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Code: F07-004b	Report date: 7 th Mar 2007, Update 22 nd April 2007
Report Category :	Report of a specimen or population of a rare species
Species :	<i>Asparagus stipularis</i> Forssk.
Date of Observation :	6 th March 2007
Location :	South / South-West coastal cliffs of Gozo
Remarks :	I found two specimens lying in a rocky habitat close to the cliffs at the SouthWest of Gozo (not at Ta' Cenc). The specimen was confirmed by Mr. Edwin Lanfranco to be in fact <i>Asparagus stipularis</i> . This species is so rare that it is neither mentioned in Haslam's Flora of the Maltese islands [1], nor in the Red Data Book [2] as since the last record was in 1927 (Borg), it was taught that he may have mistaken it with the variable <i>A. aphyllus</i> . A detailed profile and photo gallery about this plant is published on Maltawildplants.com . [Click here]





- [1] S.M.Haslam et al – A flora of the Maltese Islands (Malta University Press), 1977
 [2] Edwin Lanfranco - Flora section of the Red Data Book for the Maltese Islands, (Ministry of Education), 1989