

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge in Višegrad

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Bosnia and Herzegovina

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

1260

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2007

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge in Višegrad	43.781 / 19.288	1.5	12.2	13.7	2007
Total (ha)		1.5	12.2	13.7	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge in Višegrad - map of inscribed property	31/07/2007	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Azra Hadzic
Institute for the Protection of Monuments at the Federal Ministry for Culture and Sport
Expert Adviser for architectural and archaeological heritage
Operational-Technical
- Milijana Okilj
Institute for Protection of Cultural-Historical and Natural Heritage of Republika Srpska
Head of Department for Cultural-Historical Heritage

Comment

Institute for Protection of Cultural-Historical and Natural Heritage of Republika Srpska is responsible for the Mehmed Paša Sokolović Bridge. Institute for the Protection of Monuments at the Federal Ministry for Culture and Sport is responsible for the Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar.

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Milijana Okilj
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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

Comment

<http://unescobih.mcp.gov.ba/spomenici/Default.aspx?id=14235>

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

Comment

1. Since 1951, the Mehmed Pasha Sokolović Bridge has been under state protection by Ordinance no. 1099/51, issued by the Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina. By Ordinance no. 02-741-3, dated April 18th 1962, it was inscribed in the Immoveable Cultural Monuments Register, under the number 208, as a Cultural Monument of Bosnia and Herzegovina. 2. During the session held on March 27th and 28th, 1990, the Commission for Categorization of Architectural Heritage, appointed by Ordinance no. 10-338-8/89, issued by the Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina, issued an opinion that the Mehmed Pasha Sokolović Bridge should be listed as a Category I asset of cultural and historical heritage, pursuant to Article 14 of the Law on Protection of Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina. 3. The Bridge was classified as Category 0 – monument of international importance in the Regional plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 2002. 4. The Bridge was inscribed in the Temporary List of National Monuments upon recommendation by the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of Republika Srpska. 5. The historic monument, the Mehmed Pasha Sokolović Bridge, was proclaimed as a National monument of Bosnia and Herzegovina by decision of the Commission to Preserve National Monuments no. 08.2-6-101/03-5 dated July 27th, 2003.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

The universal value of the bridge at Višegrad is unquestionable for all the historical reasons and in view of the architectural values it has. It represents a major stage in the history of civil engineering and bridge architecture, erected by one of the most celebrated builders of the Ottoman Empire. The bridge particularly bears witness to the transmission and adaptation of techniques in the course of a long historical process. It also bears witness to important cultural exchanges between areas of different civilizations. It is an exceptional representative of Ottoman architecture and civil engineering at its classical apogee. Its symbolic role has been important through the course of history, and particularly in the many conflicts that took place in the 20th century. Its cultural value transcends both national and cultural borders.

Criterion (ii): Located in a position of geostrategic importance, the bridge bears witness to important cultural exchanges between the Balkans, the Ottoman Empire and the Mediterranean world, between Christianity and Islam, through the long course of history. The management of the bridge and repairs made it to have also involved different political and cultural powers: after the Ottomans came the Austro-Hungarians, the Yugoslav Federation, and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Criterion (iv): The Višegrad bridge is a remarkable architectural testimony to the apogee of the classical age of the Ottoman Empire, whose values and achievements mark an important stage in the history of humankind.

The property, principally consisting of the bridge, the access ramp and the two river banks upstream and downstream, is protected by its buffer zone on each bank of the Drina river. The integrity of the bridge is vulnerable but is now adequately

protected by the buffer zone and appropriately expresses the values it embodies.

The Drina is a mountain river, drawing water from the mountains of the Balkans towards the Sava and the Danube Rivers. It is prone to flooding and the bridge parapets were destroyed in an exceptional flood in 1896. In addition, the bridge was severely damaged during both World Wars and, after temporary repairs, reconstructed in stone in the early 1950s.

Despite these historical events, authenticity has generally been maintained through the course of the bridge's successive restorations. It remains fragile, its foundations being particularly threatened by the use of the two hydro-electric power stations, one in Bosnia and one in Serbia, that affect the water levels of the river.

To allay this threat, the Serbian Ministry of Mines and Energy wrote to the Bosnian Commission to Preserve National Monuments on 27 June 2007. It supports the inscription of the bridge on the World Heritage List and also supports the formation of a bi-national working group to analyse the impact of power generation operations on the river in order to preserve the bridge. This initiative will complement the legal protection and management plan already in place.

