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Section II-Aranjuez Cultural Landscape

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Aranjuez Cultural Landscape

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Spain

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

1044

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2001


1.3 - Geographic Information Table

| Name | Coordinates (latitude/longitude) | Property (ha) | Buffer zone (ha) | Total (ha) | Inscription year |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Aranjuez Cultural Landscape | 40.036 / -3.609 | 2047.56 | 16604.561 | 18652.121 | 2001 |
| Total (ha) | | 2047.56 | 16604.561 | 18652.121 | |

Comment

There was a transcription error, mistake or technical error. In making a new cartography, the values have been changed. Site and buffer zone maps have not been changed or altered, nor reduced or enlarged. The inscribed area is the same, but it was not properly calculated. The cartography is attached to this Report (sent to the World Heritage Centre to documents this). New data are: Property 1047 Ha Buffer 22522 Ha Total 23569 Ha

1.4 - Map(s)

| Title | Date | Link to source |
|---|------------|---|
| Aranjuez Cultural Landscape - map of inscribed property | 16/12/2001 |  |

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Elisa de Cabo de la Vega
Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte
Subdirectora de Protección de Patrimonio Histórico
- Laura de Miguel Riera
Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte

Subdirección General de Protección de Patrimonio Histórico
- Esther Rodríguez
Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte
Subdirectora General Adjunta de Protección del Patrimonio Histórico

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- María Magdalena Merlos Romero
Ayuntamiento de Aranjuez
Directora Plan Gestión Paisaje Cultural de Aranjuez

Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Fundacion Paisaje Cultural Aranjuez, Patrimonio de la Humanidad \(Spanish only\)](#)
3. [Ayuntamiento de Aranjuez \(Municipality of Aranjuez; Spanish only\)](#)

Comment

- The 2nd. item is not available, it does not exist. - Please include: Alianza de Paisajes Culturales Patrimonio Mundial www.alianzadepaisajesculturales.org/es
<http://www.mcu.es/patrimonio/MC/PatrimonioMundial/BienesD ec/ListadoBienes/Aranjuez.html>

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The SOUV is currently under revision by the Advisory Bodies for its approval by the World Heritage Committee.

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

(ii)(iv)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

INTEGRITY Unitary and unspoiled character. Área that integrates natural and historical elements (river, irrigation systems, hydraulic structures, vegetable gardens, gardens, squares with trees, riversides, palace and town). The elements maintain their function and are continuously maintained. AUTHENTICITY Aranjuez maintains the original design of its elements with no aggression. It reflects the patronage and splendor of the Spanish Crown, and the identity as a place of confluence, influence and reference of ideas and aesthetic and scientific elements of every time and from everywhere.

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

| Name | | Impact | | | | Origin | |
|------------|--|--------|--|--|--|--------|--|
| 3.1 | Buildings and Development | | | | | | |
| 3.1.1 | Housing | | | | | | |
| 3.1.2 | Commercial development | | | | | | |
| 3.1.3 | Industrial areas | | | | | | |
| 3.1.4 | Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure | | | | | | |
| 3.1.5 | Interpretative and visitation facilities | | | | | | |
| 3.2 | Transportation Infrastructure | | | | | | |
| 3.2.1 | Ground transport infrastructure | | | | | | |
| 3.2.4 | Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure | | | | | | |
| 3.3 | Services Infrastructures | | | | | | |
| 3.3.1 | Water infrastructure | | | | | | |
| 3.3.2 | Renewable energy facilities | | | | | | |
| 3.3.4 | Localised utilities | | | | | | |
| 3.3.5 | Major linear utilities | | | | | | |
| 3.4 | Pollution | | | | | | |
| 3.4.5 | Solid waste | | | | | | |
| 3.5 | Biological resource use/modification | | | | | | |
| 3.5.3 | Land conversion | | | | | | |
| 3.5.4 | Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals | | | | | | |
| 3.5.5 | Crop production | | | | | | |
| 3.5.10 | Forestry /wood production | | | | | | |
| 3.6 | Physical resource extraction | | | | | | |
| 3.6.4 | Water (extraction) | | | | | | |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | | |
| 3.8.1 | Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses | | | | | | |
| 3.8.2 | Society's valuing of heritage | | | | | | |
| 3.8.3 | Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting | | | | | | |
| 3.8.4 | Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system | | | | | | |
| 3.8.5 | Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community | | | | | | |
| 3.8.6 | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation | | | | | | |
| 3.9 | Other human activities | | | | | | |
| 3.9.1 | Illegal activities | | | | | | |
| 3.9.2 | Deliberate destruction of heritage | | | | | | |

