

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Stari Ras and Sopoćani

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Serbia

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

96

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1979

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Mediaeval Town of Ras , Serbia	43.119 / 20.423	196.73	?	196.73	1979
Sopoćani Monastery , Serbia	43.132 / 20.379	0.53	?	0.53	1979
St. Peter's Church , Serbia	43.166 / 20.526	0.34	?	0.34	1979
Monastery of Djurdjevi Stupovi , Serbia	43.171 / 20.499	1.12	?	1.12	1979
Total (ha)		198.72	0	198.72	

Comment

Stari Ras and Sopoćani, Serbia - buffer zone: 9,935.84 ha (buffer zone is for the entire WH site, all the 4 components). Area of the buffer zone and the coordinates of each individual site component are given in the Retrospective Inventory Project, Clarification of Boundaries of World Heritage Properties in Serbia.

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Stari Ras and Sopoćani - Mediaeval Town of Ras	03/02/2010	
Stari Ras and Sopoćani - Sopoćani Monastery	03/02/2010	
Stari Ras and Sopoćani - The Holy Apostles St Peter and St Paul Church - St Peter Church	03/02/2010	
Stari Ras and Sopoćani - Djurdjevi Stupovi Monastery	03/02/2010	

Comment

For the map of the entire WH property, including the buffer zone, please refer to the Retrospective Inventory Project, Clarification of Boundaries of World Heritage Properties in Serbia.

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments - Belgrade, Serbia

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Marina Nešković
Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments of Serbia
Architect Conservator

Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

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

Draft retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value is completed but has yet to be cleared in the verification procedure. All ICOMOS recommendations are accepted.

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

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2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

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							
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities							
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure							
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure							
3.3	Services Infrastructures							
3.3.4	Localised utilities							
3.3.5	Major linear utilities							
3.4	Pollution							
3.4.2	Ground water pollution							
3.4.5	Solid waste							
3.5	Biological resource use/modification							
3.5.6	Commercial wild plant collection							
3.6	Physical resource extraction							
3.6.2	Quarrying							
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric							
3.7.8	Micro-organisms							
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage							
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses							
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage							
3.9	Other human activities							
3.9.1	Illegal activities							
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events							
3.11.2	Earthquake							
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)							
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	
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.1	Housing	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	restricted	on-going	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.4	Localised utilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	increasing
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.2	Ground water pollution	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.4.5	Solid waste	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.6	Physical resource extraction					
3.6.2	Quarrying	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	low capacity	decreasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	restricted	on-going	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	increasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

Stari Ras and Sopoćani is the serial nomination of four individual elements and the stated factors are not relevant for all the elements but only for some of them or only one.

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 **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 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

The only issue is that the residents, communities and landowners ignore the boundaries, on a pretext that they limit their development.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

- No special zoning or legislation exists for the site at the time of nomination
- The ownership of the lots in the immediate surroundings of the cultural properties frequently changes. Beside that, one of the monuments in the World Heritage site has reestablished its original function, so it is not protected as an archaeological site anymore, but it has gained another, traditional form of protection

The protective areas around the monuments and on the wider region are zones characterized as Cultural - Historical Areas. The Institute for the Protection of Nature of the Republic of Serbia has declared a protected area around Sopoćani Monastery. There is a law-protected buffer zone around the Raš Fortress with Trgovište.

Comment

- Stari Ras and Sopoćani scheduled as a spatial cultural and historical complex in 1978 (the 1977 SFRY Cultural Property Protection Act). - Individual components: Medieval Town of Ras, Djurdjevi Stupovi Monastery and the Sopoćani Monastery in 1947 (1945 DFY Cultural Monuments and Natural Rarities Protection Act); St Peter's Church in 1948 (1945 NRS Cultural Monuments and Natural Rarities Protection Act) - Spatial and urban planning documents.

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?

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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

- Steering group: legally constituted in 1984, however the Board for Stari Ras and Sopoćani, founded in 1984, adopted in 1990 a new, 5-year programme (1991-1995) but its realization was interrupted by the economic crisis and the war in former Yugoslavia. The plan of reestablishing a new Board exists, but in the meantime there is a working group for the monuments of the region, composed of experts with different

specialties, from the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments

- Site manager on full-time basis: with responsibilities added on to an existing job
- Levels of public authority who are primarily involved with the management of the site: regional

The programming of a New Development Town Plan, with the collaboration of the relevant Ministries (Ministry of Regional Development and Protection of Natural Environment and Ministry of Culture) and institutions, gives new perspectives for reasonable control of development inside and outside the town. A new approach has been developed for cultural heritage protection policies by the central government. The Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments of Serbia intends that the World Heritage properties with their core and buffer zones shall be incorporated within the framework of the New General Development Plan of the area, and the possibilities of Plans for Special Purposes are being explored. A committee has been established for the preparation of the management plan in the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments of Serbia, although it is not fully formulated and is still asking for experts and funds.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Monday, October 31, 2005

• Question 5.02

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

• Question 5.03

Set up date: 1984

Function: Its function was to obtain the best ways of managing and protection of the monuments of this World Heritage site and their natural environment.

