

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property
 Monastery and Site of the Escorial, Madrid

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details
State(s) Party(ies)

- Spain

Type of Property
 cultural


Identification Number
 318

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List
 1984

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Palace, monastery, subsidiary buildings and gardens, Municipalities of San Lorenzo de El Escorial and El Escorial , Province of Madrid , Autonomous Community of Madrid	40.588 / -4.142	85.34	?	85.34	
Subsidiary building "La Casita del Infante", Municipality of San Lorenzo de El Escorial , Province of Madrid , Autonomous Community of Madrid	40.586 / -4.156	8.77	?	8.77	
Total (ha)		94.11	0	94.11	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Monastery and Site of the Escorial, Madrid - Map showing the inscribed property	30/11/2011	

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

Comment

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Luis Pérez de Prada
 Patrimonio Nacional
 Jefe de departamento de Arquitectura y Jardines

Comment

The institutional government responsible of the site is Patrimonio Nacional, as it is a public organization responsible for the sites of national ownership coming from the legacy of the Spanish Crown as stated in Law 23/1982, 16 June, of Patrimonio Nacional: Patrimonio Nacional Palacio Real Calle Bailén s/n. 28071 Madrid. Spain Tel. 00 34 91 454 87 00

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [World Heritage Sites in Spain \(Tourist Office of Spain\)](http://www.patrimoniomundial.es/)

Comment

Link 1. doesn't work. Official web page is the following:
<http://www.patrimoniomundial.es/Home/Palacios-Reales/Real-Sitio-de-San-Lorenzo-del-Escorial.aspx>
<http://www.mcu.es/patrimonio/MC/PatrimonioMundial/BienesD ec/ListadoBienes/Escorial.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

Approved in Decision 38 COM.8E (2014)

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

- (i)(ii)(vi)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

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							
3.1.4	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							
3.3.5	Major linear utilities							
3.4	Pollution							
3.4.2	Ground water pollution							
3.4.3	Surface water pollution							
3.4.5	Solid waste							
3.5	Biological resource use/modification							
3.5.3	Land conversion							
3.5.5	Crop production							
3.5.7	Subsistence wild plant collection							
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production							
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric							
3.7.1	Wind							
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)							
3.7.7	Pests							
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage							
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses							
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage							
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation							
3.9	Other human activities							
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage							
3.9.5	Terrorism							
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events							
3.10.1	Storms							
3.10.3	Drought							
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events							
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)							
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species							
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species							
3.12.3	Invasive / alien freshwater species							
3.12.5	Hyper-abundant 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					
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	static
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.3 Services Infrastructures					
3.3.5 Major linear utilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.4 Pollution					
3.4.2 Ground water pollution	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.4.3 Surface water pollution	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	significant	low capacity	static
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	no capacity and / or resources	static
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)	localised	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.7.7 Pests	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	static
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1 Storms	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	no capacity and / or resources	static
3.10.3 Drought	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	significant	no capacity and / or resources	static
3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	catastrophic	medium capacity	static
3.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.2 Invasive/alien terrestrial species	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.12.3 Invasive / alien freshwater species	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.12.5 Hyper-abundant species	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

3.4.2: There are non-treated waters from private houses.
 3.4.4. and 3.11.6: answers refers to controlled burning that are carried out in order to eliminate vegetal residues. 3.4.5.: solid waste are moved depending on their origin. 3.4.6: there are excess energy inputs caused by the lighting in monuments.
 3.5.7: subsistence is related to support. 3.1.1: problems related to strong winds.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, but there is a need for one

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 are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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)

Legislation on protection of Historic Heritage:
 - Law 23/1982 of 16 June, Regulating National Heritage
 - Law 16/1985, of 25 June on Spanish Historic Heritage
 Pursuant to this legislation the following properties and items are accorded the highest category of legal protection as Cultural Interest Sites: Monasterio de San Lorenzo de El Escorial; Casas de Oficios (1ª, 2ª and 3ª); Casa de la Reina; Casa de Infantes; Casa de la Compañía; Palace Gardens of the Monastery of San Lorenzo; Casita del Príncipe de Asturias

or Casita da Abajo; Casita del Infante or de Arriba; Casa de Peláez or del Infante D. Gabriel; Teatro Real Coliseo de Carlos III; Iglesia de San Bernabé; La Granjilla; Finca Monasterio; Finca Campillo; Specific areas of the Royal Seat of San Lorenzo de El Escorial; Picturesque landscape El Pinar de Abantos; Philip II Historic Belt.