| | Name | Impact | Origin | | | |
|---------------|---|-----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|
| 3.10 | Climate change and severe weather events | | | | | |
| 3.10.2 | Flooding | | | | | |
| 3.11 | Sudden ecological or geological events | | | | | |
| 3.11.6 | Fire (wildfires) | | | | | |
| 3.12 | Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species | | | | | |
| 3.12.1 | Translocated species | | | | | |
| 3.12.2 | Invasive/alien terrestrial species | | | | | |
| 3.12.3 | Invasive / alien freshwater species | | | | | |
| 3.13 | Management and institutional factors | | | | | |
| 3.13.1 | Low impact research / monitoring activities | | | | | |
| 3.13.3 | Management activities | | | | | |
| Legend | Current | Potential | Negative | Positive | Inside | Outside |

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

| | Spatial scale | Temporal scale | Impact | Management response | Trend | |
|-------------|--|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| 3.1 | Buildings and Development | | | | | |
| 3.1.1 | Housing | localised | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.1.2 | Commercial development | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.1.5 | Interpretative and visitation facilities | localised | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.2 | Transportation Infrastructure | | | | | |
| 3.2.4 | Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure | extensive | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.3 | Services Infrastructures | | | | | |
| 3.3.4 | Localised utilities | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.4 | Pollution | | | | | |
| 3.4.5 | Solid waste | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.6 | Physical resource extraction | | | | | |
| 3.6.4 | Water (extraction) | | | | | |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | |
| 3.8.5 | Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.8.6 | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation | localised | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.9 | Other human activities | | | | | |
| 3.9.1 | Illegal activities | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.9.2 | Deliberate destruction of heritage | localised | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.11 | Sudden ecological or geological events | | | | | |
| 3.11.6 | Fire (wildfires) | widespread | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | static |
| 3.12 | Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species | | | | | |
| 3.12.1 | Translocated species | localised | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.12.2 | Invasive/alien terrestrial species | localised | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.12.3 | Invasive / alien freshwater species | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | high capacity | decreasing |

3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **are adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but **are not known by local residents / communities / landowners.**

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but **are not known by local residents / communities/landowners.**

4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

Two legal instruments are specific to Aranjuez. The whole area was declared an Historical Complex in 1983 under the Spanish Heritage Law. This sets basic guidelines to ensure the preservation and upkeep of the city's historic area as well as the landmarks, palaces, orchards, avenues and groves. The Urban Development Plan sets objectives for and analyses the city's status and preservation, establishing what sort of activities should be encouraged and discouraged. In addition, the area is covered by a wide range of regulations from other government bodies (eg. the Madrid Community and Aranjuez City Council).

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding

Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Management of the territory that makes up the property, and the various pieces of property within it that have already been defined, is carried out on various levels.

Some of the institutions with interests in this territory also have active interests throughout the State, which means that certain essential elements are subject to management on a state level:

1. The Palacio Real, the Jardín de la Isla and the Jardín del Príncipe, which comprise two of the four zones which have been created to facilitate the description of the property, are managed by the National Heritage, as is the security belt of the gardens along the river that borders these zones. The land occupied by the San Pascual Church and monastery, the San Antonio Church, the Jardín de Isabel II, the plaza de Parejas, the Casas de Oficios y de Caballeros, and a part of the Casa de Infantes, which is located within the city, also falls under the responsibility of the National Heritage.