Mandate: 7 years

Constituted: legal

- **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group: The Board for Stari Ras and Sopotani, that was founded in 1984, adopted in 1990 a new, 5-years programme (1991-1995) but its realization was interrupted by the economic crisis and war in former Yugoslavia. The plan of re-establishing a new Board exists, but in the meantime there is a working group for the monuments of the region, composed of experts with different specialties, from the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments.

• Question 5.05

Overall management system of the site

- Management under protective legislation
- Management under traditional protective measures or customary law

Comment

- No statutory management plan. - Annual research and protection plans in place (Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Serbia). - 2012 Special Area Spatial Plan for the Stari Ras and Sopoćani complex (Republic of Serbia Spatial Planning Agency). - Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Building and Planning and the Institute are competent for issuing any special purposes and legal documents concerning any research, conservation and other works.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

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 **only partially** being implemented

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

An annual work / action plan exists and **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	Poor
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
Industry	Fair

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 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

There are deficiencies in coordination between the Cultural Property Act and the Planning and Building Act, which create obstacles in enforcing the protective measures.


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)	
Governmental (National / Federal)	85%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	10%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	
Other grants	5%

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

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Equipment for the preservation of the monuments of Stari Ras and Sopoćani	1986	5800.00	
Total		5800	

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

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

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

There are **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

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	97%
Seasonal	3%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Poor
Education	Poor
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable

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	Low
Education	Low
Visitor management	Not available
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Not available
Risk preparedness	Not available
Tourism	Low
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not available

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

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 widely with the local, national and international audiences

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

M. Nešković: Stari Ras and Sopoćani: Identifying Problems and Defining a Modern Protection Model; N. Debljović Ristić: Medieval Monasterial Complexes Integral Protection: Between the Cultural and Spiritual Heritage The Significance of World Heritage: Origins, Management, Consequences The Future of the World Heritage Convention in a Nordic Perspective Papers Presented in Falun, Sweden, 2010

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

There are more than 20 studies, papers and research projects published in technical magazines both in Serbia and abroad.

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	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
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 influenced education, information and awareness building activities, but it could be improved

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

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

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

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

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?

Other

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 managed but improvements could be made

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

There is **limited co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

No fees are collected

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 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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Poor
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

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

There are annual monitoring programs directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value - Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Serbia

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	
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.1	Housing	none	Drafting spatial and urban plans and defining the protective measures requirements for further construction.	Annual monitoring - Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments - Belgrade, Serbia	Current	Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Serbia, Local administration The Ministry of Planning and Building	Housing and land conversion relate to the city of Novi Pazar sprawl within the buffer zone. The greatest impact is on the natural characteristics of the St Peter's Church surroundings.
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	none	Drafting and implementation spatial and urban plans	Cooperation between the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Serbia, the competent ministries of culture, planning and building	Realisation depending on the funding priorities set for the state budget	The Ministry of Planning and Building, The Ministry of Traffic and Infrastructure, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments - Belgrade, and the Novi Pazar city administration	Ground transport infrastructure relate only to the medieval town of Ras complex / inherited issues.
3.3	Services Infrastructures						
3.3.4	Localised utilities	none	Drafting spatial and urban plans and defining the protective measures requirements for further construction.	Cooperation between the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Serbia, the competent ministries of culture, planning and building	Current	National and local level authorities	Relevant for the immediate natural surroundings
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	none	Drafting and implementation spatial and urban plans	Cooperation between the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, the competent ministries of culture, planning and building and energy	Realisation depending on the funding priorities set for the state budget	The Ministry of Planning and Building, The Ministry of Traffic and Infrastructure, The Ministry of Energy, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments - Belgrade, and the Novi Pazar city administration	Major linear utilities relate only to the medieval town of Ras complex / inherited issues.
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	none	Research and Conservation	Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments - Belgrade	in continuity	Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments - Belgrade	restricted
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities	none	- Effective inspection activities on the national and local administration levels - constant monitoring	Cooperation between the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, the competent ministries of culture, planning and building and the Novi Pazar city administration	in continuity	The Ministry of Planning and Building, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments - Belgrade, The Ras museum of Novi Pazar and the Novi Pazar city administration	Relates to the illegal building and encroachment on the area reserved for tourist facilities and holiday houses

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

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

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	No impact
Recognition	Positive
Education	No impact
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Not applicable
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	No impact
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 poor
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Very poor

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

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

UNESCO	Satisfactory
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

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

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- **Map(s)**
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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise