in London between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The stamp fair is an annual event where

international postal operators showcase their philatelic items. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau will be participating in this fair with a variety of Maltese stamps related to various popular themes.

For this event, the Philatelic Bureau will issue an Occasion Card (Number 49) and a Personalised Stamp/Cover featuring the exhibition logo. MaltaPost also prepared an occasion postmark for use during the duration of the event. The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed "STAMPEX INTERNATIONAL FAIR" along the outside bordering the ring and "\* MALTAPOST - PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA \*" on the lower inner side of the ring. The words "JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/14-17.02.18" in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the fair's logo positioned at the top centre of the handstamp. It is strange how the words JUM IL-ĦRUĠ (Day of Issue) have been incorporated in the handstamp which does not relate to a single day but covers a period of four days!



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## 15<sup>th</sup> February

MaltaPost informed the public of the temporary closure of two Sub Post Offices.

The Sub Post Office at 'Alessio Old Cottage', 12, Triq il-Parrocca, L-Imqabba MQB 1511 will be closed between Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

On this day, customers were advised to use the postal services provided from the following Post Offices:

- Luqa Post Office situated at 11, Trejqa Dun Ġulju Muscat, Ħal Luqa LQA 1450
- Żurrieq Post Office situated at 8, Triq Santa Katerina, iż-Żurrieq ŻRQ 1088

The Sub Post Office, "Aquavel", Triq San Bartilmew, Għargħur, GHR 1014 will be closed between Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

During this period, the public was advised to use the postal services provided from Naxxar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, 21st September Avenue, Naxxar NXR 1018 as a close alternative.

## 19<sup>th</sup> February

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at Iklin Stationery, 89, Ċensu Busuttil Street, IKLIN IKL 1202 will no longer operate as Sub Post Office as from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 as it will be closed permanently.

As an alternative, residents in the area were advised to use postal services provided from Naxxar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, 21st September Avenue, Naxxar NXR 1018.

## 07<sup>th</sup> March

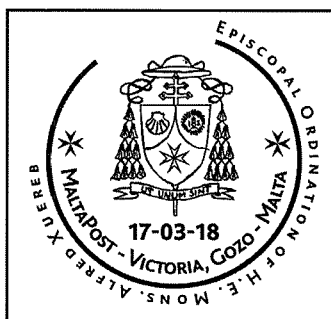
MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Alessio Old Cottage’, 12, Triq il-Parrocca, L-Imqabba MQB 1511 will be temporarily closed between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

During this period Mqabba residents have been requested to collect their mail from Zurrieq Post Office situated at 8, Triq Santa Katerina, iż-Żurrieq ŻRQ 1088.

## 15<sup>th</sup> March

Today MaltaPost notified that a special hand postmark for the occasion of the Episcopal Ordination of H.E. Mons. Alfred Xuereb, will be issued on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Victoria Post Office, Gozo.

The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF H.E. MONS. ALFRED XUEREB” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST – VICTORIA, GOZO – MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “17-03-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the Coat of Arms positioned at the top centre of the handstamp.



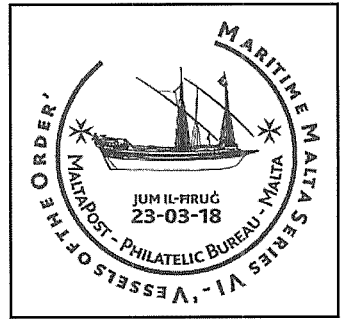
## 20<sup>th</sup> March

Today it was announced that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, MaltaPost will issue a set of stamps from its ‘Maritime Malta’ series. This is the sixth stamp issue from the maritime series consisting of three stamps featuring vessels dating back to the Order of Saint John.

The €0.26 and €0.42 stamps depict two models of galleys, while the €1.00 stamp depicts a model of a brigantine. All models are currently on display at the Malta Maritime Museum.

The stamps will be issued in sheets of 10 stamps with each stamp measuring 44mm x 31mm, having a perforation of 13.9x 14.0 (comb.) and printed on paper bearing the Maltese Cross watermark. The sheets measure 185mm x 118mm. Printex Limited produced the stamp set in offset and the issue consists of 60,000 of the €0.26 stamp, 80,000 of the €0.42 stamp and 25,000 of the €1.00 stamp. The set was designed by Sean Cini

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.2/2018). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “MARITIME SERIES VI – VESSELS OF THE ORDER.” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/23-03-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the Sensile shown on the €0.26 value, positioned at the top centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 370.



