

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Historic Town of Banská Štiavnica and the Technical Monuments in its Vicinity

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

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

• Slovakia

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

618rev


#### 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
Historic Town of Banská Štiavnica and the Technical Monuments in its Vicinity	48.461 / 18.9	20632	62128	82760	1993
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>20632</b>	<b>62128</b>	<b>82760</b>	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Map 1. Historical town of Banska Stiavnica and the technical monuments in its vicinity.Delimitation of the World Heritage site", 87cmx47cm, scale 1:100000	14/12/2007	

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

#### Comment

Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic Cesta na Červený most 6 814 06 Bratislava Slovakia

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

• Anna Fatureová  
Regional Monuments Board Banská Bystrica, office in Banská Štiavnica  
Landscape Architect / Conservator

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

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Banska Stiavnica. \(UAKOM\)](#)

#### Comment

<http://www.banskastiavnica.sk> <http://www.banskastiavnica.org>

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 Slovak Republic submitted a draft of the retrospective definition of the outstanding universal value of the site to the World Heritage Centre under the Retrospective Inventory Exercise in 2013.

### 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

A retrospective definition of the outstanding universal value of the site was required by the World Heritage Committee under the Retrospective Inventory Exercise.

### 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>							
3.1.1	Housing							
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							
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure							
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>							
3.3.1	Water infrastructure							
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities							
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>							
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources							
3.5.2	Aquaculture							
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production							
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>							
3.7.1	Wind							
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							
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage							
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system							
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community							
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation							
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>							
3.9.1	Illegal activities							
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>							
3.10.1	Storms							
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>							
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide							
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>							
3.13.1	Low 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>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
<b>3.1.1</b>	Housing	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.1.4</b>	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
<b>3.2.1</b>	Ground transport infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity	decreasing
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	static
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	static
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	localised	one off or rare	minor	medium 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 **not known** by the management authority or local residents / communities / landowners.

#### 4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

The Štiavnické vrchy Protected Landscape Area (PLA), which was declared to protect the natural, cultural and historical values related to the former mining activities, also serves as a buffer zone for the site. The local population is not sufficiently aware that PLA also represents the buffer zone for the WHS.

## 4.2. Protective Measures

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

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

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

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#### • Question 6.02

- – Basic legislative instrument in the field of protection of monuments and historic sites is the Act No.

49/2002 Col. on protection of monuments and historic sites – in force from April 1, 2002

- – Basic legislative document in the field of nature and landscape protection of the Slovak Republic is the Act No. 543/2003 Col., on Landscape and Nature Protection – in force from January 1, 2003
- – Act on protection and development of territory of Banská Štiavnica and its surroundings No. 100/2002 Col. of January 30, 2001
- – Building Act No. 50/1976 Col., as amended and others /see Periodical report I/.

Specific:

- - Monument reservation Banská Štiavnica was declared by the Resolution of the Government on „Establishment of town monument reservations“ of 11.6. 1950,
- - Monument reservation Štiavnické Bane was declared as monument reservation on 15. 8. 1995 by the Resolution of the Government SR No. 201/1995 ,
- - Decision of the Government SR No. 280/2000 delimited a territory of Monument Reservation Banská Štiavnica, expanding the protected territory in comparison with delimitation from the year of 1950,
- - Decisions of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic about declaration of subject as national cultural monument, to which specific legislation is applied – the Act No. 49/ 2002 Col. on protection of monuments and historic sites for particular national cultural monuments registered in the Central list of monuments and historic sites,
- - Program of revival of Banská Štiavnica town in the years of 2003 up to 2006 – project of recovery as part of program of revival of Slovak localities registered in the UNESCO World Heritage List for 2003-2006 (town of Banská Štiavnica, June 2003),
- - Developmental planning documentation, Banská Štiavnica, 1977.
- - Protective zone of Monument reservation Banská Štiavnica, legally declared by Monuments Board SR on 10. 6.2005, decision No. PU-05-462-6/4371.

#### - comments to 6.02

Details and exact texts of legal regulations – see [www.jaspi.justice.gov.sk](http://www.jaspi.justice.gov.sk)

### Comment

Protection of WHS is ensured by the Act 49/2002 Coll. on the protection of the monuments fund under which the areas with the highest concentration of values are protected as historic sites (Conservation Reserves Banská Štiavnica and Štiavnické Bane, Conservation Zone Hodruša-Hámre) and valuable architectonic objects are protected as national cultural monuments. Institutional protection is secured by the Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic and Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board (RMB).

#### 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?**

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

**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 **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

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

Slovak legislation has sufficient tools for protecting the defined values of the site and allows competent state administration and local government authorities to impose measures leading to the rectification of undesirable situations. The enforceability of on-site legislative measures could be improved by the increased cooperation of stakeholders, as well as an increase in the provision of direct economic and financial incentives.

