

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Spain

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

664

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1993

1.3 - Geographic Information Table










Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Los Milagros Aqueduct , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.925 / -6.347	0.118	20.9	21.018	1993
San Lázaro Aqueduct , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.928 / -6.335	1.098	20.87	21.968	1993
Alcantarilla Bridge , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.929 / -6.36	0.004	?	0.004	1993
Guadiana River Dam, Roman Bridge over Guadiana River, Alcazaba , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.915 / -6.347	4.398	20.87	25.268	1993
Roman Theatre, Amphitheatre, the Amphitheatre House , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.918 / -6.337	7.964	20.87	28.834	1993
Trajan's Arch, Concordia Temple , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.919 / -6.345	0.783	20.87	21.653	1993

Sta. Catalina Basilica , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.922 / -6.336	0.155	20.87	21.025	1993
Casa Herrera Basilica , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.962 / -6.294	2.346	?	2.346	1993
Sta. Eulalia Basilica: Interpretation Centre, Temple of Mars , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.922 / -6.341	0.682	20.87	21.552	1993
The Roman Circus , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.921 / -6.331	5.994	20.87	26.864	1993
The Mithraeum House - The Columbaria Funerary Area , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.913 / -6.338	3.538	20.87	24.408	1993
Church of Sta. Clara and Visigothic Art Collection , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.918 / -6.345	0.153	20.87	21.023	1993
Cornalvo Dam , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.99 / -6.19	0.188	?	0.188	1993
Proserpina Dam , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.971 / -6.365	0.557	?	0.557	1993
Local Forum , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.918 / -6.342	0.716	20.87	21.586	1993
Roman Wall and Albarrana Islamic Tower , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.921 / -6.343	0.025	20.87	20.895	1993
















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National Museum of Roman Art , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.919 / -6.338	0.445	20.87	21.315	1993
Sta. Eulalia Obelisk , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.921 / -6.34	0.06	20.87	20.93	1993
Roman Bridge over Albarregas River , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.925 / -6.348	0.109	20.87	20.979	1993
Temple of Diana , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.918 / -6.343	1.078	20.87	21.948	1993
Thermal Baths at Reyes Huertas St. , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.92 / -6.338	0.064	20.87	20.934	1993
Thermal Baths at Alange , Province of Badajoz , Autonomous Community of Extremadura , Spain	38.786 / -6.242	0.298	?	0.298	1993
Total (ha)		30.773	354.82	385.593	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Map A. Map of the remain's location in Spain and the Extremadura Autonomous Community	23/05/2012	
Map B. Boundaries of the World Heritage Site of the Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida	23/05/2012	
Map C. Boundaries of the World Heritage Site of the Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida, without the element 664-022 (Roman Thermal Baths at Alange)	23/05/2012	
Map D. Boundaries of the World Heritage Site of the Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida, showing only the elements included inside the urban area	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-001	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-002	23/05/2012	
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Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-004	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-005	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-006	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-007	23/05/2012	

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Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-008	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-009	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-010	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-011	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-012	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-013	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-014	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-015	23/05/2012	
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Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-021	23/05/2012	
Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida. Map showing component 664-022	23/05/2012	

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

- Miguel Alba Calzado
Consorcio Ciudad Monumental Histórico- Artística y Arqueológica de Mérida
Director

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Museo Nacional de Arte Romano](#)
3. [Mérida](#)
4. [Patrimonio de la Humanidad en España \(in Spanish only\)](#)
5. [Ciudades Patrimonio de la Humanidad de España](#)

Comment

We propose the following Web Address of the Property: 1.- Consorcio Ciudad Monumental de Mérida: <http://www.consorcioamerida.org/> 2.- Museo Nacional de Arte

Romano: <http://museoarteromano.mcu.es/> 3.- Ayuntamiento de Mérida: <http://www.merida.es/> 4.- View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection 5.- Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport: <http://www.mcu.es/patrimonio/MC/PatrimonioMundial/BienesD ec/ListadoBienes/Merida.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