## **22<sup>nd</sup> March**

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at ‘Needz Stationery’, 1, Triq il-Vajrita, Marsascula MSK 3306, will be temporarily closed between Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

During this period Marsascula residents were requested to collect their mail from Żabbar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, Triq il-Kunvent, Żabbar ŻBR 1351.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> March**

During the Company’s Annual Staff meeting, a number of excellence awards were presented to MaltaPost staff members in recognition for their hard work and outstanding performance in 2017.

In his address, MaltaPost’s Chairman Joseph Said presented the 2017 financial and quality results. He also highlighted the Company’s commitment to enhance its services to facilitate eCommerce business and identify new opportunities for new investment and further areas for growth. As eCommerce traffic continues to grow at significant rates, the company’s strategy will necessitate closer concentration on this area of business and the related logistics market. MaltaPost’s Chief Executive Officer Joseph Gafa’ who presented the awards, congratulated the winners whilst thanking all the Company’s staff for their hard work throughout 2017.

During this ceremony, MaltaPost also recognised the team members involved in the development of SendOn and Easipik services. These services received the Best eCommerce Site (B2C) Award by the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) in April 2017. The MCA recognises that through the combination of these two services, MaltaPost provides an innovative international logistics solution, allowing eCommerce users to purchase any items within international market

places and collect in Malta at any time from these automated parcel locker stations

The awards presented were as follows:

Employee of the year award 2017- Mark Abela

Best Employee Delivery - Yanika Grima, Mario Zammit

Best Employee Central Mail Room - Keith Giordmaina

Best Employee Courier and Parcel Office - Brian Camilleri

Best Employee Administration - Charlene Azzopardi

Best Post Office - Mosta Post Office

Best Employee Retail - Sammy Mallia

Best Document Management Employee - Joseph Said

Best Employee Unaddressed Mail Section - Anisia Agius

Best Operations Department - Courier Drivers

Best Corporate Social Responsibility Award - San Ġwann Delivery Centre

Long Service Award - Stefania Camilleri

Best Student MCAST Diploma in Postal Services: Nicholas Agius, Carmel Borg

Five retired employees were also honoured during the ceremony; namely Moses Azzopardi, Carmel Buhagiar, Charles Darmanin, Paul E. Sullivan and Vincent Farrugia

In another media communication, MaltaPost informed its clients that two of its post offices in Gozo will be having a change in their opening hours. The Għarb Post Office will be open for business on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 7.30 and 13.00 and the Xagħra Post Office will be open for business on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 7.30 and 13.00.

## **29<sup>th</sup> March**

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Fast Forward Stationery’, Wileg Street, QAWRA SPB 1922, will no longer operate as a Sub Post Office as from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Residents were directed to use postal services provided from St. Paul’s Post Office situated at 511, St. Paul Street, St Paul’s Bay SPB 1922.

In a separate media communication, MaltaPost notified the public that a special hand postmark for the occasion of the Consecration of Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, will be used on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Castille Post Office in Valletta.

The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “KONSAGRAZZJONI TAL-

BAŻILIKA TAL-KARMNU VALLETTA” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST – CASTILLE SQR. VALLETTA - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “04-04-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting Our Lady of Mount Carmel above the Basilica’s Cupola positioned at the top centre of the handstamp.



## 11<sup>th</sup> April

MaltaPost notified that a special hand postmark for the occasion of the appointment of the new Archpriest of St Publius Parish Church in Floriana, Dun Charles Cini, will be used on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Floriana Post Office.

The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “PUSSESS TAL-ARĊIPRIET DUN CHARLES CINI FIL-KNISJA TA’ SAN PUBLIJU” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST - FLORIANA - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “11-04-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the Coat of Arms positioned at the top centre of the handstamp.



## 23<sup>rd</sup> April

In today’s media communication, MaltaPost announced that on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 it will join other European postal administrations by the release of a stamp set bearing the theme “Bridges”.

EUROPA stamps underline cooperation between European postal administrations and seek to promote philately and build awareness of the common goals, roots, culture and history of Europe.