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

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

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

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**• Question 5.02**

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

**• Question 5.03**

**Set up date:** 2005

**Function:** Región Sitno association was established – it associates mayors of towns and municipalities in region for purpose of dealing with common problems in locality.

**Mandate:** Organization for active cooperation of participants at local and regional level, i.e. some municipalities, town of Banská Štiavnica, entrepreneurs, who are interested to invest in the region, create work positions and develop thus the region and its inhabitants. Mobilization and engagement of the highest possible number of local units into the process result in creation of preconditions for planning and realisation of strategy with permanent support on the side of public. The Association prepares the Plan of economic and social development that is a necessary document for acquisition of funds from European Union in EU budgetary period for 2007 up to 2013.

**Constituted:** legal

**• Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group:

An establishment of „Alpha team group“, which are intended to be responsible for presentation and interpretation of technical monuments in registered locality, is in the stage of preparation.

In order of improvement of management in world heritage localities, Academia Istropolitana NOVA cooperates with Monuments Board SR in preparation of an accredited seminar „Management of world heritage“ 2004 – 2006 for administrators, owners, self-governments and other concerned entities. The goal of the initiative is to initiate formation of managers' groups and elaboration of business plans.

**• Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation
- Other effective management system

Local self-governments – mayors of municipalities, in whose cadastral territories technical monuments are located, and mayor of Banská Štiavnica, who are associated in Región Sitno association for dealing with common problems, are engaged in management of locality. In addition to above entities, regional self-government of higher territorial unit – the self-governmental region of Banská Bystrica – is also engaged in administration of the locality. Administration of protection of monuments and historic sites is primarily performed by state administration body – Regional monuments board of Banská Bystrica and its local branch in Banská Štiavnica at the regional level and the Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic, which was founded by the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic, at the national - state-wide level.

Interdepartmental Committee for Rescue of Localities Listed in the World Cultural Heritage List has been established at the national level see 5.05/.

Since June 2000, all the territory of the WCH locality pertains under territorial competence of the Administration of Protected Landscape Area Štiavnické vrchy that is an organizational unit of the State Protection of Nature SR in Banská Bystrica.

The Act No. 49/2002 Col. charges the Ministry of Culture and SR and Monuments Board SR, Regional Monuments Board Banská Bystrica and its local branch in Banská Štiavnica with protection of monuments and historic sites at the national, regional and local level, respectively. The self-governmental region, town of Banská Štiavnica and particular municipalities actively participate in process of protection. Their participation directly arises from the Act on protection of monuments and historic sites. They:

- a) supervise over owners of cultural monuments in order of ensuring the owners act in accordance with the Act on protection of monuments and historic sites,

- b) coordinate development of technical infrastructure of settlements with monuments territory,
- c) co-act in realization of adjustments to street interior and street facade, small architecture, historic greens, public lighting and advertisement objects in order of keeping them in compliance with plans for conservation and application of values of monuments territory,

- d) supports initiatives of citizens and civic associations in protection of monuments and historic sites,

e) keep records of monuments and historic sites in the territory of municipality on the basis of abstracts from the central registry.

The Act on protection of monuments and historic sites and the Act on protection of nature and landscape impose on owners /administrators and users/ of particular cultural monuments and their parts clearly determined obligations with respect to protection of cultural and natural heritage, which were exactly described in Periodical Report I.

#### Comment

The Commission for the Coordination of Tasks Related to World Cultural Heritage Protection, which was re-established in 2012 by the Ministry of Culture, is responsible for conceptual, organization and legal management measures at the national level and consists of the representatives of the ministries of culture, environment, finance, education, foreign affairs, economy, construction and regional development.

#### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

##### Comment

Management Plan for the UNESCO Site Historic Town of Banská Štiavnica and the Technical Monuments in Its Vicinity, 1st and 2nd phase (2010)<http://www.banskastiavnica.sk/obcan/manazment-lokality-unesco.html> Preservation Principles of the Conservation Reserve Banská Štiavnica (2007) Banská Štiavnica – Program of Economic, Social and Environmental Development of Town (2006) Land Use Plan of the Town of Banská Štiavnica (2006) Land Use Plan of the Municipality of Svätý Anton (2012)

#### 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 coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

#### 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 **only partially** being implemented

#### 4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

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

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

Industry	Fair
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#### 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 **directly contribute** to some decisions relating to 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

Comment on management system: Activities at the site level are coordinated by the Management Group, whose statute and composition are regulated by the 2010 management plan. Members of the Management group include representatives of local and regional authorities, representatives of institutions of specialized national administration, organizations managing the monuments of former mining activities and invited experts from the field of environmental protection and regional development.

