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## Overview

This standard is for archaeological conservators or conservation technicians, people who are required to have knowledge of a range of items or specific groups of items and the potential conservation problems that may be encountered by such items.

Once a conservation option has been selected it has to be implemented. One type of option is for the application of routine interventive conservation. This could involve a range of routine interventive procedures depending on the condition of an item, and type of action being agreed by the owner or keeper. This standard covers minimising deterioration in the item by implementing routine interventive stabilisation procedures and routine cleaning and repair.

**Performance criteria**

*You must be able to:*

**Apply routine stabilisation**

- P1 apply relevant technical and ethical standards appropriate to your work
- P2 work to a conservation plan agreed by a conservator
- P3 treat the items, without compromising their integrity, in accordance with the agreed conservation plan
- P4 remove, reduce or neutralise potential and active agents of deterioration
- P5 minimise further deterioration by the application of the appropriate materials
- P6 evaluate what is required in the future to maintain the condition of the treated item
- P7 record the treatment procedure accurately and correctly in the appropriate format

**Implement routine cleaning and repair**

*You must be able to:*

- P8 work to a conservation plan agreed by a conservator
- P9 treat the item, without compromising its integrity, in accordance with the agreed conservation plan
- P10 remove or reduce material which inhibits the interpretation of the items
- P11 add materials to effect repair
- P12 make only additions that are reversible, appropriate and identifiable
- P13 assess the application and effect of the intervention, and notify the appropriate person in the event of unforeseen effects
- P14 evaluate what is required in the future to maintain the condition of the treated item
- P15 record the treatment procedure accurately and correctly in the appropriate format

### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 relevant technical and ethical standards
- K2 how to monitor the item's treatment
- K3 stabilisation motivation, theory and practice requirements.
- K4 what is routine about the conservational plan in terms of item's requirements
- K5 what is routine about the conservational plan in terms of organisational function
- K6 what is routine about the conservational plan in terms of team/ supervisory/ managerial function
- K7 what is routine about the conservational plan in terms of physical intervention, stabilisation, monitoring and evaluation
- K8 the agreed conservation plan
- K9 the agents of deterioration likely to be found in the item
- K10 the weaknesses likely to be found in the item
- K11 the available protective and preservative procedures, and which is most effective for the item
- K12 the sort of data that should be recorded and the appropriate format
- K13 the health and safety implications of different routine treatments
- K14 how the effect of the treatment can be evaluated
- K15 how to monitor the item's treatment
- K16 how to evaluate the effect of the treatment
- K17 what is in the conservation plan and the parameters for action
- K18 who is the recognised conservation specialist
- K19 what material can be removed from the item, and from where on the item
- K20 the methods and materials that should be used for removing or reducing materials and accretions on the item
- K21 what tests can be applied to the item
- K22 the type of data that should be recorded
- K23 the health and safety procedures for the available treatments
- K24 the methods and materials that could be used for repair

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### Implement routine interventive conservation procedures

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