2. Management of the river and all systems of irrigation ditches, channels and dams belongs to the Tagus Hydrographic Confederation.

3. The land occupied by the Academia de Oficiales de la Guardia Civil (Official Academy for the Civil Guards), located in the zone of the historical gardens, is managed by the Ministerio del Interior (Spain's Home Office).

4. The train tracks, train station and the security belt of land alongside the tracks belong to RENFE. Although Spain's

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national railway does not depend on the government, it is a public enterprise and, naturally, carries out all of its management, including Aranjuez, on a state level. Some of the property's essential elements are managed on a regional level. In this group we find the orchards, groves and wooded paths (except for those already mentioned), all managed by the Autonomous Community of Madrid. Lastly, the streets that run in and out of Aranjuez on the north, and those within the city with the exception of those indicated above, are managed by the Aranjuez City Council, which is conducted at a local level.

Comment

Point 1. It includes San Antonio Square also. It does not include Plaza de Parejas

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

The Management Plan is currently being drafted. There are interesting analysis reports. Current management is being pursued under standard parameters that will be reflected in the document. A preview of it in: M. Merlos "Aranjuez Cultural Landscape: parameters for a management plan." America Heritage 5 (2013). One of the actions already underway and in this sense (agreement of 24 March 2014) is a revised catalog of historic property.

4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Local communities / residents | Fair |
| Local / Municipal authorities | Good |
| Indigenous peoples | Not applicable |
| Landowners | Fair |
| Visitors | Fair |
| Researchers | Fair |
| Tourism industry | Good |
| Industry | Fair |

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have

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input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

No indigenous peoples are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

| | |
|---|-----|
| Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc) | 0% |
| International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc) | 0% |
| Governmental (National / Federal) | 25% |
| Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State) | 45% |
| Governmental (Local / Municipal) | 20% |
| In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc) | 0% |
| Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.) | 5% |
| Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.) | 0% |
| Other grants | 5% |

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Comment

None.

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

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4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding are **secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

Potential economic benefits are recognised and plans to realise these are being developed

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Full-time | 85% |
| Part-time | 15% |

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Permanent | 65% |
| Seasonal | 35% |

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

| | |
|-----------|------|
| Paid | 100% |
| Volunteer | 0% |

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Research and monitoring | Fair |
| Promotion | Fair |
| Community outreach | Fair |
| Interpretation | Poor |
| Education | Fair |
| Visitor management | Fair |
| Conservation | Fair |
| Administration | Fair |
| Risk preparedness | Good |
| Tourism | Fair |
| Enforcement (custodians, police) | Good |

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4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Research and monitoring | Medium |
| Promotion | Low |
| Community outreach | Low |
| Interpretation | Low |
| Education | Medium |
| Visitor management | Low |
| Conservation | Low |
| Administration | Low |
| Risk preparedness | High |
| Tourism | Low |
| Enforcement (custodians, police) | High |

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is in place and **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient**

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared with local participants and some national agencies**

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

2001 ARANJUEZ PAISAJE CULTURAL PATRIMONIO DE LA HUMANIDAD (MAGDALENA MERLOS) 2004 ARQUITECTURA Y DESARROLLO URBANO ARANJUEZ (VV.AA.) 2013 EL REAL CORTIJO DE SAN ISIDRO EN EL PAISAJE CULTURAL DE ARANJUEZ (MAGDALENA MERLOS, ISABEL ORDIERES) 2013 Parámetros para la gestión integral del Paisaje Cultural de Aranjuez (MAGDALENA MERLOS)
[openarchive.icomos.org/1422/1/América_Patrimonio_5_\(2013\).pdf](https://openarchive.icomos.org/1422/1/América_Patrimonio_5_(2013).pdf)

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4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects

Design of an investigation and documentation programme in the Management Plan of the Cultural Landscape of Aranjuez (MERLOS, M. La información en la gestión del patrimonio histórico: el paisaje cultural de Aranjuez, 1 (2014) Boletín de ANABAD).