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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							
3.1.2	Commercial development							
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							
3.4.4	Air pollution							
3.4.5	Solid waste							
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric							
3.7.2	Relative humidity							
3.7.3	Temperature							
3.7.4	Radiation/light							
3.7.5	Dust							
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)							
3.7.8	Micro-organisms							
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							
3.9.1	Illegal activities							
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage							
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events							
3.10.1	Storms							
3.10.2	Flooding							
3.10.6	Temperature change							
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events							
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition							
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant 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	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.1.2	Commercial development	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
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	high capacity	static
3.4 Pollution						
3.4.4	Air pollution	extensive	frequent	minor	low capacity	static
3.4.5	Solid waste	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.2	Relative humidity	localised	frequent	significant	high capacity	static
3.7.3	Temperature	extensive	frequent	significant	no capacity and / or resources	static
3.7.4	Radiation/light	localised	frequent	significant	no capacity and / or resources	static
3.7.5	Dust	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	localised	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.9 Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities	extensive	frequent	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.1	Storms	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.10.2	Flooding	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	decreasing
3.10.6	Temperature change	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	static
3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	localised	frequent	significant	high capacity	static
3.12.3	Invasive / alien freshwater species	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	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 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 both the management authority and 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 both the management authority and 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)

Following protective legislation is basically applied to the Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida:

- A) On national level:
 - Historical Heritage Law of 1985
- B) On regional level:
 - Law 2/1999 from 29th of March of The Cultural and Historical Heritage Law of the Extremadura
- C) On municipal level:
 - Special Plan of the Historical and Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida, containing the Title IX of the General Urban Management Plan of Mérida from the year 2000

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Monday, November 7, 2005

• Question 6.02

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- A) On national level:
 - Historical Heritage Law of 1985
- B) On regional level:
 - Law 2/1999 from 29th of March of The Cultural and Historical Heritage Law of the Extremadura
- C) On municipal level:
 - Special Plan of the Historical and Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida, containing the Title IX of the General Urban Management Plan of Mérida from the year 2000

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 **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

With the Creation of the Consortium of the Monumental, Historic-Artistical and Archaeological City of Mérida perfectly controlled management teams have been created. Since 1996 the management and planning of activities in the Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida corresponds to the Consortium of the Monumental, Historic-Artistical and Archaeological City of Mérida. The Consortium is a public corporation with own legal character composed of all the institutions that hold competence in terms of historical heritage (the Government of Extremadura, the Ministry of Culture, the City Council of Mérida and the Deputation of Badajoz). Its aim

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is the cooperation between all the integrated institutions on behalf of the management, organization, restoration, expansion and re-evaluation of the archaeological and monumental treasures of Mérida (the statutes of the Consortium are added as supplementary documentation).

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

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• **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group: With the Creation of the Consortium of the Monumental, Historic-Artistical and Archaeological City of Mérida perfectly controlled management teams have been created.

• **Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Other effective management system

Since 1996 the management and planning of activities in the Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida corresponds to the Consortium of the Monumental, Historic-Artistical and Archaeological City of Mérida. The Consortium is a public corporation with own legal character composed of all the institutions that hold competence in terms of historical heritage (the Government of Extremadura, the Ministry of Culture, the City Council of Mérida and the Deputation of Badajoz). Its aim is the cooperation between all the integrated institutions on behalf of the management, organization, restoration, expansion and re-evaluation of the archaeological and monumental treasures of Mérida (the statutes of the Consortium are added as supplementary documentation).

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

Special Security Plan for the Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida.

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	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair

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Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
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 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)	11%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	1%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	1%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	58%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	1%
Other grants	26%

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

Comment

None.

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

The available budget is **inadequate** for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage

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 **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	99%
Part-time	1%

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

Permanent	98%
Seasonal	2%

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	Poor
Interpretation	Poor
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good

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

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 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 widely** with the local, national and international audiences

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

- AYERBE VÉLEZ, R.; BARRIENTOS VERA, T. y PALMA GARCÍA, F.: El foro de Augusta Emerita. Génesis y evolución de sus recintos monumentales. Anejos de AEspA, LIII. Mérida: Instituto de Arqueología de Mérida, 2009. FRANCO MORENO, B.: De Emerita a Marida. El territorio (ss. VII-X).

