

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Burgos Cathedral

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

**State(s) Party(ies)**

- Spain

**Type of Property**

cultural

**Identification Number**

316

**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
Burgos Cathedral	42.34 / -3.704	0	0	0	1984
<b>Total (ha)</b>			0		

**Comment**

Property (Ha): 1.03 (source: Retrospective Inventory 2011).

**1.4 - Map(s)**

Title	Date	Link to source
Burgos Cathedral: Map of the inscribed property	01/04/2011	

**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

**1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency**

- Juan Álvarez Quevedo  
Cabildo Catedral de Burgos  
Dean de la Catedral

**1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)**

1. [World Heritage Sites in Spain \(Tourist Office of Spain\)](#)

**Comment**

<http://www.catedraldeburgos.es/>  
<http://www.mcu.es/patrimonio/MC/PatrimonioMundial/BienesD ec/ListadoBienes/CatedralBurgos.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**

(ii)(iv)(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	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>						
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure						
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities						
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure						
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>						
3.7.3	Temperature						
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)						
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>						
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
<b>Legend</b>	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
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>				
<b>3.7.3</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	widespread	frequent	significant	no capacity and / or resources static
<b>3.7.6</b>	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b>	widespread	frequent	minor	no capacity and / or resources static

### 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 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

The buffer zone has been approved in Decision 38 COM 8B.56 (2014).

## 4.2. Protective Measures

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

- Decree 1885 bestowing Monument status on the Cathedral: this means consideration as a Cultural Interest Site thus making it subject to a special regime set up for sites with this status within the cited regulation.
- Decree 273/1994 of 1 December on competencies and procedures regarding Historical Heritage matters in the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León: regulates the competencies of the Cultural Heritage Territorial Commissions which are responsible for granting the aforementioned authorisations.
- The 1995 Special Plan of the Burgos Historical Complex: the urban planning instrument envisaged in historical heritage regulations both on the national and regional levels. Drafting of this instrument is compulsory for Sites declared to be of

Cultural Interest with that historical heritage status. It lays down provisions in respect of the Cathedral and the surrounding area.

- National Cathedral Plan: compiled by the national government to channel assistance needed for the preservation and restoration of these heritage sites (1997).
- Burgos Cathedral Management Plan: compiled by the Directorate-General of Heritage and Cultural Promotion of the Castilla y León Regional Government (1997).
- Law 12/2002 of 11 July regarding Cultural Heritage in Castilla y León: grants regional government control over Cultural Interest Sites located within the confines of its territory and also establishes the requirement for administrative authorisation prior to undertaking any intervention on the monuments.
- The June 2004 Special Plan concerning the Route of Santiago de Compostela where it crosses the city of Burgos

### Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

Submitted on Wednesday, November 2, 2005

#### • Question 6.02

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#### Comment

In May 2014 was approved a new Urban Development Plan, which includes the Special Plan of the Burgos Historical Complex.

#### 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?**

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 **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

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

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

A formally constituted steering group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site. Its functions with respect to the Cathedral are: to safeguard the conservation, security and religious functionality of the site; to protect, conserve and augment artistic treasure; to regulate Museum access by worshipers and tourists, to coordinate tourist visits with church services and to define the rights and responsibilities of visitors and tour guides; to manage conservation and restoration works. If contributions are available from the Ministry of Culture or the Castilla y León Regional Government, management is regulated by means of Agreements with the said institutions  
The management is under protective legislation and the site is managed by the Cathedral Chapter.

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**• Question 5.02**

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

**• Question 5.03**

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**Mandate:** Permanent

**Constituted:** formal

**• Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management under protective legislation
- Other effective management system

It is managed by the Cathedral Chapter.

**Comment**

A technical committee composed by architects, restorers and members of the Cathedral Chapter has been set up to guide the management of the site.

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

**Comment**

Burgos's Cathedral Master Plan. Annual Maintenance Plan of the Cathedral.

**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 **most or all activities** are being implemented and monitored

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

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

**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 contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

**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)	2%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	4%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	70%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	24%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

**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

**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)?**

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 **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?**

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

**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	82%
Part-time	18%

**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	Good
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Good
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Non-existent

**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	High
Promotion	High
Community outreach	High
Interpretation	High
Education	High
Visitor management	High
Conservation	High
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	High



Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable

**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 a **comprehensive, integrated programme of research**, which is relevant to 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**

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

**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	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Not applicable
Visitors	Poor
Tourism industry	Average

Local businesses and industries	Poor
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**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 been an **important influence** on 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	Excellent
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Excellent
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	Not needed

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

There have been conferences, training of tourist guides and specific tours in order to raise awareness about the monument values. In the Low Cloister there is a visitor center of the Cathedral of Burgos, which is fully integrated into the visit, as well as the Cathedral Museum which is located in the High Cloister.

**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	Decreasing
Four years ago	Static
Five years ago	Decreasing

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

Entry tickets and registries
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**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 a **substantial 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 **comprehensive, integrated programme** of monitoring, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**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** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

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

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

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

**No relevant** Committee recommendations to implement

**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**

There is an ICOMOS technical review on the "Modified project for the installation of under floor heating in the naves of Burgos Cathedral" dated July 2013.

**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
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
<b>3.7.3</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	Low temperature and temperature changes affect the exterior limestone	Restoration and maintenance of surfaces	Periodic visual inspections	Depends on the affected area	Cathedral Chapter The restoration interventions take into account this climatic factor of Burgos.
<b>3.7.6</b>	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b>	Among other: Stone decay, generation of fungi, lichens and plant species, dust fixing.	Restoration and maintenance of surfaces	Periodic visual inspections	Depends on the affected area	Cathedral Chapter The restoration interventions take into account this climatic factor of Burgos.

**5.2. Summary - Management Needs**

**5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs**

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.



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

Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
External experts

**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	Very 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**

Management effectiveness
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**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: Approved in Decision 38 COM.8E (2014).
- **Geographic Information Table**  
Reason for update: Property (Ha): 1.03 (source: Retrospective Inventory 2011).

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