

# WORLD HERITAGE VALUE IN DUBROVNIK ASSESSING IMPACTS OF CHANGES -on values and impacts

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# OLD CITY OF DUBROVNIK WORLD HERITAGE under pressure

### WORLD HERITAGE ON THE GROUND

- World Heritage global value
- Site, buffer zone and setting

### **ASSESSING IMPACTS OF CHANGES**

- What is the heritage at risk?
- What is an impact?

### **HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT as a tool**

- Function and contents of a HIA
- Case studies of HIA framework

### **GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE Outstanding Universal Value (OUV)**

One integrated value which includes:

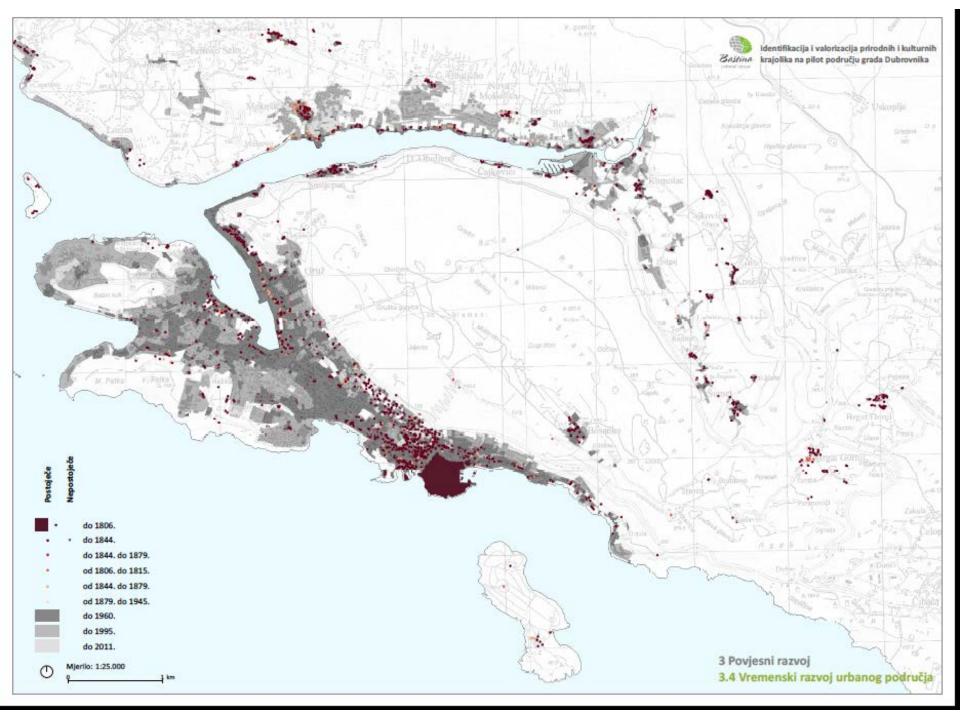
- criteria for inscription"WHY"
- condition;authenticity and integrity"WHAT"
- management capacity" HOW"

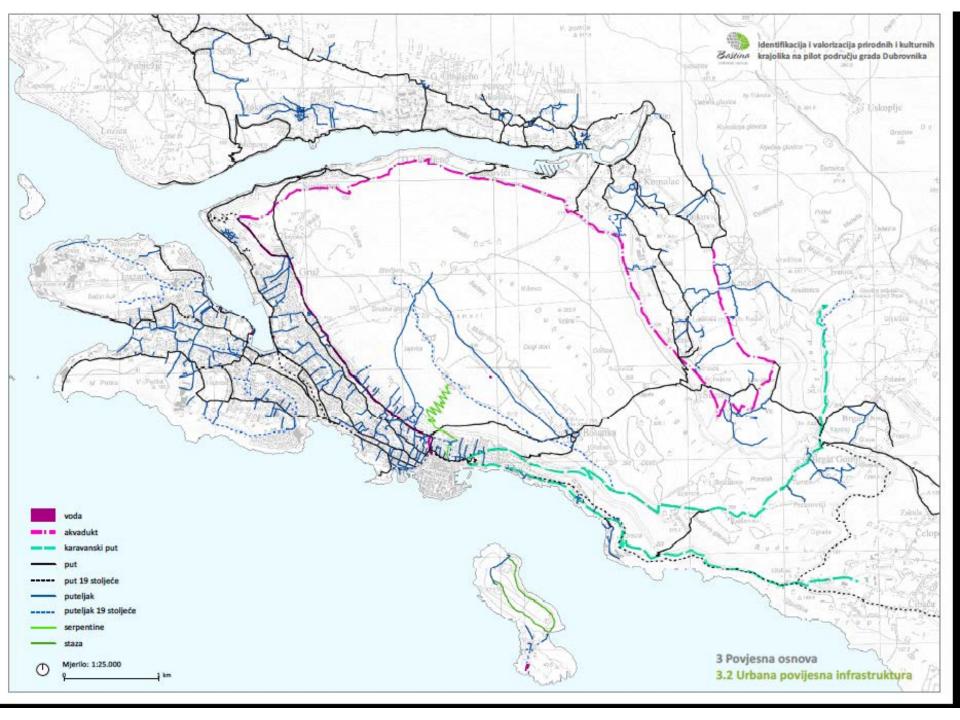
# Outstanding Universal Value of OLD CITY OF DUBROVNIK World Heritage

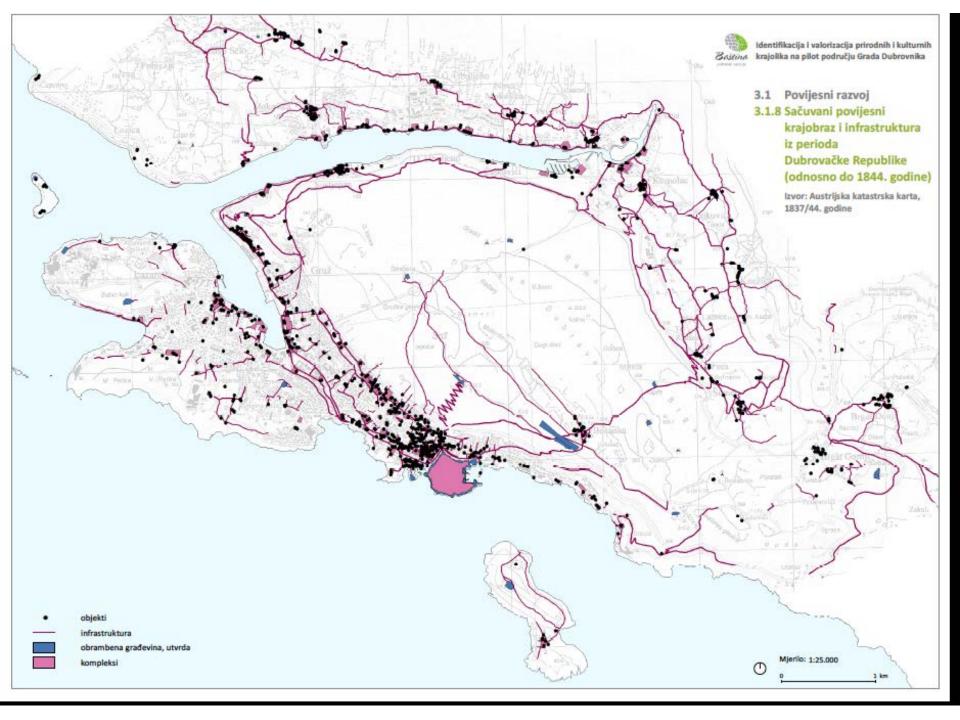
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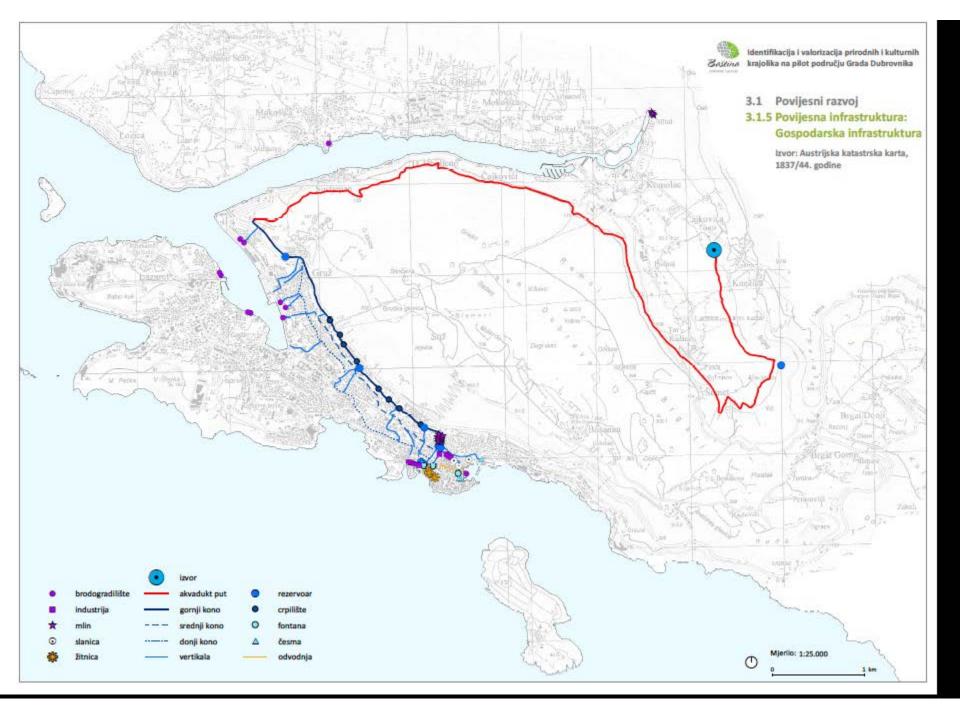
### 1. The medieval city and its territory A historic urban landscape

Masterpiece of a medieval planned city highly advanced architecture, urban planning and infrastructure







