

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Type of Property

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Identification Number

99ter

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1979, 1980

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

41.11806000020.8133300000 83350.0000

1.4 - Map(s)

| Title | Date | Link to source |
|--|------------|---|
| Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region - inscribed property | 31/03/2009 |  |

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Responsible Institution for protection of cultural heritage: - Ministry of Culture; - Cultural Heritage Protection Office; - National Institute for Protection of Monuments of Culture and Museum - Ohrid; Responsible Institutions for protection of natural heritage: - Ministry of Environment and Physical planning; - Hidrobiological Institute – Ohrid; - PE National Park Galichica – Ohrid

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Tanja Buntasevska Paskali
Institute for protection of cultural monuments and Museum
Director

Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [Ohrid at Your Fingertips](#)
2. [City of Ohrid Official Site \(Municipality of Ohrid - Tourism Department\)](#)

Comment

Municipality of Struga - <http://www.struga.gov.mk/>
<http://travel2macedonia.com.mk/tourist-attraction/bay-of-bones-museum-ohrid> Municipality of Debarca - <http://debarca.gov.mk/> Cultural Heritage in Ohrid - <http://www.ohrid.com.mk> National Park Galichica - <http://www.galichica.org.mk> <http://ohridmacedonia.com>

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 Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance was prepared and sent to the WHC.

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

(i)(iii)(iv)(vii)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

The best preserved complete ensemble encompassing archeological remains from the Bronze Age up to the Middle Age; Religious architecture from the 7th-19th century and urban structure representing the vernacular architecture from the 18th-19th century; Byzantine arts displayed by more than 2500 sq meters of frescoes and over 800 famous icons of worldwide fame; The Lake Ohrid is a natural phenomenon, providing a unique refuge for numerous endemic and relict freshwater species of flora/fauna.

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)

The site is affected by development pressure - uncontrolled development and increase of the number of inhabitants.

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 | | | | | | | |
| 3.1.3 | Industrial areas | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | |
| 3.2.2 | Air transport infrastructure | | | | | | | |
| 3.2.3 | Marine transport infrastructure | | | | | | | |
| 3.2.4 | Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure | | | | | | | |
| 3.3 | Services Infrastructures | | | | | | | |
| 3.3.1 | Water infrastructure | | | | | | | |
| 3.3.4 | Localised utilities | | | | | | | |
| 3.4 | Pollution | | | | | | | |
| 3.4.1 | Pollution of marine waters | | | | | | | |
| 3.4.2 | Ground water pollution | | | | | | | |
| 3.5 | Biological resource use/modification | | | | | | | |
| 3.5.1 | Fishing/collecting aquatic resources | | | | | | | |
| 3.5.2 | Aquaculture | | | | | | | |
| 3.5.3 | Land conversion | | | | | | | |
| 3.7 | Local conditions affecting physical fabric | | | | | | | |
| 3.7.1 | Wind | | | | | | | |
| 3.7.2 | Relative humidity | | | | | | | |
| 3.7.3 | Temperature | | | | | | | |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | | | |
| 3.8.1 | Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses | | | | | | | |
| 3.8.2 | Society's valuing of heritage | | | | | | | |
| 3.8.4 | 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 | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | |
| 3.11 | Sudden ecological or geological events | | | | | | | |
| 3.11.2 | Earthquake | | | | | | | |
| 3.11.5 | Erosion and siltation/ deposition | | | | | | | |
| 3.11.6 | Fire (wildfires) | | | | | | | |
| 3.12 | Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species | | | | | | | |
| 3.12.1 | Translocated species | | | | | | | |
| 3.12.3 | Invasive / alien freshwater species | | | | | | | |

| | Name | Impact | Origin |
|---------------|---|-----------|----------|
| 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 | |
|-------|---|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 3.3 | Services Infrastructures | | | | | |
| 3.3.4 | Localised utilities | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | medium capacity | static |
| 3.4 | Pollution | | | | | |
| 3.4.1 | Pollution of marine waters | restricted | intermittent or sporadic | minor | medium capacity | increasing |
| 3.4.2 | Ground water pollution | restricted | intermittent or sporadic | minor | medium capacity | static |
| 3.5 | Biological resource use/modification | | | | | |
| 3.5.1 | Fishing/collecting aquatic resources | localised | intermittent or sporadic | minor | medium capacity | static |
| 3.5.2 | Aquaculture | restricted | one off or rare | minor | medium capacity | static |
| 3.5.3 | Land conversion | localised | intermittent or sporadic | minor | medium capacity | increasing |
| 3.7 | Local conditions affecting physical fabric | | | | | |
| 3.7.2 | Relative humidity | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | medium capacity | static |
| 3.7.3 | Temperature | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | medium capacity | static |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | |
| 3.8.1 | Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses | extensive | on-going | minor | medium capacity | increasing |
| 3.8.2 | Society's valuing of heritage | localised | intermittent or sporadic | minor | medium capacity | increasing |
| 3.8.4 | Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system | extensive | on-going | minor | medium capacity | increasing |
| 3.8.5 | Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community | localised | intermittent or sporadic | minor | medium capacity | increasing |
| 3.8.6 | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation | extensive | on-going | minor | medium capacity | increasing |
| 3.9 | Other human activities | | | | | |
| 3.9.1 | Illegal activities | restricted | one off or rare | insignificant | medium capacity | decreasing |

