

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Durmitor National Park

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

**State(s) Party(ies)**

- Montenegro

**Type of Property**

natural

**Identification Number**

100bis


**Year of inscription on the World Heritage List**

1980, 2005

**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Durmitor National Park	43.133 / 19.017	32100	0	32100	1980
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>32100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32100</b>	

**1.4 - Map(s)**

Title	Date	Link to source
Durmitor National Park	22/12/2008	

**1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property**

- Branislav Mićunović  
Ministry of Culture  
Minister of Culture

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

**Comment**

Property Manager is: Public Enterprise National Parks of Montenegro Trg Becir bega Osmanagica 16 81000 Podgorica Montenegro

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

1. [Nacionalni Park Durmitor](#)
2. [Natural site datasheet from WCMC](#)

**Comment**

www.nparkovi.me

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

**Comment**

no

**2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

**2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

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

(vii)(viii)(x)

**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**

**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>					
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	  				
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
3.4.4	Air pollution	  				
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>					
3.5.3	Land conversion	  				
3.5.6	Commercial wild plant collection	  				
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production	   				
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
3.7.1	Wind	  				
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
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>					
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts	  				
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	  				
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)	   				
<b>3.12</b>	<b>Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species</b>					
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	  				
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>					
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>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>				
<b>3.9.1</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>				
<b>3.11.4</b>	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	static
<b>3.11.6</b>	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high 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 **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

#### 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 **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value **but they could be improved**

#### 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 the management authority but **are not known by 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)

Since 1952, the area of the Durmitor region is legally protected as a National Park. In addition, in 1967 the Tara River Canyon was declared a Nature Reserve and Nature Monument (Decree 1/12/1977, Republic Institute of Nature Conservation). This represented the legal basis for both UNESCO designations: the Biosphere Reserve in 1977 and the nomination and inscription of the site to the World Heritage List in 1980.

In its Constitution (Article 1), the Republic of Montenegro has declared itself an "ecological state", to give high priority to its important number of natural assets. Based on this premise, a comprehensive protected area system was established and reinforced with four existing national parks, namely, the

National Parks of Durmitor and Biogradska Gora (nominated to the World Heritage List in 1996), Lovcen and Skadar Lake, as well as numerous nature reserves and other protected areas.

The entire Tara River Basin is part of the Danube watershed via its tributary system. Both Serbia and Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina are signatories to the Danube Convention<sup>1</sup> and have the obligation to report on any developments and use changes, which have to be agreed upon in the framework and according to the regulations of this Convention. Furthermore, within this framework, a specific sub-basin initiative has been launched to deal with the countries of the Sava River Basin<sup>2</sup>. With the support of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, the four Riparian States of the Sava River Basin – Republic of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, and the Republic of Slovenia (referred to as "the Sava countries") have entered into a process of cooperation for the sustainable management of the water resources of the basin.

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

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

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#### • Question 6.02

-Law on National Parks from 1991

-Physical plan for National Park of Durmitor is developed and adopted by the Assembly of Montenegro in 1997

-Program for protection and development of National Park of Durmitor, adopted by the Government of Montenegro in 2004, for period 2005-2010. In accordance with this Program, annual Programs will be developed.

#### Comment

-Law on National Parks from 2009

#### 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?

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?

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**

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

According to the Physical Plan of the Republic of Montenegro (which entered into force in 1984), the Tara River is considered as part of the natural protected areas. Specific reference to its international protection regime is given as follows: The Tara River Basin is included in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, in UNESCO's 'Man and Biosphere' Programme, since 1977, and the National Park of "Durmitor" (with part of the Tara River Canyon) is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1980.

In December 2004, the Management Plan for Durmitor National Park for the years 2005-2020 was adopted. The Plan is based on the legal document 'Special Plan for the Durmitor Area' (Sl. List RCG br 20 / 1997), as well as other official acts, including the Law on National Parks; it defines the zoning system and contains all data on natural conditions (geomorphology, hydrology, geology, climate, as well as cultural assets and human influence). This document additionally provides specific management goals for biodiversity conservation, on the basis of which annual plans are developed, to offer concrete planning guidelines to deal with conservation areas, including regulations for wild species, forestry (e.g. specific limits for wood exploitation by local populations), visitor infrastructure, education etc. Park management is subject to an overall coordination provided by the public enterprise "National Parks of Montenegro" (established for all four Montenegro protected areas), and it is specifically implemented by the National Park Headquarters, located in Zabljak (comprising 1 Director and 40 staff members, including 22 rangers).

According to the current Management Plan, logging and hunting activities are completely forbidden in the core zones of the National Park (the only exceptions being so-called 'sanitary cuts' and fuel wood logging by local populations, as well as some game population control).

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**• Question 5.05**



Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation

**Comment**

1 director 31 staff members, including 21 rangers

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Protection and development program (2005-2010) for the National Park Durmitor	In Force	Available	28/12/2008	
Protection and development program (2005-2010) for the National Park Durmitor	In Force	Available	28/12/2008	

**Comment**

Management plan (2010-2015) for the National Park Durmitor In Force Available 2010 link: [www.nparkovi.me](http://www.nparkovi.me)

**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 **most or all activities** are being implemented and monitored

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

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

**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?**

**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 **little or no contact** 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)	
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	8%
Governmental (National / Federal)	27%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	53%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	12%
Other grants	

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

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
2 experts missions in Durmitor National Park	1981	9000.00	
Contribution to the purchase of equipment for Durmitor National Park	1988	20000.00	
Equipment for research on forest die-back and related conservation problems at Durmitor National Park	1988	50000.00	
Purchase of equipment to investigate the causes of the decline in the size of population of some birds species and tree death at Durmitor National Park	1989	38000.00	
<b>Total</b>		117000	

**Comment**

Remediation of area affected by fire, Unesco Participation programme 2008, 50.000 USA dollars

**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**

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	

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

Permanent	85%
Seasonal	15%

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

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

**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**

**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	Average
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	Average

**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 **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	Adequate
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Not provided but needed
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Poor
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	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

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

Entry tickets and registries

**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 identified need

**4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?**

There is contact between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters

**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**

**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 **small amount** of monitoring, but it is not planned

**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 to define key indicators, **but this has not been done**

**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	Poor
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Poor
NGOs	Poor
Industry	Non-existent
Local indigenous peoples	Non-existent

**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**

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

**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
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities					
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide					
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)					

### 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	
4.1.2	Boundaries could be improved					
4.1.5	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities/landowners					
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					
4.4 Financial and Human Resources						
4.4.3	The budget is inadequate for management needs					
4.4.6	Inadequate equipment and facilities					
4.8 Monitoring						
4.8.1	Some monitoring, but it is not planned					



**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 has been **compromised** by factors described in this report

**5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value**

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **impacted** by factors described in this report, but this situation is being **addressed through effective management actions**.

**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**

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	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	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	

**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

**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	Good
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Fair

**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 property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Monitoring and reporting

**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	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

**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**