

## Periodic Report - Second Cycle

### 1. World Heritage Property Data

#### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Archaeological Site of Atapuerca

#### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

##### State(s) Party(ies)

- Spain

##### Type of Property

cultural

##### Identification Number

989

##### Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2000


#### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Archaeological Site of Atapuerca	42.371 / -3.547	0	0	0	2000
<b>Total (ha)</b>			<b>0</b>		

##### Comment

Property area: 284 has. N42 22 17 W3 32 50

#### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Archaeological Site of Atapuerca - map of the inscribed property	01/04/2013	

#### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

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Subdirectora de Protección de Patrimonio Histórico
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Subdirectora General Adjunta de Protección del Patrimonio Histórico

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

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Consejería de Cultura y Turismo Junta de Castilla y León  
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##### Comment

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Monasterio de Nuestra Señora de Prado, s/n 47071 Valladolid Spain - Tlfn: 983411800

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

##### Comment

[www.jcyl.es](http://www.jcyl.es) [www.patrimoniocultural.jcyl.es](http://www.patrimoniocultural.jcyl.es)  
[www.museoevolucionhumana.com](http://www.museoevolucionhumana.com) [www.atapuerca.org](http://www.atapuerca.org)  
<http://www.mcu.es/patrimonio/MC/PatrimonioMundial/BienesD ec/ListadoBienes/Atapuerca.html>

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

### 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

#### 2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

##### Comment

The earliest and most abundant evidence of humankind in Europe is to be found in the caves of the Sierra de Atapuerca. The fossil remains in the Sierra de Atapuerca constitute an exceptional reserve of information about the physical nature and the way. Criterion (iii) and (v). Pending validation by the Advisory Bodies

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

(iii)(v)

#### 2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

The Sierra de Atapuerca sites provide unique testimony of the origin and evolution both of the existing human civilization and of other cultures that have disappeared. The evolutionary line or lines from the African ancestors of modern humankind are documented in these sites. The fossil remains in the Sierra de Atapuerca constitute an exceptional reserve of information about the physical nature and the way of life of the earliest human communities in Europe. (Criterion (iii) and (v)).

#### 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)

In the last years has been open in the Opening of 2 centers for receiving visitors, 1 Archaeological Park and 1 Museum of human evolution and Atapuerca. Infrastructures that promote tourism and outreach development of site. There is another area for receiving visitors and for surveillance of the territory also.

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>						
3.2.2	Air transport infrastructure						
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Physical resource extraction</b>						
3.6.2	Quarrying						
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>						
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>						
3.9.3	Military training						
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>						
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.3	Management activities						
<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>3.6</b>	<b>Physical resource extraction</b>					
<b>3.6.2</b>	<b>Quarrying</b>	localised	on-going	insignificant	medium capacity	decreasing

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

There was previously 2 quarries in exploitation outside the limits of the property. They do not affect the integrity or authenticity nor the outstanding universal value of the property. They are located outside of the property boundaries. They have a negative visual effect from some viewing points. A report was sent to the World Heritage Centre and an ICOMOS report. There was previously a military training field. There is active coordination with the Ministry of Defence to prevent damages.

## 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**, and it is not needed

#### 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

In 2007, the Regional Government declared Atapuerca site as a Cultural Space, a legal category created for those Sites of Cultural Interest -the highest legal protection for cultural sites- which need preferential measures for its management. Its boundaries are larger than the WH site's. The Management and Use Plan provides condition areas as protection environment also.

## 4.2. Protective Measures

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

The property was declared a Site of Cultural Interest (Bien de Interés Cultural) under the provisions of the Spanish Historic Heritage Law of 1985. This imposes strict control over the protected area, requiring official authorization for survey and excavation and for transfer of ownership.

#### Comment

Law of The Regional Government: -Law 12/2002 of 11 July regarding Cultural Heritage in Castilla y León. -Decree 273/1994 of 1 December on competencies and procedures regarding Historical Heritage matters in the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León. - In 2007 Atapuerca was declared as a Cultural Space - In 2009 it was created the system Atapuerca culture's evolution, integrated management system of Atapuerca, whose head is the Museum of human evolution, led by a Manager-Director.

### 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

The Plan of Management and Uses of sites of Atapuerca marks areas of condition that act as protection environments in order to avoid any negative effects on the property

### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

#### 4.3.1 - Management System

Ownership of the lands covered by the property is partly public and partly private. Overall supervision of activities within the prescribed area rests with the national Ministry of Education and Culture, located in Madrid. Much of this is delegated to the Council for Education and Culture, Directorate General of Heritage and Cultural Promotion of Castille and León, based in Valladolid, which in turns involves the municipal administrations of Atapuerca and Ibeas de Juarros in the conservation and protection of the sites.

A Management Plan (*Plan Director*), commissioned by the *Junta* (Government of the Autonomous Community) of Castille and León, was completed in April 1993. This detailed plan begins with an analysis of the present situation and goes on to take account of the basic aspects of the protection, conservation, investigation, and presentation of the sites. It is not confined to the cultural sites alone, however, but contains a section detailing measures to protect the ecology of the Sierra de Atapuerca. It was prepared because of the lack of planning provisions relating to the sites in the two municipalities.