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

(ii)(iv)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

The universal value of the Bridge at Višegrad is unquestionable for a number of historical reasons and, in particular, due to its architectural value. It represents a major stage in the history of civil engineering and bridge architecture and was erected by one of the most celebrated builders of the Ottoman Empire. The Bridge particularly bears witness to the transmission and adaptation of techniques in the course of a long historical process. It also bears witness to important cultural exchanges between areas of different civilizations. It is an exceptional representation of Ottoman architecture and civil engineering at its classical apogee. Its symbolic role has been important through the course of history. Its cultural value transcends both national and cultural borders.

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)

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		⊖		🚩			🌿	
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	⊕	⊖		🚩	🌿	🌿		
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	⊕			🚩	🌿	🌿		
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure								
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure		⊖		🚩	🌿	🌿		
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure		⊖		🚩			🌿	
3.3	Services Infrastructures								
3.3.5	Major linear utilities		⊖	🚩			🌿		
3.4	Pollution								
3.4.3	Surface water pollution		⊖	🚩			🌿		
3.4.4	Air pollution		⊖		🚩		🌿		
3.6	Physical resource extraction								
3.6.4	Water (extraction)		⊖	🚩			🌿		
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric								
3.7.1	Wind		⊖	🚩			🌿		
3.7.2	Relative humidity		⊖		🚩		🌿		
3.7.3	Temperature		⊖	🚩			🌿		
3.7.5	Dust		⊖	🚩			🌿		
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)		⊖	🚩			🌿		
3.7.8	Micro-organisms		⊖	🚩			🌿		
3.8	Social/cultural uses 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	⊕	⊖	🚩	🚩	🌿	🌿		
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events								
3.10.2	Flooding		⊖		🚩	🌿	🌿		
3.10.6	Temperature change		⊖	🚩	🚩		🌿		
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events								
3.11.2	Earthquake		⊖		🚩	🌿	🌿		
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition		⊖		🚩		🌿		
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species								
3.12.1	Translocated species		⊖		🚩			🌿	
3.12.3	Invasive / alien freshwater species		⊖		🚩			🌿	🌿
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					
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.3	Surface water pollution	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.6	Physical resource extraction					
3.6.4	Water (extraction)	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.3	Temperature	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.5	Dust	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.6	Temperature change	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

The constructive rehabilitation and restoration of the Bridge is currently in progress. The goal of this is to stop the propagation of damage. A draft Protocol on Cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia for the preservation of Mehmed Pasha Sokolović Bridge in Višegrad was prepared.

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 **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The Višegrad Bridge is placed under the protection of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina (order 1099/1951) and is inscribed on the List of inalienable cultural monuments (order 02-741-3/1962).

The Institute for the protection of the cultural, historic and natural environment, created in 1989, stipulated in 1990 that the Višegrad Bridge was a category 1 cultural and historic heritage property, subject in particular to the heritage protection law of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2002, the

property was listed in category 0, as being of international interest.

In 2003, the National Commission for the Preservation of Monuments raised it to the status of a national monument of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It can as such benefit from the provisions of the law applying decisions on the protection of national monuments (Republic of Srpska 9/02). Any management decision not complying with the provisions of this law is revocable.

In addition to this framework law, the bridge and its management are protected by the law on cultural properties (1995), the criminal law of the Republic of Srpska (2000) and the law on land management (2002).

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The 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

4.2.4 - 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

In accordance with existing laws, the Commission to Preserve National Monuments of Bosnia and Herzegovina has issued a decision on the proclamation of the Mehmed Pasha Sokolović's Bridge as a national monument of Bosnia and Herzegovina (number 08.2-6-101/3-5, dated July 27th, 2003). This monument, according to the Law on Implementation of Decisions of the Commission, experiences the highest level of legal protection, which is defined by particular laws in the Republika Srpska (Law on Cultural Goods, Law on Physical Planning). The Ministry of Physical Planning, Building and Ecology of the Republika Srpska issues permits for conservation and restoration works on the national monuments of Bosnia and Herzegovina which are situated in the territory of the Republika Srpska, in accordance with


existing legislation. According to the Law on Cultural Goods, the protection measures and approvals to technical documentation are issued by the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska, which also does monitoring of the building works.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The setting up of management measures is the responsibility of the Republic of Srpska. It is in charge of the rehabilitation of the national monuments on its territory. Its decisions are implemented by the Institute for protection of the cultural, historic and natural heritage. The minister of urban development and public works is responsible for protection measurements linked to the environment and to the management of water, in conjunction with the municipal authorities.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan	N/A	Available	01/01/2007	

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 only **partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

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

An annual work / action plan exists and **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	Good
Indigenous peoples	Poor
Landowners	Poor
Visitors	Poor
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Poor
Industry	Non-existent

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?