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In **one location and easily visible** to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Local communities / residents | Average |
| Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property | Average |
| Local Indigenous peoples | Not applicable |
| Local landowners | Poor |
| Visitors | Average |
| Tourism industry | Poor |
| Local businesses and industries | Poor |

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Visitor centre | Adequate |
| Site museum | Adequate |
| Information booths | Adequate |
| Guided tours | Adequate |
| Trails / routes | Poor |
| Information materials | Poor |
| Transportation facilities | Adequate |
| Other | Not needed |

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4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Last year | Minor Increase |
| Two years ago | Minor Increase |
| Three years ago | Static |
| Four years ago | Static |
| Five years ago | Static |

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

| |
|------------------------------|
| Entry tickets and registries |
| Accommodation establishments |
| Transportation services |
| Tourism industry |
| Visitor surveys |

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

The Tourist Dynamisation Plan is being updated (the current one is dated 2002). It would be included as a Programme in the Management Plan that is currently being drafted. It has a specific subprogramme for the tourists management, apart from other visitors (business, University, etc)

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is **limited co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected, and makes **some contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

Design of a management plan for visitors (tourists and not) in the management Plan currently being drafted. Today the Tourist Dynamization Plan (2002) is under revision.

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or

improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **small amount** of monitoring, but it is not planned

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

| | |
|--|----------------|
| World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff | Average |
| Local / Municipal authorities | Average |
| Local communities | Poor |
| Researchers | Average |
| NGOs | Poor |
| Industry | Not applicable |
| Local indigenous peoples | Not applicable |

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

Implementation is **complete**

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

A comprehensive management plan is now being finished. Meanwhile we are developing programmes under an integrated vision of the Cultural Landscape of Aranjuez.

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

| | World Heritage criteria and attributes affected | Actions | Monitoring | Timeframe | Lead agency (and others involved) | More info / comment | |
|---------------|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 3.2 | Transportation Infrastructure | | | | | | |
| 3.2.4 | Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure | Integrity | Planning of the historic urban planning; Organization of the North access of Aranjuez; Alternative access to Aranjuez; Parking lots in the access of Aranjuez; Tourist management with alternative transport. | Traffic flux; Previous Environmental reports; Technical reports. | North access: 1 year. Alternative access organization: medium term Permanent, continuous | Aranjuez Municipality Regional Government of Madrid Patrimonio Nacional (National Heritage) | Projects already done and still to do are oriented towards the conservation of the integrity of the site regarding its historical urban planning. Damages are only hypothetical. Preventive measures. |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | | |
| 3.8.6 | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation | Cultural values and quality of life of the residents in Aranjuez. | Tourist management enlarging the tours offer. Improvement of the hotels and services offer. Information campaigns | Tourist visits Community participation Coordination in the infrastructures uses | Permanent, continuous. | Aranjuez Municipality Madrid Regional Government | Potential damages. Preventive measures. |
| 3.9 | Other human activities | | | | | | |
| 3.9.2 | Deliberate destruction of heritage | Integrity. | Information and sensitization campaigns. Municipality rules. Dayly activity of the Local Police, National Police and Guardia Civil. Update of the monuments catalogue. | Police reports. Complains of the residents. Technical reports. | Permanent, continuous. | Aranjuez Municipality. Regional Government of Madrid Ministerio de Interior Internal Affairs Ministry | It is referred to: Thefts and damages of urban furniture. Grafittis |
| 3.11 | Sudden ecological or geological events | | | | | | |
| 3.11.6 | Fire (wildfires) | Integrity, authenticity. | Prevention. Control of the state of conservation of the natural and cultural heritage. Specific rules and botanical species catalogation. | Technical reports. | Permanent, continuous. | Aranjuez Municipality. Regional Government of Madrid Internal affairs Ministry: National Police and Guardia Civil | it is understood as a potential risk. There are few cases and of little outreach. |
| 3.12 | Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species | | | | | | |
| 3.12.1 | Translocated species | Integrity | Prevention | Report and analysys. | Permanent, continuous. | Aranjuez Municipality Regional Government of Madrid Patrimonio Nacional (National Heritage) Hidrigraphic Confederation of River Tajo | - |
| 3.12.2 | Invasive/alien terrestrial species | Integrity | Prevention Action and campaigns against pests Drainage of river Tajo | Report and analysys | Permanent, continuous Drainage of river Tajo: 2014-2016 | Aranjuez Municipality Regional Governemnt of Madrid Patrimonio Nacional (National Heritage) Hidrigraphic Confederation of River Tajo | Doves. Salmonelosis in the river. |