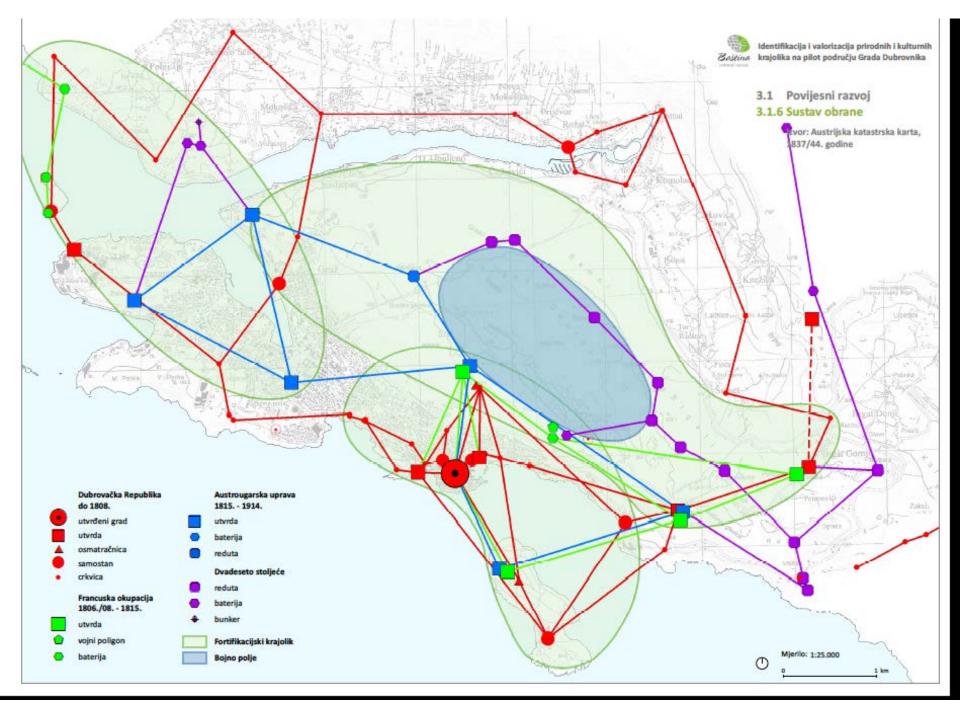


### GLOBAL VALUE OF OLD CITY OF DUBROVNIK

### **KEY THEMES**

The defense system in Dubrovnik Republic
 The defense landscape

A fortified medieval town in a strategic position at the foot of Mt Srd with its well preserved comprehensive defense system

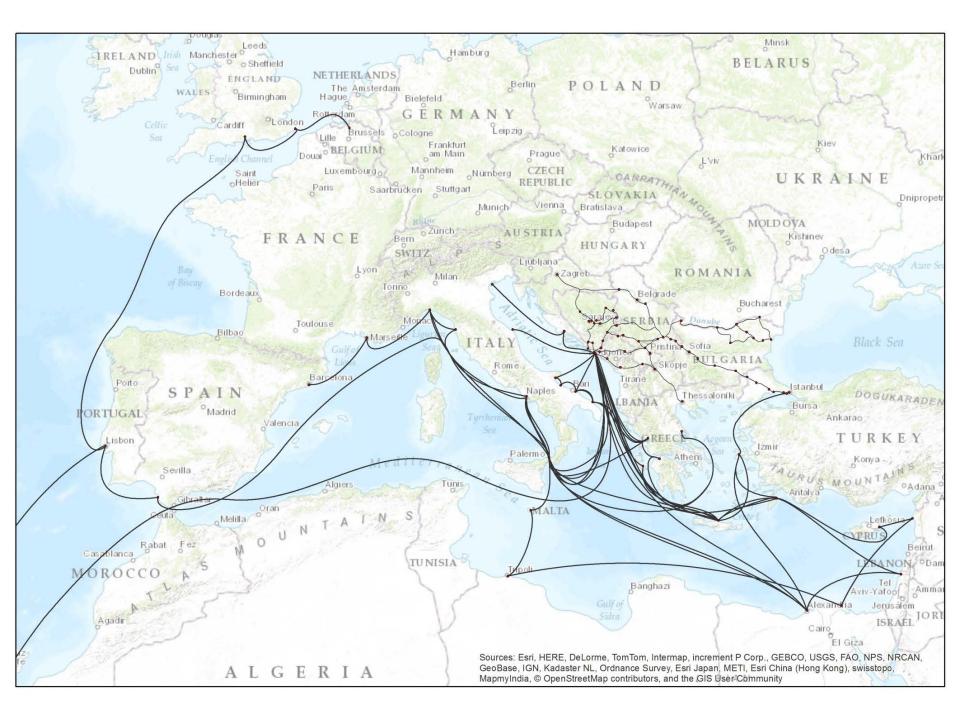


## GLOBAL VALUE OF OLD CITY OF DUBROVNIK

### **KEY THEMES**

### 3. The global trade and political landscape

An important Mediterranean maritime and trading hub from the 13<sup>th</sup> century with economic, political and associative importance