#### 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

2010 – preparation and adoption of the site management plan  
2014 – passing of Act No. 104/2014 which amends and supplements Act No. 49/2002 Coll. on the Preservation of Monuments and Historic Sites as amended

### 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)	25%
Governmental (National / Federal)	50%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	25%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%

Other grants	0%
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#### 4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Workshop on the preparation of Management Guidelines for cultural landscapes (Slovakia, May/June 1999)	1999	20000.00	
<b>Total</b>		20000	

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

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

#### 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?

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

#### 4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

Funding for site protection and management is provided from the budgets of local governments and state administration institutions. Multi-resource funding is a common method of financing the restoration of monuments through owners who, under the condition of co-participation, may acquire aid from the state subsidy programs or foreign financial mechanisms. The trend of funding from private foundations interested in supporting cultural heritage is growing.

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

Full-time	90%
Part-time	10%

#### 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	90%
Volunteer	10%

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

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

#### 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 professionalism of the staff is ensured by the Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board whose experts in the fields of architecture, art history, historical vegetation and archaeology provide assistance to the owners of cultural monuments and the local government. Expert and training and activities related to site conservation and management are also arranged by the State Mining Archives and the branch of the Faculty of Architecture of the Slovak University of Technology.

### 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 **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards 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**

Vivat akadémia Banská Štiavnica. Zost.: DENKOVÁ, Z.-KAMENICKÝ, M. Slovenské banské múzeum, 2013  
DVOŘÁKOVÁ, V. -KOLLÁR, D. -ORŠULOVÁ, J.: Historické mestá na Slovensku. Slovart, 2012  
PAUČULOVÁ, Ľ. (zost.): Manažment plán lokality UNESCO „Historické mesto Banská Štiavnica a technické pamiatky okolia“, 2010  
Putovanie banskoštiavnickou kalváriou. Ed.: VOŠKOVÁ, K. Spolok Banskej Štiavnice, 2009

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

Research projects and studies, whose results serve as materials for the decision-making of state administration authorities for monument protection, monument restoration preparation, the processing and updating of land use documentation and other strategic documents at the local and regional government levels, are continuously carried out in the WHS.

**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	Poor
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
Local businesses and industries	Poor

**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 influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

**4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?**

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

**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	Adequate
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Not needed

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

Several entities operating in WHS continue in the local tradition of vocational training of youth but also provide lifelong learning. Informative activities are provided by the Town of B. Štiavnica and local civic associations in the form of cultural festivals, exhibitions, lectures, etc. Education is supported by the provision of a Slovak version of the World Heritage Educational KIT program.

**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	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Static
Five years ago	Static

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

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Tourism industry



#### 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

##### Comment

Plan for the Economic, Social and Environmental Development of the Town of Banská Štiavnica (2006) Strategy for the Use of the Cultural and Historic Heritage of Banská Štiavnica in Favour of Tourism Development (2012) + site management plan

#### 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 managed but **improvements could be made**

#### 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 **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

In order to develop tourism, the Regional Tourism Organization dedicated to the presentation of the site, information activities and the coordination of visitors' services was created in December 2011. The site has recorded growth in the number of visitors creates increased requirements for accommodation capacities and related pressure on adapting the historic buildings for accommodation purposes or enlarging the built-up areas of municipalities.

### 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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Poor

Researchers	Average
NGOs	Poor
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

The World Heritage Committee did not adopt any recommendations to be implemented at the site Banská Štiavnica and the technical monuments in its vicinity.

#### 4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

Since 1996 the Monuments Board has systematically monitored every cultural WHS in 2-year cycles: year 1 - evaluation of the construction and technical state of all monuments in the WHS; year 2 – preservation of OUV attributes. System of water reservoirs is monitored by the Slovak Water Management Authority within the statutory technical and safety supervision.