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 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

• Overall management made at local, regional and state levels • Adjusting all activities according to Law

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

After the nomination of the Bridge for the World Heritage List, the Municipality of Višegrad has decided to compile a Master plan of the contact zone of the Old Bridge, according to the specifications from the Management plan for the bridge. The Master plan has been compiled with the aim to introduce adequate functions to the contact zone and to adjust the built structure according to the importance and character of the place. The Master plan of the contact zone has been considered as a document. TIKa (the Turkish Governmental International Cooperation and Development Agency) has done a project documentation for the constructive rehabilitation and restoration of the Bridge and in 2013, work on the Bridge began. Completion of the restorative work is scheduled for October 2014.

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)	70%
Governmental (National / Federal)	0%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	20%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	10%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
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)

Comment

TIKA (the Turkish Governmental International Cooperation and Development Agency) is the donor for the works of constructive rehabilitation and restoration of the Bridge.

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)?

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 Government of the Republika Srpska, through its Ministry of Education and Culture, provides a part of the funds for the protection of the Bridge in Višegrad. These funds have been implemented through the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska. TIKA (the Turkish Governmental International Cooperation and Development Agency) is the donor for the works of constructive rehabilitation and restoration of the Bridge. Višegrad municipality anticipated a substantial budget for the activities on the protection of the Bridge and contact zones.

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

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

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

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

All individuals involved with the restoration of the Bridge are employees of the Institute for Protection of Cultural - Historical and Natural Heritage of Republika Srpska. No individual is paid specifically for this work, as it is considered a part of their daily duties as an employee of the Institute.

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** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

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

<http://unescobih.mcp.gov.ba/spomenici/Default.aspx?id=14230>

<http://unescobih.mcp.gov.ba/spomenici/Default.aspx?id=14235>

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 **one location 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	Poor
Local landowners	Poor
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
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 education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

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 **partially influenced** education, information and awareness building activities

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	Not provided but needed
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Not provided but needed
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Not provided but needed
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	

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

4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	Major Increase (100%+)
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Static
Four years ago	Static
Five years ago	Static

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

Accommodation establishments

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?

There is **some management** of the visitor use of the World Heritage property

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?

No fees are collected

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

The building complex “Kamengrad” (“Andrićgrad”) in the surroundings of Mehmed Paša Sokolović's Bridge is currently under construction. According to the Tourism Agency of Visegrad, the number of tourists in the last year increased by 40%. Most tourists come to visit „Kamengrad” and the Bridge. • The plan is to ensure that of the total number of tourists that visit Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2-4% of them visit Visegrad • In order to improve the numbers of tourist visits, revitalization of existing accommodation facilities, that is, reconstruction of the spa center “Vilina vlas”, has been planned. Reconstruction of the hotel on the bank of the Drina has been done. The responsible authority is the Municipality of Višegrad. • Presentation of the value of the Bridge, through exhibits of photographs, printed materials and competitions within school programs has been planned. • Promotion of the importance of inscription in the World Heritage List is also to be done.

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	Poor
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Non-existent
Industry	Poor
Local indigenous peoples	Poor

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

At the request of ICOMOS (20th October 2011) the following documents were forwarded: -Heritage Impact Assessment Report Administrative Building of “Hydroelectric plants on Drina” in the buffer zone of Mehmed paša Sokolović's Bridge in Višegrad -Heritage Impact Assessment Report Building complex “Kamengrad” (“Andrićgrad”) in the surroundings of Mehmed Paša Sokolović's Bridge in Višegrad

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

According to the MP, the main indicators which signal changes of the state of the Bridge and danger to constructive stability have been observed. The Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska and Municipality of Višegrad have been involved in these activities through appointed representatives.

