Towards the end of the 16C, after the building of Valletta was complete, the Order of St John began to strengthen coastal defences all round Malta. There were frequent threats from corsair incursions and in many cases, the local population was captured and sold into slavery. It was Grand Master Jean Paul Lascaris de Castellar who, in 1647, commissioned the building of Torri Sciuto, or Xutu Tower, probably on an already existing watch out post. Perfectly located to sight any enemy approaching from the Barbary Coast, it was named after Xutu rock, the small rocky outcrop below the islet of Filfla. Towers such as these are to be found all round Malta’s coast and served to send signals all the way to the Grand Master’s Palace in Valletta in the event of enemy approach. Din l-Art Ħelwa, National Trust of Malta, saved Torri Xutu from neglect through restoration in 2014 and today hold it in guardianship from the government or Malta.

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