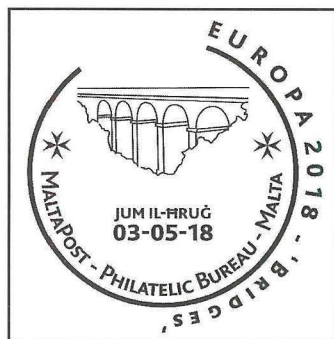
This issue features two bridges, The Madliena Bridge in Hal Għargħur and the Grand Harbour breakwater bridge. Both bridges were built when Malta was under British Rule.

The €0.59 stamp features the Madliena Bridge, also known as the Wied id-Dis Bridge, built in 1880 by the British military forces to facilitate transportation of military equipment and also servicemen along the Victoria Lines. The €2.19 stamp depicts the Grand Harbour Breakwater Bridge also known as the St. Elmo Bridge. Photographs used as the basis for the stamps are by David P. Attard.

The stamps will be issued in two sheetlets each bearing 11 stamps. Each stamp measures 44mm x 31mm, has a 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.) perforation bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. The sheetlets measure 158mm x 150mm. The stamps were produced by Printex Ltd in the offset process and the issue consists of 35,200 of the €0.59 stamp and 39,600 of the €2.19 stamp.

This stamp set will be Malta's entry for the '2018 EUROPA Online Stamp Contest'. The contest is an annual online event where creative entries from across Europe compete for the best design.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.3/2018). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed "EUROPA 2018 – 'BRIDGES'" along the outside bordering the ring and "\* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA \*" on the lower inner side of the ring. The words "JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/03-05-18" in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the Madliena Bridge positioned at the top centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 371.



## 23<sup>rd</sup> April

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at "Step in", Misrah ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu, BRG 1300 will be temporarily closed for the period between Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

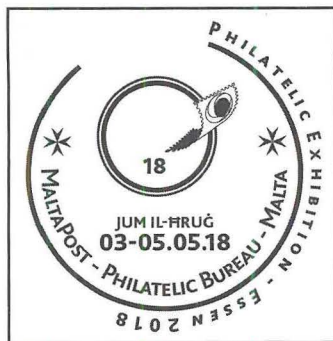
During this time, the public was advised that if it so wishes it may use the postal services provided from Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910.

## 26<sup>th</sup> April

A Company Announcement issued by MaltaPost p.l.c. pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules noted that the Board of Directors of MaltaPost plc is scheduled to meet on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to consider and approve the interim financial statements for the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

In a separate media communication it was also announced that MaltaPost will be participating in the Essen stamp fair between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Germany. The stamp fair is an annual event where international postal operators showcase their philatelic items. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau will be participating in this fair with a variety of Maltese stamps related to various popular themes.

For this event, the Philatelic Bureau will issue an Occasion Card (Number 50) and a Personalised Stamp/Cover featuring the exhibition logo. The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “PHILATELIC EXHIBITION – ESSEN 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/03-05.05.18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the fair’s logo positioned at the top centre of the handstamp. It is quite strange to note that the words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ” (First Day of Issue) were included in the hand stamp which is covering a period of three days.



## 17<sup>th</sup> May

Today MaltaPost p.l.c. issued a company announcement pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules wherein it was stated that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, the board had approved the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements for the six month period which ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.

## 21<sup>st</sup> May

MaltaPost notified that a special hand postmark in commemoration of the 50th anniversary from when ‘Viola Club Malta’ was established will be issued on Monday 21st May 2018 at the Valletta - Castille, Post Office.

The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “VIOLA CLUB MALTA – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – 1968-2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST – VALLETTA, CASTILLE - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “21-05-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image of the club’s logo positioned at the top centre of the handstamp.



In a separate media communication, MaltaPost also notified that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, it will issue a set of three stamps commemorating Valletta’s prestigious title of European Capital of Culture 2018.

The stamps bear a face value of €0.26, €0.63 and €2.00. They were produced by Printex Ltd by the offset process and the issue consists of 1,160,000 of the €0. 26 stamp, 60,000 of the €0.63, and 60,000 of the €2.00 denomination. The issue will be



in sheets of 10 stamps and each stamp measures 31mm by 44mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb) bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. Each sheet measures 185mm by 118mm. The stamps are reproductions of paintings by local artist Joseph Pulo.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.4/2018). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “VALLETTA 2018 – EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST ----- - - - - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/22-05-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the iconic Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel positioned at the top centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 372.



## 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Today it was announced that on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, the Central Bank of Malta and MaltaPost will be issuing a joint numismatic and philatelic product consisting of a silver coin and a silver foil stamp replica to mark Valletta European Capital of Culture 2018.



