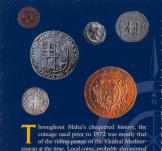
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Throughout Matta's chequered instory, the coinage used prior to 1972 was mostly that of the ruling power of the Central Mediterranean at the time. Local coins, probably also minted in Malta, are, however, known to have existed in the 3" Century BC. Even during the later, classical times Maltese coins also circulated alongside Roman coins. Unfortunately this pivilege ended with the arrival of the Arabs in AD 870.

Islands were ceded in 1530, issued and circulated their own gold, silver and copper coins until 1798 when Napoleon Bonaparte captured Malta. The French seized the gold, silver and precious stones from the Conventual Church of \$f\$ John and other places dependent on the Order of \$f\$ John. The gold was melted at the Malta Mint, cast into ingots and carried away to Egypt for the payment of troops. Part of the seized silver was also converted into silver coins. After the Maltees rose in revola against the French, more gold and silver were seized from the Cruter's Mong of Breat in coder to subsidior shife.

troops and its inhabitants during the blockade. As the minting of coins had to be suspended owing to lack of certain materials, it was decided to manufacture ingots, the intrinsic value of which corresponded exactly to the which they purposed to propose of

During the first 25 years of British rule the legal circulating medium included the coins of the Order of \$1 John struck before 1798 as well as Spanish and Stellian coins. Steps for the regularisation of the local moiteasty system were first taken in June 1825 when the British silver crown, half-crown, shilling and sistepace and the copper penny, half-penny and farthing were declared legal tender in Malta. The British gold sovereign and half-sovereign were introduced in 1826. As a further preparatory measure towards the establishment of British currency as the dominant circulating medium, the British copper penny, half-penny, farthing and the grain or third-farthing were declared the sole legal tender copper currency in Malta in November 1827, and by the following year all copper coins formerly issued by the Order of \$5 Iohn were demonetted. A copper coin, called the British Grain (8 farthing), had been struck by the Royal Mint in London for exclusive use in Malta. This coin was meant to replace the Malta Grain, locally known as Grano or Habba, a denomination that had been struck by the Order. The British Grain or One Third Farthing continued to be struck in Malta until 1913.

In May 1972 the Maltese decimal currency came into being. The Malta pound, which was renamed Maltese lira (Lm) in 1983, is divided into 100 cents and 1 cent into 10 mils. In November 1972, the first series of the Malta Numismatic Gold and Silver Sets were issued. These coins and those of subsequent issues are legal tender.