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

| 4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------|---|---------------------|--|
| | | Actions | Timeframe | Lead agency (and others involved) | More info / comment | |
| 4.1.2 | Boundaries could be improved | Proposal for rectification of boundaries of the area inscribed on the World Heritage List | 2014-2015 | Aranjuez Municipality. Regional Government of Madrid Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport. | - | |

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|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| 4.1.4 | The boundaries of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities / landowners | Information campaigns, awareness and dissemination. Working with associations Using municipal website | Prueba un nuevo navegador con traducción automática.Descargar Google ChromeIgnorar Traductor español inglés francés Detectar idioma inglés español francés Permanente, continuo Prueba un nuevo navegador con traducción automática.Descargar Google ChromeIgnorar Traductor español inglés francés Detectar idioma inglés español francés Permanente, continuo Permanent, continuous | Aranjuez Municipality. Regional Government of Madrid | It relates to the earlier point about rectifying limits. |
| 4.1.5 | The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities/landowners | Information campaigns, awareness and dissemination. Working with associations Using municipal website | Permanent, continuous | Aranjuez Municipality. Regional Government of Madrid | It relates to the earlier point about rectifying limits. |
| 4.8 Monitoring | | | | | |
| 4.8.1 | Some monitoring, but it is not planned | - | - | - | - |

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

There is a deep and documented knowledge of the state of conservation of the site and its management needs. Efforts to good management are integrated into the strategic lines of protection, conservation, sustainable development, information and communication of the different institutions involved. There is also a high level of harmonization and coordination between these institutions.

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Conservation | Very positive |
| Research and monitoring | Positive |
| Management effectiveness | Positive |
| Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples | Very positive |
| Recognition | No impact |
| Education | Positive |
| Infrastructure development | Positive |
| Funding for the property | No impact |
| International cooperation | No impact |
| Political support for conservation | Positive |
| Legal / Policy framework | Very positive |
| Lobbying | No impact |
| Institutional coordination | Positive |
| Security | Very positive |
| Other (please specify) | Not applicable |

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

| |
|---|
| Governmental institution responsible for the property |
|---|

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|--|
| Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff |
| Local community |
| Others |

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

Possibility to be more precise in yes/no questions.

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| UNESCO | Fair |
| State Party Representative | Very good |
| Advisory Body | Very poor |

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

| |
|---|
| Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value |
| Monitoring and reporting |
| Management effectiveness |

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| UNESCO | Not Applicable |
| State Party | Not Applicable |
| Site Managers | Not Applicable |
| Advisory Bodies | Not Applicable |

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

• **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

Reason for update: The SOUV is currently under revision by the Advisory Bodies for its approval by the World Heritage Committee.

• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: There was a transcription error, mistake or technical error. In making a new cartography, the values have been changed. Site and buffer zone maps have not been changed or altered, nor reduced or enlarged. The inscribed area is the same, but it was not properly calculated. The cartography is attached to this Report (sent to the World Heritage Centre to documents this). New data are: Property 1047 Ha Buffer 22522 Ha Total 23569 Ha

6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise