

Country: Spain

1. Institution(s) in charge of gardens

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3. Law in force in your country:

The law of 16/1985, on Cultural and Historic Heritage, dated 25th June 1985, is in charge of the declaration of cultural heritage. Historic gardens are on of the cultural typologies included in the categories that can be listed at the highest possible national level (Bienes de Interés Cultural) as regards the aforementioned law.

Besides this national law, each each Regional Government has developed their own legislation regarding the subject. These offer a wide range of visions dealing with the meaning and protection of historic gardens. There is even one Regional Government in which historic gardens are not even listed as possible cultural properties.

4. Protection : number of gardens, levels of protection, statute (public/private), inventories

Under the title of Historic Garden there are in the whole country of Spain sixty nine gardens listed as such. Nevertheless, under different categories such as monuments, historical settings, archeological remain, etc. (which comprise monasteries, abbeys, royal palaces, cultural landscapes, villas, etc.) many important gardens are included. There is therefore a second « hidden » listing of historic gardens to be found in listed properties in Spain.

Many of them are either public or private; some of them are under the supervision of the Spanish National Heritage.

5. Online information : inventories, databases, maps, pictures, ...

All the Historic Gardens are included in the Inventario de Bienes Inmuebles del Registro General de Bienes de Interés Cultural de la Dirección General de Bellas Artes y Bienes Culturales.

In 2001, the Ministry of Culture promoted a Master Plan regarding the inventorying and listing of historic gardens in Spain. This Plan included the proposal of an inventory form which was the result of careful study of other registration forms in Europe and abroad. This form was approved with the consensus of all the Spanish Regional Government; the intention was to introduce this registration form to the European Community, so that common goals in the inventoring of historic gardens could be introduced throughout Europe.

This project served as a starter for other inventories in Regional Governments, as well as provinces. Andalucía, Cataluña, Valencia, Madrid, as well as other Regions have achieved fairly satisfactory inventories of their historic gardens so far.

These are not centrally organised, but rather the State register includes only those that are listed as the highest possible level in the Inventario de Bienes Inmuebles del Registro General de Bienes de Interés Cultural de la Dirección General de Bellas Artes y Bienes Culturales.

6. Training: existing structures, levels of training, specializations, etc.

There is not a specific specialization for garden restoration, garden historian, or landscape architecture in Spain. The profession of landscape architecture is not officially recognised in Spain, and other degrees such as agronomic engineer, art history, architecture, forestry engineer, etc., do not include the necessary & specific subjects needed for the conservation & management of historic gardens.

There are various Master programs in landscape architecture at different universities in Spain (Cataluña, Granada, La Coruña, Madrid). The Polytechnic University of Madrid in collaboration with the Ministerio de Educación, Cultura & Deportes developed a Specialisation Course in Garden and Landscape management & conservation, with special emphasis on Garden Restoration for 12 years, but this ceased to exist in 2013.

Short courses on specific subjects such as garden history, garden design, management, conservation, often take place led by many different institutions (universities, private organisation, administration bodies, etc.).

7. Awareness-raising:

As above, short courses on specific subjects often take place led by many different institutions. Administration bodies also undertake short courses or public programmes to raise awareness between the general public.

8. Existing terminology tools

No specific dictionary or thesaurus exists dealing with garden terminology, though in Spain this is very rich because of our Arabic influence, the proximity to the Mediterranean and the relationship with the Latin American countries.

9. Documentation

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