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

3.17.1 - Comments

Increased awareness and care on local and national level about the site; Increased controlled tourist visits of the site;

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, but there is a need for one

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

Inadequacies in the boundaries make it difficult 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 the management authority but **are not known by 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

The buffer zone in the rural parts of the Site, is mapped as a visual envelope, agreed by the Local Authorities and extending between 1 and 3 km from the Site, depending on the topography. The whole buffer zone shall be determined in details in the Management plan.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

In the last years, the Government has intensified its activities in relation to the improvement of the legislation for this property, with the adoption of, i.e. Law on Managing the World Natural and Cultural Heritage in the Ohrid region; Law on declaring

the old city core of Ohrid for cultural heritage of great importance.

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?

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**

4.2.3 - 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?

There is **no legal framework** for controlling use and activities in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone

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

Needs for full harmonization of the national legislative from the field of protection of the natural and cultural heritage;

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

A draft Management plan for the Ohrid region World Heritage site is in the process of revision.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Thursday, December 15, 2005

- **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group": Top level priority is setting up a "steering group".

- **Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation
- Management under contractual agreement between the State Party and a third party
- Management under traditional protective measures or customary law
- Consensual management

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

A draft Management plan for the Natural and Cultural heritage of the Ohrid region - World Heritage site is in the process of updating and revision.

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 **not 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 but **few of the 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 | Good |
| Local / Municipal authorities | Good |
| Indigenous peoples | Good |
| Landowners | Fair |
| Visitors | Fair |
| Researchers | Good |
| Tourism industry | Fair |
| Industry | Poor |

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?

Indigenous peoples have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role

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 **little or no 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) | 3% |
| Governmental (National / Federal) | 60% |
| Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State) | 0% |
| Governmental (Local / Municipal) | 30% |
| In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc) | 0% |
| Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.) | 5% |
| Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.) | 0% |
| Other grants | 2% |

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

| Title | Year | Amount | Link to source |
|--|------|----------|---|
| Provision of equipment for the control of microclimatic conditions and for the conservation of paintings in the monuments of Ohrid | 1987 | 20000.00 |  |
| Total | | 20000 | |

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?

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)?

Potential economic benefits are recognised and plans to realise these are being developed

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **some** equipment and facilities but overall these are **inadequate**

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

The main finance of the projects and other activities related to protection of cultural heritage is through annual program/budget of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia - Ministry of culture. The infrastructure is financed by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and municipalities Ohrid, Struga and Debarca.

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

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Full-time | 10% |
| Part-time | 90% |

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

| | |
|-----------|------|
| Permanent | 100% |
| Seasonal | 0% |

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 | Good |
| Community outreach | Poor |
| Interpretation | Fair |
| Education | Fair |
| Visitor management | Fair |
| Conservation | Good |
| Administration | Fair |
| Risk preparedness | Fair |
| 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 | Low |
| Promotion | Medium |
| Community outreach | Low |
| Interpretation | High |
| Education | Medium |
| Visitor management | Medium |
| 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 drafted or in place, but is **not being implemented**

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

There is needs for trainings for capacity building for manage the World Heritage Property

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 World Heritage property is **not 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

- Edition - Macedonian Cultural Heritage, "Ohrid, World Heritage Site", group of authors, 2009, supported by UNESCO (it's a only publication which present the values of the cultural heritage in the Ohrid Region as a World Heritage Site); There are many other brochures published by different publishers as a tourist guidelines on Ohrid and Ohrid Lake;

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

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 | Excellent |
| Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property | Excellent |
| Local Indigenous peoples | Excellent |
| Local landowners | Average |

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Visitors | Excellent |
| Tourism industry | Excellent |
| Local businesses and industries | Excellent |

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is **no need** for an education and awareness programme

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 **not adequately** presented and interpreted

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

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

There is a need for an education and awareness building for values of the Region as a World Heritage Site.