#### Comment

Since 2007 Atapuerca System has a Manager designated by the Regional Government (He is assisted by scientific team of Atapuerca who were already working in the Management Plan and Director Plan of Atapuerca Sites). It also creates a Governing Board (advice on management) and a Scientific Committee (scientific advisory) of Museum of Human Evolution. Since 2013 there is a scientific-Director in the Atapuerca System. There is a Management Plan for Use and Management of Atapuerca, 2009

#### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Plan director de los yacimientos de la sierra de Atapuerca	In Force	Available	30/04/1993	

#### Comment

[http://www.patrimoniocultural.jcyl.es/web/jcyl/PatrimonioCultural/es/Plantilla100/1284213295463/\\_/\\_/\\_](http://www.patrimoniocultural.jcyl.es/web/jcyl/PatrimonioCultural/es/Plantilla100/1284213295463/_/_/_)

#### 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	Good
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Not applicable

#### 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

- Decree 37/2007 for the Protection of the Cultural Heritage of Castilla y León - Declaration of Cultural Space, decreto 199/2007 -39/2009 creation of the System Cultural Sierra de Atapuerca and the Museum of human evolution in Burgos. - 2010 Realization of Management Plan for this Cultural Space - Creation of CENIEH (National Center for research on human evolution) that is a Research Centre belonging to the national network of Unique Science & Technology Infrastructures (ICTS)

### 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%

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Governmental (National / Federal)	0%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	99%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	1%
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 **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

### 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

The regional government has created a significant infrastructure. Since 2001 there is an Archaeological Parc in Atapuerca. The Museum of Human Evolution is situated in Burgos and was inaugurated in 2010. The Museum exhibits the most important original human fossils recovered from Atapuerca. Between 2011 and 2012 two centres for visitor were created: in Atapuerca and in Ibeas de Juarros which provides information for visitors.

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

Full-time	70%
Part-time	30%

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

Permanent	63,5%
Seasonal	37,5%

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### 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)	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	High
Promotion	High
Community outreach	High
Interpretation	High
Education	High
Visitor management	High
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High

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

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

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

The number of people working in the visitor attention is important, although it varies seasonally. There is a sustainability plan to adapt the number of staff the visitor to detected variations

## 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-



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**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**

The Atapuerca research team carried out many publications in journals of scientific computing impact but also informative. The most important hanging from the following web pages: - <http://www.museoevolucionhumana.com/> - [http://www.ubu.es/titulaciones/es/master\\_evolucion/](http://www.ubu.es/titulaciones/es/master_evolucion/) - <http://www.cenieh.es/> - <http://www.atapuerca.org/> - <http://www.iphes.cat/es/node/16> - <http://www.aragosaurus.com>

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

Atapuerca is one of the most important site in Human Evolution. The Atapuerca research team is strengthened. It works in these fields since 1978 and has great national and international prestige. There is a general research project that every 4 years is presented to national program of research projects and annually requested permission from excavation to the regional government.

## 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	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Not applicable

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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 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

**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	Not needed
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Excellent
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	Static
Two years ago	Decreasing
Three years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Four years ago	Static
Five years ago	Minor Increase

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

Entry tickets and registries
Visitor surveys

**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

Title	Date	Link to source
Gisements de la sierra de Atapuerca. Moyens de protection et stratégie de développement touristique	01/02/2000	

### Comment

Currently, there are 3 centers (2 centres of reception of visitors in Ibeas and Atapuerca and the Museum of human evolution (MEH), providing access to visit the sites. Since the opening of the MEH sites feature a plan of management of visitors and an important promotion from the MEH. The

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Management Plan of Management and Uses foresees the elaboration of a Plan of visits.

### 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 **excellent 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 **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 to define key indicators, **but this has not been done**

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

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

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

Recommendations that ICOMOS made at the time of the inscription have been carried out as they are integrated in the Plan of Management and Uses: there have been marked areas that act as protective environment condition and provides for the implementation of a Plan of Visits that is being developed.

### 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	
3.6	Physical resource extraction						
3.6.2	Quarrying	No criteria or attributes affected	The quarries are controlled	Regional administrative organ in charge of environment protection	Not defined	Regional administrative organ in charge of environment protection	No comments

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.8 Monitoring						
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
4.8.2	Key indicators have not been defined	Definition of key indicators	2 years	Atapuerca System Culture of Evolution	No comments	



### 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	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Very positive
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	No impact
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	Very positive
Lobbying	Not applicable
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

The World Heritage status is an important tool to raise awareness about cultural values of the site among visitors, residents and private and public institutions. The research team of the sites of Atapuerca and the Museum of human evolution have contributed to its dissemination in society.

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

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff

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

yes

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

#### 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?

All required information was accessible

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

The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting

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

UNESCO	Satisfactory
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

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

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

Reason for update: The earliest and most abundant evidence of humankind in Europe is to be found in the caves of the Sierra de Atapuerca. The fossil remains in the Sierra de Atapuerca constitute an exceptional reserve of information about the physical nature and the way. Criterion (iii) and (v). Pending validation by the Advisory Bodies

##### • Geographic Information Table

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