The coin, struck at the Royal Dutch Mint, shows the emblem of Malta and the year of issue 2018 on the obverse. On the reverse it carries a personification of Valletta, a fortress city, represented as a woman wearing armour. The silver foil stamp replica and the coin will be available both as a set in one presentation case, or in separate presentation case format. The coin has a face value of €10. It is struck in proof quality in 0.925 silver, has a weight of 28.28 grams and a diameter of 38.61 mm. The mintage is limited to 2,000 coins. The coin was designed and engraved by Noel Galea Bason.

The silver replica stamp was also produced for MaltaPost by the Royal Dutch Mint and depicts the €0.26 postage stamp from the ‘Valletta 2018 European Capital of Culture’ stamp issue.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> May

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Malton Stationery”, 7, Triq Censu Xerri, Sliema SLM 3062 will be temporarily closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

On this day, customers were advised that if they so wished, they could use the postal

services provided from the following nearest Post Offices:

Sliema Post Office situated at 118, Triq Manwel Dimech Sliema SLM 1055

Sliema Post Office situated at 39, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Sliema SLM 1902

### **24<sup>th</sup> May**

For the occasion of its 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary from when Ħal-Qormi became recognized as a city and was given the prestigious title Citta Pinto by Grand Master Manuel Pinto da Fonseca, MaltaPost notified the public that a special hand post mark will be issued on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the Qormi, Post Office.



The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “275 SENA ANNIVERSARJU / 1743 – 2018 / CITTA PINTO” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST - QORMI - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “25-05-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the Pinto Coat of Arms at the top centre of the handstamp.

In a separate media communication MaltaPost p.l.c. informed the public that the letterbox situated at Triq San Leonardu corner with Sqaq San Lawrenz had been relocated near St. Peter’s Bocci Club in the same street.

### **25<sup>th</sup> May**

MaltaPost announced that it continued to invest in upgrading the services it offers to its clients through the opening of a new Post Office at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq, ŻRQ 1317. This Post Office replaced the Post Office which was situated at Post Office 8, St. Catherine Street, within the same locality.

This Post Office offers all postal services including local and registered mail as well as philatelic and numismatic products, encashment of cheques issued by the Central Bank of Malta, international money transfers, PostaPay&Save Payment account and card as well as a wide selection of stationery and greeting cards.

This new retail outlet also hosts Easipik; a 24/7 always open parcel pick-up service and will be open as from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, from Monday to Saturday between 7.30am and 13.00pm.

### **29<sup>th</sup> May**

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 51, Triq Gorg Borg Olivier, Mellieħa, MLĦ 1024 will be temporarily closed between Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

It also advised that during this period, the public may wish to make use of the postal services provided from the Mellieħa Post Office situated at 100, Triq il-Miħna l-Ġdida, Mellieħa MLĦ 1107.

## 13<sup>th</sup> June

Tomorrow, 14th June, MaltaPost will be issuing a miniature sheet bearing one stamp marking the 2018 FIFA World Cup™.

The stamp carries a face value of €3.00 and depicts the official mascot of the event. Russia's official mascot for this event is a wolf named Zabivaka™ designed by a student, Ekaterina Bocharova. In Russian, Zabivaka™ means “the one who scores”, a suitable name for this wolf who radiates fun, charm and confidence. Apart from promoting the event, the mascot's role is also intended to serve as an ambassador of Russia throughout the world.

The miniature sheet, designed by MaltaPost graphic designer Sean Cini measures 84mm x 84mm and bears the Maltese Cross watermark. The stamp measures 44mm x 31mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.00 (comb.). Printex Limited printed it in offset and the issue consists of 20,000 miniature sheets. MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.5/2018).

The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “2018 FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA™” along the outside bordering the ring and “\* MALTAPOST - -----  
--- - MALTA \*” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-HRUĠ/14-06-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the World Cup above the words “FIFA WORLD CUP / RUSSIA 2018” positioned at the top centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 373.



## 20<sup>th</sup> June

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Fleet Stationery’, Testaferrata Street, Ta’ Xbiex XBX 1402, will be closed between Friday 22nd June and Monday 25th June 2018.

On these days, the public was advised that if they so wish they could make use of the postal services provided from the Gżira Post Office, situated at 21, Pjazza Meme’ Scicluna, Gżira GZR 1120.