



Built by a military engineer during the time of the British dominations, this cistern is 20 by 40 metres and 9 metres in height. It has a solid aspect with imposing that gives it a monumental aspect. It began to be built in 1735 by order of the English governor, Richard Kane.

This large tank collects rainwater that falls on its roof or terrace and stores it in the lower cistern that has a capacity of approximately 273,000 litres. The purpose of the cistern of Es Mercadal was to supply the troops with water on their half-way stage between Maó and Ciutadella, as well as to provide drinking water to the population of Es Mercadal, so as to improve their quality of life.

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