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Saarbrücken: Editorial Académica Española, 2012. - PIZZO, A.: Las técnicas constructivas de la arquitectura pública de Augusta Emerita, Anejos de AEspA, LVI. Mérida: Instituto de Arqueología de Mérida, 2010. - AA.VV: Mérida Excavaciones Arqueológicas 2003, 9. Mérida: Consorcio de la Ciudad Monumental de Mérida, 2006. - AA.VV: El Foro Provincial de Augusta Emerita: un conjunto monumental de culto imperial, Anejos de AEspA, XLII. Mérida: Instituto de Arqueología de Mérida, 2006. - AA.VV: Mérida Excavaciones Arqueológicas 2004, 10. Mérida: Consorcio de la Ciudad Monumental de Mérida, 2007. - AA.VV.: Mérida. 2000 años de historia, 100 años de arqueología. Mérida: Consorcio de la Ciudad Monumental de Mérida, 2010. - AA.VV.: 100 años de arqueología en imágenes. Mérida: Consorcio de la Ciudad Monumental de Mérida, 2010. - AA.VV: Actas del Congreso Internacional "1910-2010. El Yacimiento Emeritense". Mérida: Consorcio de la Ciudad Monumental de Mérida, 2011. - AA. VV: El Consorcio y la Arqueología Emeritense, De la excavación al Museo. Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte y Consorcio de la Ciudad Monumental de Mérida, 2012

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

In Merida there are three research groups: Consortium Monumental Merida (CUPARQ), National Museum of Roman Art and Archaeology Institute of Mérida.

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	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Poor
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
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 a **planned and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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

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

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

The routes are accessible for disabled people.

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	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

Comment

The annual information on the number of visitors is recorded in the Annual Reports of the Consortium

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 contact between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is largely **confined to administrative or regulatory matters**

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	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Poor
NGOs	Non-existent
Industry	Non-existent
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

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

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.3	Temperature	No criterium is affected. High temperatures cause wear of archaeological materials exposed outdoors.	High temperatures are inevitable. Only in exceptional cases of the monuments can be protected with covers.	The temperature data in the plans for the conservation of monuments are recorded.	Periodically.	Consortium Monumental City of Merida.	No comment.
3.7.4	Radiation/light	No criterium is affected. Fundamentally, light causes fading in the murals.	In some cases, the paintings are protected with opaque covers.	The radiation data in the plans for the conservation of monuments are recorded.	Periodically.	Consortium Monumental City of Merida.	No comment.
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	No criterium is affected. The micro-organisms grow and invade the archaeological materials exposed outdoors.	Periodic cleaning and maintenance.	Periodic visual inspections.	Permanently.	Consortium Monumental City of Merida.	This problem is mainly in autumn and spring.
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities	No criterium is affected. Occasionally, illegal urban activities, especially affecting the buffer zones of the monuments are developed.	Regulation, supervision and inspection of urban development.	Mérida has human resources devoted to urban and archaeological inspection.	Always	Consortium Monumental City of Merida and town hall (City of Mérida).	No comment.
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	No criterium is affected. Vandalism (damage, theft, destruction) and graffiti on monuments located in open spaces has increased in recent years.	The institutions have launched numerous educational and preventive programs have been approved with the police to combat vandalism.	Preventive education programs and in some cases surveillance cameras.	Permanently.	Consortium Monumental Merida, Municipality of Merida, Extremadura Government, Municipal and National Police.	Schools and volunteers collaborate on educational programs.
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.6	Temperature change	No criterium is affected. The thermal stress caused by sudden changes between day and night, causes structural damage to the archaeological materials	Only in exceptional cases of the monuments can be protected with covers.	The temperature change data in the plans for the conservation of monuments are recorded.	The temperature change data in the plans for the conservation of monuments are recorded.	Consortium Monumental Merida.	No comment.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.4 Financial and Human Resources						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.4.3	The budget is inadequate for management needs	Economic institutions contributing resources are insufficient.	Always.	Administrations are part of the Consortium.	The economic crisis has caused a sharp decline in revenues of the Consortium for the conservation of the property.	
4.4.4	Existing sources of funding are not secure	The economic crisis affects the two main sources of income of the consortium that manages the well: tourism and economic contributions of institutions.	Always.	Administrations are part of the Consortium.	No comment.	
4.7 Visitor Management						
4.7.5	Contact with the tourism industry is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	Local trade does not sponsor heritage conservation.	Always.	None.	No comment.	

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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	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	No impact
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Very 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

Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
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6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

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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	Good

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
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
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	Satisfactory
State Party	Excellent
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

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