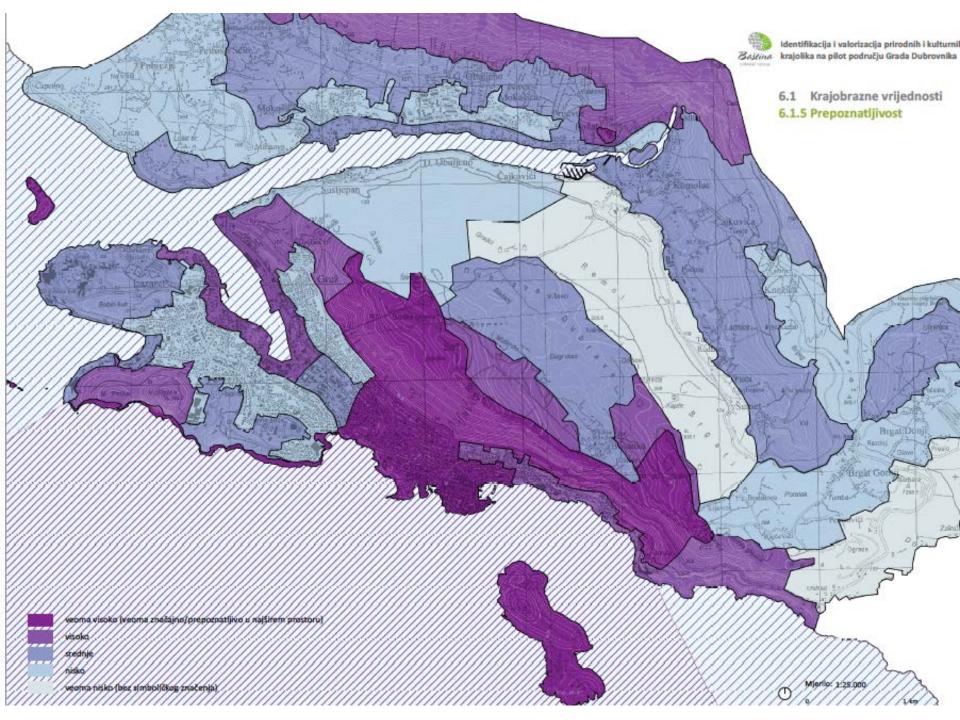
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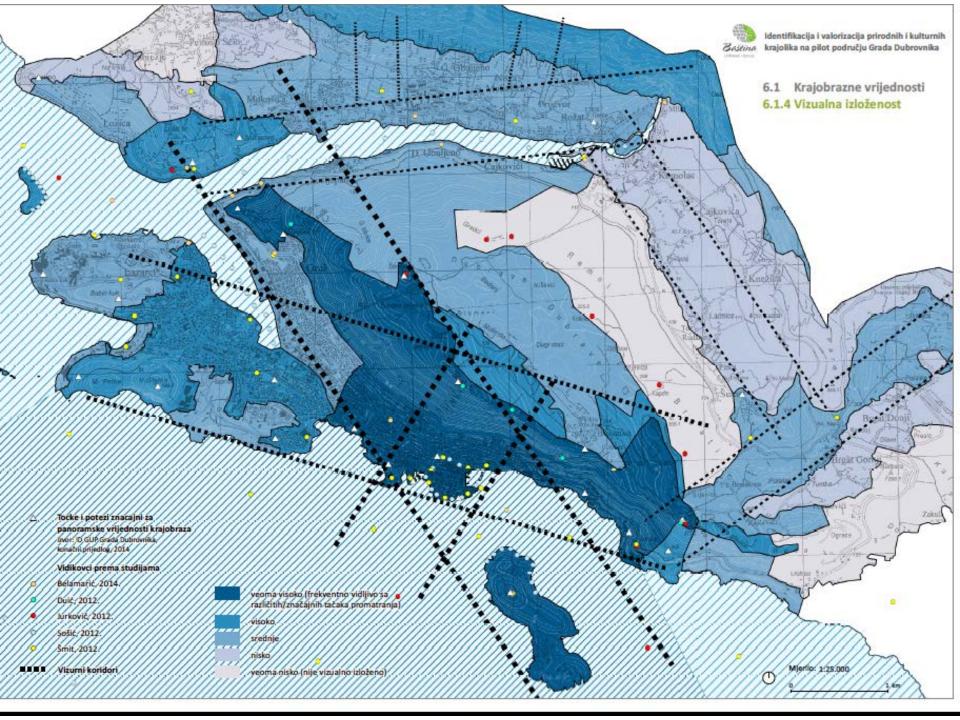
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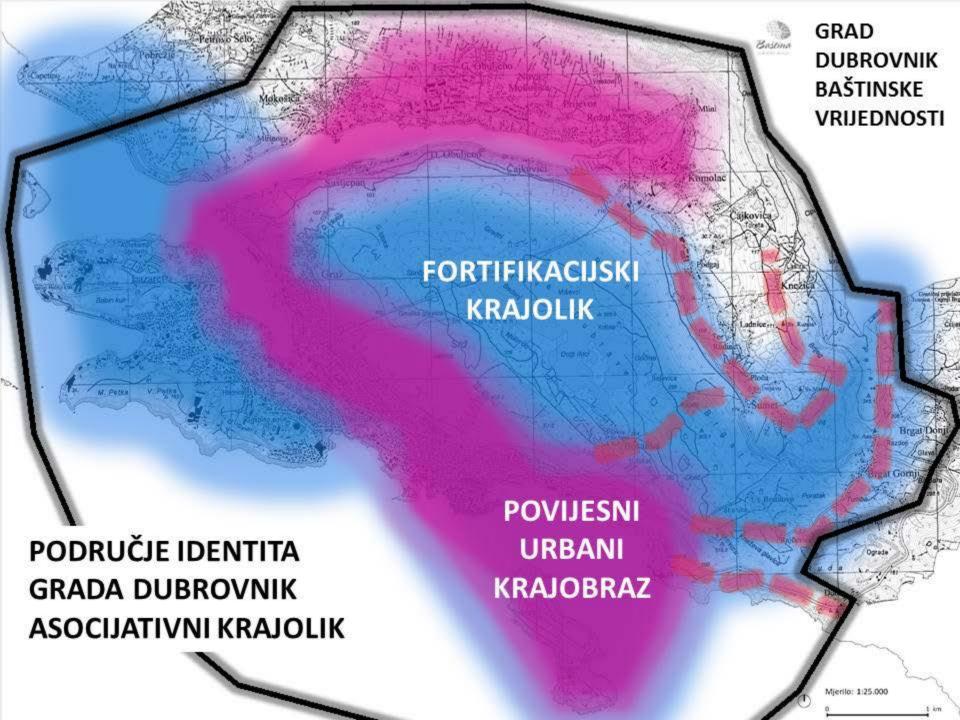
### 4. Dubrovnik identity

The associative landscape

A strong perceptual integrity of Dubrovnik in its maintained strategic position on the Dalmatian coast. High awareness of the inhabitants of the memories and beauty linked to the city and its territory.







# World Heritage property, buffer zone and setting

### **Property**

includes the Outstanding Universal Value

### **Buffer zone**

Protects, enhances and adds to the value

### Setting

a wider area which is part of or contributes to the significance of the World Heritage property. It includes intangible heritage, associations and the current cultural, social, economic context.

Setting does not need to have set boundaries

### OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE "on the ground"

### ATTRIBUTES or key features

- Physical elements
  - aqueduct
- Relationships
  - functional and associative relationship between the Old City and Mt Srd
- Processes
  - continuity of the central position of the Old City
- Associative
  - spirit and feeling, memories, ceremonies

CATEGORY	VALUE	ATTRIBUTE	S		TANGIBLE	
Historic/	Masterpiece of an	The				
architecture and urban planning	architectural and urban complex from 13th century			ublic spaces and street grid, dings and complexes in their		
	Historic Urban landscape		ty, industrial subu	historic urban landscapes urbs, garden villas and		
	Defense landscape	with Mt Srd a islands, communi sea,communi The Main tow barbicans, the	munication routes itaciton roures, on wall with tower	oast with Lokrum and other on land and s donjons and bastions, breakwater, Arsenal,		
	Strong maritime and trading hub in the Mediterranean			e coast with trade routes,		
		break	Aesthetic/	Art	0	riginal location of artworks in public edifices and sacral
		protec	artistic	1000		uildings
		Tradii			In	ternational influences in art
		Exclu	Associative	Political and cultural centre	e In	ternational exchange and influences,
Scientific /	Highly advanced municipal	Advar				trong visual identity of a strategic position on the
technical	infrastructure and health care system	Quara			1	almatian coast
	Craftsmanship	Archit				ledieval city with its summer villas and recreational
		Engin	Political	Dubrovnik Republic as a		reas ortification system
		Shinb	· Oneour	political and administrative power	Н	arbour and public buildings. Warehouses buildings elated to administration
					H	igh public awareness of the identity and value of the city
					by	y citizens
						ving city
			0 :	T 1		ternational relations, consulates
			Socio-	Trade and commerce		arbours and trade routes on lands and sea
			economic Ecological	Advanced Urban	10.1	alt pans queducts, Water and sewage system
			Loological	infrastructure from 15th century	A	quevues, maici anu semaye system
				,	G	arden urbanism on the slopes of Mt Srd ,
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Urban agriculture

Agriculture

cultural landscape with terraces

the city; fields and terraces

Rural areas, pastoralism and agricultural production for

# The quality and condition of the World Heritage attributes

**AUTHENTICITY: truthfulness** 

THEME 1:

Dubrovnik maintains its complete late-medival urban complex including urban plan, architecture and advanced urban infrastructure

### **THEME 2:**

The entire defense system in its strategic position on the coast, islands and the Mt Srd is still legible.

## The quality and condition of the World Heritage attributes contd

### **AUTHENTICITY: truthfulness**

### **THEME 3:**

The importance of Dubrovnik as a major trade hub and political power is demonstrated by the maintained strategic position, trade routes by sea and land, harbours, shipyards, custom houses, warehouses etc. and consulates abroad and cultural influences.

### **THEME 4:**

The high awareness of the inhabitants of the values and beauty of their town is witnessed in the conservation works and in the celebrations; St Blaise.

## The quality and condition of the World Heritage attributes contd

**INTEGRITY: wholeness and robustness** 

THEME 1:

Historic integrity: The medieval urban complex of Old City of Dubrovnik within the city walls and with its medieval urban/industrial suburbs, garden villas and summer residences and urban infrastructure

### THEME 2 and 3:

The political and economic importance of the fortified city is still represented by all parts of its comprehensive defense system and their relation in the landscape, fortifications, harbours, trade and impressive strategic position with Mountain Srd and the surrounding islands.

### **THEME 4:**

The functional and visual integrity of the Old City of the Dubrovnik is maintained, however vulnerable for new developments.

# The function of an Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)

Heritage is not only an object, impacts are not only visual

### HIA can be used as a

- Decision making tool
  - As objective as possible
  - Transparent and accountable
- Proactive planning tool
  - Clarifies for all stakeholders the key components of World Heritage OUV, its status and significance
  - Sets out priorities in management function as management plan strategic objectives
- Monitoring tool
  - Can be used as a database for monitoring programs





## The function of an Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) –think about:

- Any change which can have an impact must be assessed

   regardless the location
- Community benefit is taken into account
- HIA takes into account the context, setting and links with the territory
- Impacts can be **positive** they can strenghten, support and enhance the cultural resource
- One factor of change can have both positive and negative impacts, for example tourism
- Cumulative impacts impacts over time are often the most crucial for cultural heritage
- Management capacity / response is also part of OUV and to be assessed

### Heritage Impact Assessment Dubrovnik project

### What we could not do:

(please see ICOMOS HIA Guidance 2011)

- A 'FULL' HIA targeting a specific change or threat
- Carry out a whole HIA process
- Develop the whole content of an HIA

### Heritage Impact Assessment Dubrovnik project

### What we did:

- Provide database for the OUV
- Identify aspects to be considered in an HIA
- Develop an HIA framework and test it in two cases
  - Summer villas
  - Interrelation between Mt Srd and
     World Heritage property

### **HIA FRAMEWORK**

### STEP 1

What is the heritage at risk and why is it important – how does it contribute to OUV?

### STEP 2

Does a change or a development proposal impact on OUV?

### STEP 3

What is the scale and severity of the impact?

### STEP 4

A summary of impacts and their effect

### STEP 5

How can these impacts be avoided, reduced or mitigated?

#### Summary of factors that may have an impact on Old City of Dubrovnik World Heritage

FACTOR	NATURE	ORIGIN				
	positive	negative	current	potential	inside	outside
Buildings and development	×	×	×	×	×	×
Transportation infrastructure	×	×	×	×		×
Utilities or Service Infrastructure	×	×	×	×	×	x
Pollution, Environmental threat		×	?	×	×	×
Climate change and severe weather events		×		×		×
Biological resource use / modification	×	×	×	×		×
Social/cultural uses of heritage	×	×	×	×		×
Other human activities		×	×	×	×	×
Management and institutional factors	×	×	×	×	×	x

For each attribute, a summary description and grading

Very minor changes to historic

building elements or setting

that hardly affect it

Negligible

very minor

No change

ATTRIBUTE	NATURE OF IMPACT	IMPACT GRADING				
( description)	( description)	Major/Moderate/ Minor/				

Impact grading	Architecture and urban structure	Historic landscape	Intangible Cultural Heritage Associations
Major ( loss of OUV)	Change to key historic buildings and urban structure such that the resource is totally altered Comprehensive change to the setting of the Old City	Change to most or all key historic landscape elements fundamental changes to use or access resulting in a total change to historic landscape character and loss of OUV	Major changes that affect the intangible heritage activities or associations, visual links and cultural appreciation
Moderate (significant modification)	Change to many key buildings/ building elements Change to the setting	Change to significant key historic landscape elements, visual change to many key aspects, noticeable changes in use resulting in limited change to historic landscape character	Considerable changes to area that affect the ICH activities or associations , visual links or cultural appreciation
Minor ( slight change)	Change to key historic building elements Change to setting of an historic building and urban		Changes to area that affect the ICH activities or associations, visual links or cultural appreciation