### 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
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
<b>3.1.1</b>	Housing (iv), (v)	Updates and consistent implementation of the Preservation Principles of the historic sites in the decisions of national and local institutions, priority use of existing buildings, coordination among stakeholders in the placement of new buildings.	Within the regular monitoring system + field surveys related to decisions on construction proposals	measures and activities are carried out continuously	Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board, building offices of the Town of Banská Štiavnica and municipalities situated at this site (Banská Belá, Banský Studenec, Hodruša Hámre, Vyhně, Štiavnické Bane, Svätý Anton, Ilija)	Changes in the housing standard and growing prestige of WHS increase pressure on the adaptation of historical objects for current accommodation requirements or induce the construction of new housing in the historical environment.
<b>3.1.4</b>	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure (iv), (v)	Consistent implementation of the Preservation Principles of the historic sites in the decisions of national and local institutions, prevention of large capacity constructions, coordination among stakeholders in the placement of new buildings.	Within the regular monitoring system + field surveys related to decisions on construction proposals.	measures and activities are carried out continuously	Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board, building offices of respective municipalities, Administration of Protected Landscape Area Štiavnické vrchy	Requirements for the construction of large accommodation facilities are related to the intents for more intensive use of the water reservoirs for recreation. Such facilities deteriorate the preserved mining settlement and cultural landscape.
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>					
<b>3.3.2</b>	Renewable energy facilities (iv), (v)	Implementation of corrective measures pursuant to the Act on the Preservation of Monuments and Historic Sites, regulation of changes in the functional use of buildings, information and educational activities.	Extent and scope of the factor's impact and improving or deteriorating of the situation is designated based on the regular monitoring system and field survey.	measures and activities are carried out continuously	Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board, building offices of affected municipalities, Administration of Protected Landscape Area Štiavnické vrchy, civic associations active in this site	Termination of mining activities and the changed way of life in WHS require changes in the functional use of the territory and buildings which in certain cases result in degradation interventions, neglecting maintenance and even abandonment.
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
<b>3.8.2</b>	Society's valuing of heritage (iv), (v)	Information and educational activities, implementation of corrective measures pursuant to the Act on the Preservation of Monuments and Historic Sites	Extent and scope of the factor's impact and improving or deteriorating of the situation is designated based on the regular monitoring system and field survey.	measures and activities are carried out continuously	Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board, building offices of affected municipalities, Administration of Protected Landscape Area Štiavnické vrchy, civic associations active in this site	Termination of mining activities and the changed way of life in WHS require changes in the functional use of the territory and buildings which in certain cases result in harmful interventions, neglecting maintenance and even abandonment.
<b>3.8.5</b>	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community (iv), (v)	Information and educational activities, implementation of corrective measures pursuant to the Act on the Preservation of Monuments and Historic Sites	Extent and scope of the factor's impact and improving or deteriorating of the situation is designated based on the regular monitoring system and field survey.	measures and activities are carried out continuously	local and regional government, civic associations, Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board	Due to the weaker job offer in the surroundings of Banská Štiavnica, working-age and higher educated inhabitants are migrating from the site which results in neglecting of buildings and loss of the relationship to the local cultural heritage.
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>					

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.9.1	Illegal activities	(iv), (v)	Strengthening of security measures in municipalities, securing of buildings and state financial aid for its implementation, adoption of more effective preventive and sanctioning legal provisions related to the theft and damage of cultural heritage.	Within the regular monitoring system and field survey; continuous checking of the owner	measures and activities are carried out continuously	Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board, local government, Police Corps of the SR, Ministry of Culture of the SR, Ministry of Interior of the SR	A persistent issue is the theft of tin and copper roof covering and gutters which, especially in the case of unused buildings results in the deteriorating state of these buildings.

## 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones							
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.1.5	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are not known	Broadening awareness and presentation of the site during lecturing activities (seminars, conferences, etc.) and more consistent informing of the general public through informative materials, official boards and websites of municipalities, etc.	in short-time horizon	Administration of the Protected Landscape Area Štiavnické vrchy, Banská Bystrica Regional Monuments Board + Monuments Board of the SR + local government	Local population is aware of the world heritage status of Banská Štiavnica and the technical monuments in its vicinity; however recognition of the extent of the territory under this status and its buffer zone is insufficient.		

### 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

The results of regular monitoring document that since inscription, the overall state of preservation of the site is gradually improving with the distinctive help of the subsidy program of the Ministry of Culture for the restoration of monuments in the WHS for the purposes of conservation of monuments in the World Heritage sites.

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

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

Inscription has contributed to halting the decline of the site and increasing the extensive restoration of historical buildings, technical monuments, the cultivation of public spaces and overall development of the site. The WH statute has enhanced

the prestige and public awareness of the values of this site which has led to an increased visit rate.

#### 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
External experts
Advisory bodies

#### 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

- provide more space for commentaries; it is difficult to cover more complex issues (e.g., management system) or reflect the diversity of serial sites in 500 characters or less. - Chapter 3 - in the interest of greater accuracy to enable the separate evaluation of positive and negative impact of factors in the territory

#### 6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	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

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	Satisfactory
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

Reason for update: The Slovak Republic submitted a draft of the retrospective definition of the outstanding universal value of the site to the World Heritage Centre under the Retrospective Inventory Exercise in 2013.

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

The preparation of the Periodic Report is a benefit for the site management because it requires an evaluation of the

effectiveness and sufficiency of activities and the areas that require stronger focus in the future.