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	
3.6	Physical resource extraction						
3.6.4	Water (extraction)	(iv)	To control the Influence of the Drina river flow.	Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia have met many times during the last few years.	continual	Ministry of Civil Affairs of B&H Ministry of Culture and Education of Republika Srpska The Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska Višegrad Municipality HE Višegrad HE Bajina Bašta	The task of Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia is to control the work of HE Višegrad and HE Bajina Bašta.
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.3	Temperature	(iv)	Regular monitoring and maintenance of the Bridge	Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska and Višegrad Municipality regularly monitor the Bridge.	continual	Ministry of Culture and Education of Republika Srpska Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska Višegrad Municipality	Municipality of Višegrad established the Commission for the Bridge. The members of Commission are representatives of all organizations responsible for the cultural heritage and local community.
3.7.5	Dust	(iv)	Regular monitoring and maintenance of the Bridge	Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska and Višegrad Municipality regularly monitor the Bridge.	continual	Ministry of Culture and Education of Republika Srpska Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska Višegrad Municipality	The impact of this factor is insignificant.
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	(iv)	Regular monitoring and maintenance of the Bridge	Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska and Višegrad Municipality regularly monitor the Bridge.	continual	Ministry of Culture and Education of Republika Srpska Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska Višegrad Municipality	The constructive stabilization and restoration of the Bridge are in progress. The goal of this works is to restore the Bridge and to stop the propagation of damage.
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	(iv)	Regular monitoring and maintenance of the Bridge Education of local residence - Organizations of lectures, exhibition, through the media etc.	Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska and Višegrad Municipality regularly monitor the Bridge.	continual	Ministry of Culture and Education of Republika Srpska Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska Višegrad Municipality	Awareness raising is an essential tool in changing the situation in the future. The main needs is to develop a better understanding of the concept and the principles of WH of all levels. Further actions will be in that directions.
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	(iv)	Creating tourist activities improves capacities, presentation and interpretation Create package deals for guests interested in diverse activities such as hunting, fishing and the like Plan of monitoring the number and structure etc...	Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska and Višegrad Municipality regularly monitor the Bridge. Tourist agency of Višegrad is responsible for monitoring the information about visitors...	continual	Ministry of Culture and Education of Republika Srpska Ministry of Tourism of Republika Srpska Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska Tourist agency of Višegrad Višegrad Municipality	Increasing the number of visitors could have both positive and negative impacts. The task is to reduce negative impacts through the participation of all stakeholders.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

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4.4 Financial and Human Resources					
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.4.6	Inadequate equipment and facilities	To create stable and sufficient sources of financing	continual	Ministry of Civil Affairs of B&H, Government of Republika Srpska, Ministry of Education and Culture of Republika Srpska Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of Republika Srpska Municipality of Višegrad	Implementing the actions contained in the Management Plan will require significant levels of funding and resources. The institutions responsible for management, commit resources for the implementation of the Plan through their individual budgets.
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building					
4.6.4	World Heritage status has partially influenced education, information and awareness building activities	-Organization of art work exhibitions with the theme of cultural-historical and natural heritage of the Municipality of Višegrad -Organization of Workshops	continual	Ministry of Education and Culture of Republika Srpska Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of Republika Srpska Municipality of Višegrad	It is necessary to improve education in regards to the significance of the Bridge as a world heritage monument.
4.7 Visitor Management					
4.7.4	Some management of visitor use of the property but this could be improved	Information management -New tourism brochures -Tourist package deals Create package deals for guests interested in diverse activities such as hunting, fishing and the like PR action Action directed at motivating the residents -Organization of events Jumps from the Bridge	continual	Tourist organization of Republika Srpska Tourist organization of Višegrad (info center)	Special focus is in creating tourist activities and improving capacities, presentation and interpretation. The idea is to establish both the Bridge Museum and a Museum in the home of Ivo Andrić, containing materials related to his life and work.

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

According to the MP, the main indicators which signal changes of the state of the Bridge and danger to constructive stability have been observed. The Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska and Municipality of Višegrad have been involved in these activities through appointed representatives. Funds were provided from the budget of Republika Srpska. The mentioned monitoring activities are regular activities of The Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republika Srpska. There are no indications of change of the constructive stability.

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	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	No impact
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
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

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Staff from other World Heritage properties
Local community
Advisory bodies

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?

Most of the required information was accessible

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

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
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	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

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

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