Very minor changes to key

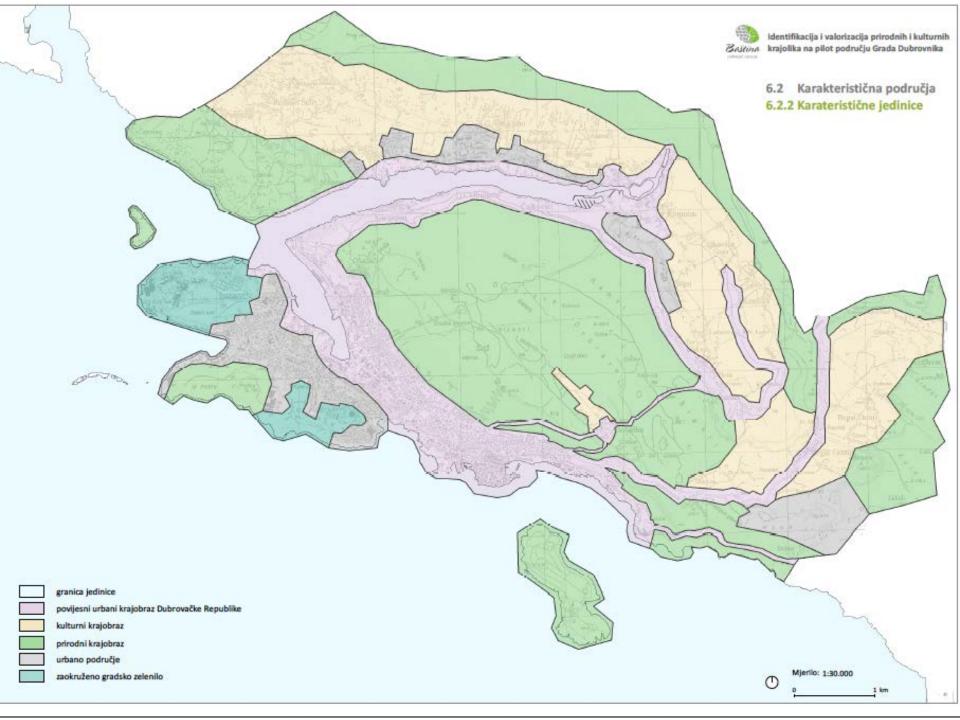
historic landscape elements,

virtually unchanged visual effects,

Housing:		
- urban sprawl /		
- high rise / changes to skyline		
- urban and real estate development		
Commercial development		
- large commercial complexes		
privatization of public spaces		
Major visitor accommodation and associated		
- hotels, golf courses, resorts		
<ul> <li>permanent high cost tourism</li> </ul>		
facilities ( parking , pontoons,		
jetties, observatories, etc		
Interpretative and visitation facilities		
<ul> <li>traits, information centres,</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>moorings, marker buoys</li> </ul>		_
Transportation infrastructure		
Ground transport infrastructure		
<ul> <li>new access roads, car parks,</li> </ul>		
transport depots		
Air transport infrastructure		
<ul> <li>runways, helicopter platforms,</li> </ul>		
Marine transport infrastructure		
<ul> <li>harbour and port facilities</li> </ul>		
Effects arising from use of transportation		
infrastructure		
Utilities or Service Infrastructure		_
Water infrastructure		
Renewable energy facilities		
Localised utilities / major linear utilities		
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Pollution, Environmental threats		
-wind erosion, humidity, water		
Climate change and severe weather		
events, ecological events		
<ul> <li>fire, floods, earthquake, erosion</li> </ul>		
Biological resource use / modification		
- land conversion; rural, agriculture; forestry		
Social/cultural uses of heritage		
- impacts of tourism; visitor pressure		
- religious and associative uses		
- society's valuing of heritage		
- changes in traditional ways of life and		
knowledge systems		
- identity, social cohesion, changes in local		
population and community		
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Other human activies, - illegal activities		
-deliberate destruction of heritage		
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Management and institutional factors		
- Management plan		
- legal framework		
-financial and human resources		

### **HIA FRAMEWORK**

VALUE OF	SCALE AND SEVERITY OF CHANGE / IMPACTS									
HERITAGE ASSET	No Change	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major					
		Change	Change	Change	Change					
			OVERALL IMPAC	T '						
Many within the s	(ADVERSE or B	ENEFICIAL)		4	10					
Key attributes The result for each attribute in Step 3	0	2	3	1	0					
World Heritage properties VERY HIGH	Neutral	Slight	Moderate / Large	Large / Very Large	Very Large					





### STEP 1: WHAT IS THE HERITAGE AT RISK AND HOW DOES IT CONTRIBUTE TO THE OUV

- Related to all key themes of the World Heritage value
- Attributes (list of attributes) in each category:
  - Historic/architecture and urban planning
  - Scientific / technical
  - Aesthetic / artistic
  - Political
  - Ecological
  - Associative
- The authenticity and integrity is very high due to the historic, functional and visual continuity and setting
- The state of conservation: no major changes in land-use. The natural heritage/vegetation and built heritage are vulnerable



### STEP 2: DOES THE PROPOSED CHANGE HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ATTRIBUTES?

FACTOR	NATURE	OF IMPAC	T				
CONTROL OF THE STATE OF THE STA	positive	negative	current	p			opes and ridge
Buildings and development Dominant new developments Urban sprawl		x	x				cal and present storic urban an
Privatization of public spaces		x	x	П			
Interpretative and visitation facilities, trails, information centres	x		x	П	Vousi	oment in th	e fortification s
Changes in use ( residential, tourism,commercial)	x	X	x	П	,		
Transportation infrastructure New roads, widening of roads, car parks Effects arising from traffic infrastructure - light, sound, vibrations, pollution, visual disturbance		x	x		urbani with ur Garder	sm with roa ban green n villas : Ar	ubrovnik urbar ad pattern and ery, gardens ar chitecture and a) as part of th
Utilities or Service Infrastructure Renewable energy facilities; wind, solar etc Powerlines, cell phone towers,		x			Dubro Mt Sro	vnik	tural and cultu
Pollution, Environmental threats Air, water, waste.		x	x	7-			
Climate change and severe weather events fire, erosion, earthquake		x	x		Symbol	nce for the so lic image of [	functional locatio etting of City of D Dubrovnik docum
Biological resource use / modification land conversion , forestry		x	x		and dra	wings since	Middle Ages until
Social/cultural uses of heritage Impacts of tourism, visitor pressure Society's valuing of heritage changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge systems identity, social cohesion	x	x	x		x	x	x
Management response Management plan, legal framework	x	x	x				

Mt SRD SLOPES													
ATTRIBUTES / KEY FEATURES		Impac	ts on	TY						Impa	cts on I	NTEGRIT	1
		Buildir	ngs & fa	bric			Contex	t & settin	ıg				
Mt Srd with its slopes and ridge is a key element Dubrovnik historical and present identity, its fortific system and its historic urban and rural landscape		form&design	material	notion & function	use & lunction	traditirions, tecniques mgt systems	location,historic orientation	intangible	character, spirit feeling	visual	functional	historical	management capacity
Key element in the fortification system of Dubrovni	ik	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key element of Dubrovnik urban complex; garden urbanism with road pattern and design, the relation with urban greenery, gardens and natural vegetati	nship	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?
Garden villas : Architecture and design		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?
Villages (Bosanka) as part of the rural territory of Dubrovnik			-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mt Srd slopes natural and cultural landscape with cultivated terraces		0	0	0		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?
Strategic visual and functional location with high importance for the setting of City of Dubrovnik	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Symbolic image of Dubrovnik documented in paintings		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Add more questions when relevant:



