

STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT

Name of World Heritage property number	State Party	Identification
Old City of Dubrovnik	Croatia	C 95bis

Date of inscription on the World Heritage List:

1979; (Extension: 1994)

Inscription Criteria:

(i)(iii)(iv)

Year(s) of inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger:

1991-1998

**REPORT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
DECISION ADOPTED AT THE EXTENDED 45TH SESSION (RIYADH,
2023) OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE, REGARDING THE
OLD CITY OF DUBROVNIK**

This report has been prepared by the Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia following the decision of the World Heritage Committee (45 COM 7B.180), for the state of conservation of the World Heritage site – Old City of Dubrovnik (Croatia) (C 95bis), adopted at the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

1. Executive Summary of the report

A Conservation Plan for the Old City of Dubrovnik is being prepared according to the new approach based on determining the areas of the basic values of the cultural-historic city and its contact zone. It is based on consideration of the city as a historic urban landscape **and the urban characterisation**, ie. on recognition and assessment of the areas of common characteristics. The preparation of the study began in September 2023, and its accomplishment is planned for March 2026.

The City of Dubrovnik, the Tourist Board of the City of Dubrovnik, and the Port Authority of Dubrovnik in cooperation with the University of Dubrovnik initiated a research and development agreement for achieving the goals of sustainable and balanced development of the City of Dubrovnik. The research will determine the guidelines for the progress of the economy and the general living conditions of the inhabitants of the city of Dubrovnik. A comprehensive analysis of the resulting documents will generate an overall document - the Strategy of integrated sustainable tourism management, expected to be finalised by the end of 2026. Carrying capacity assessment, as the first document is finalized in 2024 and attached to this report.

Preparation of the *Preparedness and risk management plan* is currently in the final stage, and it is expected that the Plan will be completed and presented to the City Council for approval by the end of January 2025.

Aimed at informing on outstanding universal values of the world heritage property, and raising awareness among the participants and the community of relevant topics and preservation strategies, the *Strategy for Building and Strengthening the Capacities of participants in the World Heritage property - the Old City of Dubrovnik* was adopted in 2024 as the first in a series of documents dealing with the interpretation of the world heritage property. The adoption of the *World Heritage property Interpretation Strategy* is planned for the next year (2025) along with the new *Strategy of the Development of the City of Dubrovnik Culture*.

Cleaning up the two main channels in the city's historic centre sewage system is in progress, and the process is continuously documented in each phase.

As for the Bosanka 2 Project, the matter still rests, with no changes since the previous Report in 2022.

The year 2024 marks several events significant for the historical and cultural memory of the City of Dubrovnik. It commemorates the 45th anniversary of the inscription of the Old City of Dubrovnik on UNESCO's World Heritage List, the 15th anniversary of the inclusion of the Festivity of St. Blaise on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, and the inclusion of archival funds from the period of the Dubrovnik Republic on the Memory of the World Register in November of 2023. To commemorate these important dates, the City Council of Dubrovnik has declared the year 2024 as the "Year of UNESCO World Heritage in Dubrovnik" in the City of Dubrovnik. A rich cultural, scientific, and educational program of the anniversary year testifies to the universal value of Dubrovnik's cultural heritage, as well as the importance of its protection and preservation for future generations. Over the year, more than 200 diverse programs dedicated to Dubrovnik as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site were conducted, and organized by 35 institutions and individuals.

The City Council decided to present Pustijerna archaeological site in the city's historic centre as an integral part of the future Archaeological Museum, which will be situated in the nearby building – a former prison. The whole project is still in the phase of exploring program options.