- Royal Decree 496/1987, of 18 March approving the Regulation of Law 23/1982, of 16 June, regulating National Heritage.

- Law 44/1995, of 27 December amending Law 23/1982, of 16 June regulating National Heritage - Application for declaration of the Philip II Historic Belt as a Cultural Interest Site (13/12/2004)

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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• Question 6.02

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Comment

- At a national level, the buildings are inscribed on the Register of Assets of Cultural Interest (BIC) in the categories of monument, historic garden and historic ensemble. - At a regional level, the Royal Site is BIC in the category of Historic Territory through the historic fence of Felipe II. There are also protected singular trees (Regional catalogue of threatened species of wild fauna and flora) - At a local level, the assets are inscribed in the Municipality Catalogues of Protection. - Planning at a territorial level, the Planning for Natural Resources of the Sierra de Guadarrama aims to grant its preservation, avoiding uncontrolled, mass or disturbing urbanism related to the protection of heritage for the preservation of environment.

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 property had **no buffer zone at the time of inscription** on the World Heritage List

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?

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

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

A legally constituted steering group or similar management committee has been set up in 1984 to guide the management of the site. In accordance with Law 23/1982 of 16 June regulating National Heritage, its main functions include: the conservation, defence and improvement of the properties and rights of National Heritage; the undertaking of ordinary administrative actions required to assure proper use of sites; to issue the requisite rules and regulations for operation of the various venues and to manage and inspect them; to ensure integral maintenance of the collections; to promote and comply with scientific, cultural and educational objectives. The management is under protective legislation and the site is managed by the State Party.

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• Question 5.02

Steering group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site

• Question 5.03

Set up date: 1984

Function: In accordance with Law 23/1982 of 16 June regulating National Heritage, its main functions include: - The conservation, defence and improvement of the properties and rights of National Heritage. - The undertaking of ordinary administrative actions required to assure proper use of sites. - To issue the requisite rules and regulations for operation of the various venues and to manage and inspect them. - To ensure integral maintenance of the collections - To promote and comply with scientific, cultural and educational objectives.

Mandate: Permanent

Constituted: legal

• Question 5.05

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

There are action plans for all the Patrimonio Nacional buildings, including specific sections for the Escorial Monastery. This is reflected in the budget and in the Report of Activities of Patrimonio Nacional.

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 **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

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 being **fully** implemented and monitored

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	Not applicable
Visitors	Fair
Researchers	Good
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 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)	82%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO´s, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	15%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	3%

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 **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

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

Existing sources of funding are **not secure**

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

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

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

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

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

In Question 4.4.1, percentages of the different funding sources are taken from the Annual Report of Patrimonio Nacional. Question 4.4.1.9. "Other grants" refers to financial assets and debit.

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

Full-time	90%
Part-time	10%

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

Permanent	90%
Seasonal	10%

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?

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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	Not applicable
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

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	Low
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Not applicable
Interpretation	Low
Education	Not available
Visitor management	Not available
Conservation	Not available
Administration	Not available
Risk preparedness	Not available
Tourism	Not available
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not available

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 fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

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 partners** but there is no active outreach to national or international 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

ÁLVAREZ-OSORIO 2012: ÁLVAREZ-OSORIO ALVARIÑO, Antonio, "De espacio del poder a desafío a la inmunidad: Fernando Valenzuela y El Escorial", La extensión de la Corte: Los Sitios Reales, Congreso internacional, Madrid, 14-16 de noviembre de 2012, UAM y URJC. DÍAZ GARCÍA 2011: DÍAZ GARCÍA, Gonzalo, "El último y fracasado intento de la Orden Jerónima por recuperar el Monasterio del Escorial", Ciudad de Dios, Revista agustiniana, volumen 224, número 3, 2011, pp. 733-741. LASSO DE LA VEGA 2010: LASSO DE LA VEGA ZAMORA, Miguel: "Palacio Real del Monasterio de San Lorenzo de El Escorial", en LASSO DE LA VEGA, RIVAS y SANZ 2010, pp. 30-35. MARTÍN GÓMEZ 2010: MARTÍN GÓMEZ, Pedro, El Escorial: el cielo en la tierra, Sociedad de Fomento y Reconstrucción del Real Coliseo de Carlos III, 2010. PORTÚS 2006: PORTÚS PÉREZ, Javier: "El Real Monasterio de San Lorenzo del Escorial", en IBERDOLA 2006: Un siglo de restauraciones del patrimonio histórico-artístico español, Iberdrola, Ediciones El Viso, Madrid, 1996, pp. 171-193. RUIZ PALAZUELOS 2011: RUIZ PALAZUELOS, Amparo, "Accesibilidad para personas con movilidad reducida", en Apuntes de la Sierra, nº 194, abril 2011, pp. 20-21. VEGA-LOECHES 2007: VEGA-LOECHES, José Luis, "Los Infiernos de El Escorial. Reflexiones acerca de las opiniones del P. Santos sobre el Panteón del Monasterio", Anales de Historia del Arte (UCM), número 17, 2007, pp. 155-178. VEGA-LOECHES 2009: VEGA-LOECHES, José Luis, "Sobre la primera traducción al inglés de la "Descripción breve" de El Escorial de Francisco de los Santos: "Lately consumed by fire" (1671), del entorno del conde de Sandwich", Anales de Historia del Arte (UCM), número 19, 2009, pp. 181-194. VEGA-LOECHES 2011: VEGA-LOECHES, José Luis, "Futura consideranda sunt. Memoria y retórica en El Escorial, siglos XVI-XVII", Anales de Historia del Arte (UCM), número extraordinario 21, dedicado a: Saberes artísticos bajo signo y designios del "Urbinate", 2011, pp. 521-536.

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

It would be advisable to make agreements with other specialised agencies for investigation in specific topics in order to make and spread a satisfactory study and updating on these issues.

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

In **many locations 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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Not applicable
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

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

There is **no need** for an education and awareness programme

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 **partially influenced** education, information and awareness building activities

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

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

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	Excellent
Information booths	Excellent
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	Not needed

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	Decreasing
Two years ago	Decreasing
Three years ago	Decreasing
Four years ago	Decreasing
Five years ago	Decreasing

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

Entry tickets and registries

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

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 **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

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

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	Excellent
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Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Poor
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Poor
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

Committee Decision Bureau (1984): The Bureau wished to draw the Spanish authorities" attention to the importance of strictly protecting the natural environment which is indissociable from this monument. Session (1984): The Committee called the Spanish authorities" attention to the importance of strictly protecting the natural environment which is inseparable from this monument.

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

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	Ground transport	In collaboration with the municipal government, we are trying to reduce the speed of traffic in the vicinity of the monument.	There is no monitoring.	-	Patrimonio Nacional -
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.3	Surface water pollution	Farm/cattle use affect surface waters in the surrounding estate of "La Herrería".	Its control will be managed through the Environmental Protection Plan.	Monitoring included in the Environmental Protection Plan.	Every ten years	Patrimonio Nacional -
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.7	Pests	The existence of xylophagus affect the conservation of woody structures in the Monastery and the "Casitas", as well as the carpentry and ornamental elements.	Actions to control and repair damage done.	Control baits.	Every three months.	Patrimonio Nacional -
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms	Episodes of strong wind affecting environmental conservation with drop trees in "La Herrería".	Woodland sanitation.	There is no monitoring.	When necessary.	Patrimonio Nacional -
3.10.3	Drought	Episodes of drought affecting irrigation of landscaped areas adjacent to the Monastery	Maintenance of dams and ponds	It depends on the direction of exploitation	Every week	Patrimonio Nacional -
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)	Specific episodes of fires in "La Herrería" have occurred in recent years for induced fires without consequences.	There are activities addressed to fire prevention and extinction as well as for monitoring and extinction.	There are surveillance points in summertime.	From 1st June to 15th September every year.	Patrimonio Nacional, San Lorenzo de El Escorial Municipality. -

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		
4.1.1	There is a need for a buffer zone	Propose and create in collaboration with the municipalities involved the definition of the buffer zone, given the urban implications of this protective measure.	-	Patrimonio Nacional, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, Madrid Regional Government, San Lorenzo de El Escorial Municipality and Villa de El Escorial Municipality.	-	
4.4 Financial and Human Resources						
4.4.4	Existing sources of funding are not secure	-	-	-	-	
4.5 Scientific Studies and Research Projects						
4.5.3	No active outreach of research results to national or international agencies	-	-	-	-	

4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building				
4.6.4	World Heritage status has partially influenced education, information and awareness building activities	-	-	-
4.8 Monitoring				
4.8.1	Some monitoring, but it is not planned	There could be medium-term monitoring systems based on experiences that are being developed on other Patrimonio Nacional properties,	-	Patrimonio Nacional

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

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	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Positive

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

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

no

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

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

UNESCO	Good
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

The World Heritage Convention
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	Excellent
State Party	Excellent
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	Excellent

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

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

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