#### STEP 3: WHAT IS THE SCALE AND SEVERITY OF THE IMPACT?

### ATTRIBUTE

#### ( summary description)

Mt Srd with its slopes and ridge is a key element of the Dubrovnik historical and present identity, its fortification system and its historic urban and rural landscape

#### NATURE OF IMPACT

#### (summary description)

(an example for a non-specific urban, road or other development within or outside the area)

The historic and symbolic image of Dubrovnik will be compromised by any changes

New roads and increased traffic will have a negative impact on the character of the Mt Srd

Key visual and functional linkages in the fortification system between Mt Srd and the walled city will be disturbed by any new changes, with a specific importance of the mountain ridge of Mt Srd
Disruption of the historic structure of the rural landscape of Dubrovnik
Potential danger of erosion

#### IMPACT GRADING

#### Major/Moderate/ Minor/ Negligible/ No change

( an example for a non-specific development)

#### SCALE AND SEVERITY:

Moderate / Major change ( significant modification – loss of OUV)

#### SIGNIFICANCE

Large / Very Large





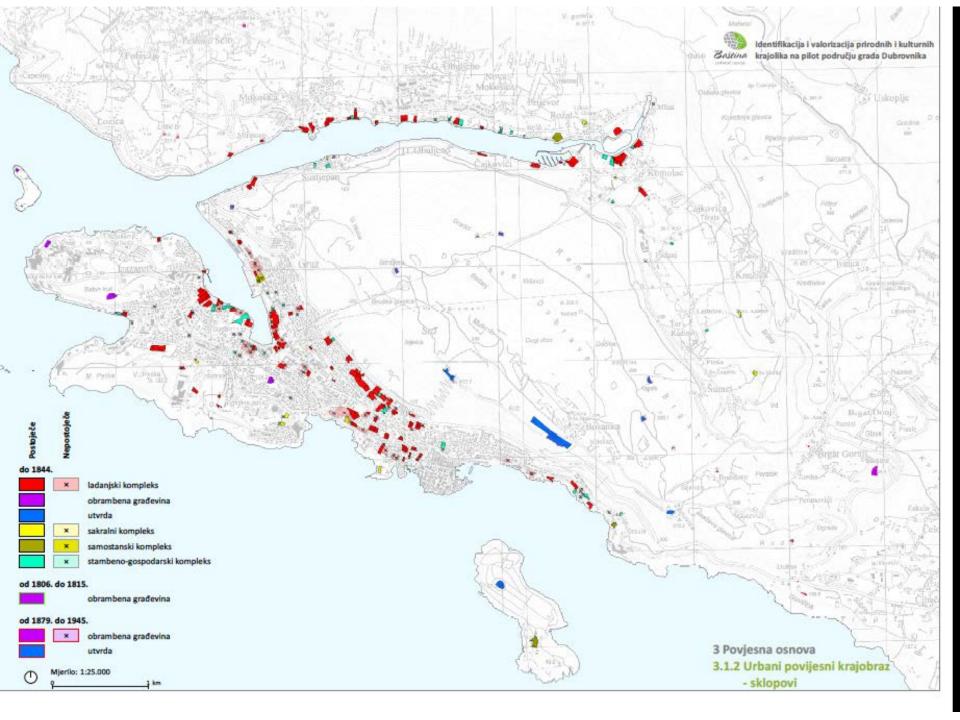
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#### about:

### The significance of the attributes:

The authenticity and integrity can be graded according to the individual residences and to the whole complex of residences along the Bay, for example by

- Number of existing villas
- Historical importance of each complex or villa
- Location and completeness of the individual villas including gardens and terraces and waterfront parterres
- State of conservation; reconstructions, demolitions, additions, including gardens and terraces







### STEP 2: DOES THE PROPOSED CHANGE HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ATTRIBUTES?

ATTRIBUTES / KEY FEATURES	Impacts on AUTHENTICITY								Impacts on INTEGRITY				
	Buildin	Contex	& settir	ng									
raftsmanship	form&design	material	use & function	traditrions, tecniques mgt systems	location, historic orientation	intangible	character, spirit feeling	visual	functional	historical			
Buildings: Architecture and design, Craftsmanship	0	0	-	ř.		-	•	ě	+/-	-			
Villa complex with waterfront parterre, gardens, terraces	•	+/-	5	-		•	•	200	+/-	-			
Cultivated terraces as part of urban agriculture	0	0	+/-	5		17.	100 B		+/-	170			
Use and setting on the Bay, vistas and access routes	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			

### **CONCLUSIONS**

World Heritage of Old City of Dubrovnik is closely integrated with the landscape

The whole project area is contributing to the OUV

The existing spatial planning tools do not address the interlinkages between the OUV key elements or the landscape as a whole