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Last year | Major Increase (100%+) |
| Two years ago | Minor Increase |
| Three years ago | Minor Increase |
| Four years ago | Minor Increase |
| 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

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 **not being actively managed** despite an indentified need

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

There is visitor survey made by some tourist agencies but not as a general policy for creating future activities relating to protection and presentation of the natural and cultural heritage in the Ohrid region.

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 considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards 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 and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

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 | Average |
| Researchers | Average |
| NGOs | Average |
| Industry | Not applicable |
| Local indigenous peoples | Average |

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

Implementation is **underway**

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

There is no programme for monitoring the site. The last monitoring was done by the National Committee of ICOMOS-Macedonia in 2012 and it was useful for creating some activities related to heritage. The annual monitoring activities on Ohrid Lake and rivers that flow into the Lake are continuously conducted by Hydrobiological Institute - Ohrid in cooperation with Watershed Management Committee.

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 | |
|--------------|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| 3.5 | Biological resource use/modification | | | | | | |
| 3.5.3 | Land conversion | The urban development as a result of land conversion is affected the landscape, and many endemic species around the lake shore. | Strong cooperation between relevant Ministries for find the solution for better protection of the property and taking into account the economic development of the region. | No monitoring, key indicators for monitoring should be priority task of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia; | continuously | Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Local Self Government Local self government - Ohrid; Local self government - Struga; Local self government - Debarca; Ministry of Transport and Communication | it is necessary to have better knowledge about the natural and cultural values of the region |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | | |
| 3.8.1 | Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses | For a long term it could be negative affected on the monuments. | Some of the cultural monument are use as a scene for performance during the Ohrid Summer Festival, | no monitoring | continuously | Ministry of culture Municipality of Ohrid Macedonian Orthodox church | Using the heritage for different activities is positive for better presentation, but there is needs for controlled visits by number of tourists which is negative in relation with protective measures for the heritage. |
| 3.8.2 | Society's valuing of heritage | Without proper knowledge for the values of the heritage activities can affect to all the criteria. | Without the knowledge about the values of the heritage there are many development activities - urban, industry... | There is needs of strong monitoring; | continuously | Ministry of Culture; Ministry of environment and urban planning; Local self-government - Ohrid; Local self-government - Struga; Local self-government - Debarca; Business Sector; National Agency for Tourism Promotion and Support; Physical Planning Ag | Needs of cooperation between institutions, educations and raising awareness for the heritage on all level (local to national); |
| 3.8.4 | Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system | Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system can affected particularly the criteria I and IV. | Raising the awareness on local level for the values of the heritage | monitoring is needed | continuously | Local self-government | Changes in traditional ways of life affect to changes urban structure of the cities. Needs of organization of seminars, workshops and media campaigns as well as introduction of the natural and cultural heritage on local and national level. |
| 3.8.5 | Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community | Changes in local population with changing the traditional ways of life and knowledge system can affected particularly the criteria I and IV. | Raising of the awareness on local population for the values of the natural and cultural heritage, as well as the needs of social cohesion as a tool for better preservation of the heritage. | monitoring is needed | continuously | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environment and Spatial Planning; Ministry of local self-government; | Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community can affect the changes in traditional ways of life and affect to changes urban structure of the cities. |
| 3.8.6 | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation | Tourism industry can affected to all criteria. | Analysis of the influence and the consequences from uncontrolled development of tourism and evaluation of the carrying capacity; Adopting Action Plan for sustainable tourism based on the natural and cultural heritage in the Ohrid region | no monitoring, monitoring is needed. | short term | Ministry of Economy-Tourism Section; Local Self-Government of Ohrid; Local Self-Government of Struga; Local Self-Government of Debarca; National Agency for Tourism Promotion and Support Hotel Association of Macedonia; Association of Travel Agencies | There is need of tourism/visitor management plan for the site. Creating a touristic offer for specific target groups of tourists based on the unique universal values of the natural and cultural heritage of the Ohrid region. |

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 |
| 4.1.1 | There is a need for a buffer zone | The buffer zone will be defined in the Management plan. | short time | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; | According to proposals in the Management plan, the revision of the buffer zones and their identification shall be preformed every 6 (six) years. |
| 4.1.2 | Inadequacies in the boundaries | The inadequacies in the boundaries is result of huge territory and its impossible to manage all the region. Changing the boundaries can not affect and changes the values of property. | long term | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; | Changing the boundaries can not affect and changes the values of property. |
| 4.1.4 | The boundaries of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities / landowners | Raising awareness on local and national level (stakeholders) for the values of the property, its boundaries and measures for protection of the natural and cultural heritage. | short-term | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; | Knowledge for the boundaries of the protected area is essential for the better protection, presentation and promotion of the site. |
| 4.2 Protective Measures | | | | | |
| 4.2.4 | There is no legal framework for controlling use and activities in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone | Defining the buffer zone. | continuously | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; | There is no particular legal framework for controlling use and activities in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone; Activities in the Law on protection of cultural heritage, |
| 4.3 Management System / Management Plan | | | | | |
| 4.3.4 | Management system / plan is inadequate | Adoption of the Management plan for the Natural and Cultural heritage of the Ohrid region. Strengthening the supervision and the control of the situation with the natural heritage in Ohrid region | short-term | Government of the Republic of Macedonia; Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, | Draft Management plan is prepared and revision and updating will be finalized by the end of 2014 Defining and dividing the power between the local self-government and the authorities regarding the management of the natural and cultural heritage. |
| 4.3.6 | Few of the work plan activities implemented | Many conservation activities at the Site, such as rehabilitation and sustainable use of historic buildings. | continuously | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; Ministry of economy; Ministry of finance; | The work plan as document does not exist - many activities are done through annual budget program of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia. |
| 4.3.10 | There is little or no cooperation with industry regarding management | Better cooperation between all relevant institutions regarding management of the site. | short-term | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; | Cooperation is insufficient and the full harmonization of the legislative from the field of protection of the natural and cultural heritage is needed. |
| 4.4 Financial and Human Resources | | | | | |
| 4.4.3 | The budget is inadequate for management needs | To provide more funds for better protection, popularization and managing of the site. | short-time | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; Ministry of finance; | Finances for the activities will be provided from the budget of the Municipalities of Ohrid, Struga and Debarca and from the Budget of RM. Additionally, the finances can be provided from other financing sources – donations, grants, credits, gifts... |
| 4.4.6 | Inadequate equipment and facilities | To ensure adequate equipment and facilities. | short-time | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; Ministry of finance; Ministry of transport and communication; | Adequate equipment and facilities is important for better treatment of the heritage (natural and cultural) as well as promotion and popularization of the site. |

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| 4.4.15 | Capacity development plan not implemented | Capacity building | continuously | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; Ministry of economy; Ministry of education; | Capacity building through organizing seminars, short courses, workshops and international cooperation in the field of protection of the heritage. There is also needs preparing a capacity development plan for a long term period. |
| 4.5 Scientific Studies and Research Projects | | | | | |
| 4.5.1 | Knowledge about the property is insufficient | Raising awareness | continuously | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; Ministry of education; | Raising of the awareness of the young people for the World Heritage Site; Introduction of the heritage in the educational system on all level as obligatory. |
| 4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building | | | | | |
| 4.6.5 | The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not adequately presented and interpreted | Rising the public awareness for the status and the importance of the world cultural and natural heritage of the Ohrid region trough educational programs and preparation of official promotion publications | continuously | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; Ministry of education; Ministry of economy - sector tourism; | Raising the public awareness of the local population, visitors and tourists for the importance of the Outstanding Universal Values of the natural and cultural heritage in the Ohrid region as a World Heritage Site. |
| 4.7 Visitor Management | | | | | |
| 4.7.4 | Visitor use of the property is not being actively managed | Professionalization and profiling the tourist staff according to the needs of the tourism industry for appropriate promotion of the universal values of the natural and cultural heritage in Ohrid | continuously | Ministry of culture; Ministry of environmental and Spatial planning, Local self-government - Ohrid/Struga/Debrca; Tourist agencies; Ministry of economy - Sector tourism. | Needs of analysis of the influence and the consequences from uncontrolled development of tourism and evaluation of the carrying capacity |

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 **compromised** by factors described in this report

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 are being **partially degraded** but the state of conservation of the World Heritage property has not been significantly impacted

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

| | |
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| Conservation | Positive |
| Research and monitoring | Positive |
| Management effectiveness | Positive |
| Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples | No impact |
| Recognition | No impact |
| Education | No impact |
| Infrastructure development | Positive |
| Funding for the property | No impact |
| International cooperation | Positive |
| Political support for conservation | Positive |
| Legal / Policy framework | Positive |
| Lobbying | Positive |
| Institutional coordination | No impact |
| Security | Not applicable |
| 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

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| Governmental institution responsible for the property |
| Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff |
| Staff from other World Heritage properties |
| Non Governmental Organization |
| Local community |

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 | Good |

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Not all of the required information was accessible

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

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| The World Heritage Convention |
| The concept of Outstanding Universal Value |
| 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

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|-----------------|--------------|
| UNESCO | Excellent |
| 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 Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance was prepared and sent to the WHC.

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