



PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS AND HISTORIC TOWNS



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SYSTEM OF UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LIST

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The subject of the protection is OUV of the site inscribed on the WH List.

The documentation required for the inscription, does not specify how the OUV is represented by material "carriers".

The values (OUV) of historic sites inscribed on the WHL are specified, but not specified are material "carriers" of OUV.

The precise knowledge about material OUV carriers is crucial to determine the form of protection and scope acceptable transformations.

The OUV protection of historical city requires to define the scope of permissible transformations and identifying their consequences.

In the heritage protection there is no methodology that would allow determining the relationship between the value and its physical representation.

Renoir Mining Town, *Stolica i Centrum Kultury* | Etykiety: Historyc, Centrum of Renoir

OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE AND MONITORING OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES



Unesco Stave Church, *Wooden Churches of Southern Malopolska*

Summary of the Project:
Improvement of the Existing Protection and Management
System for Sites Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List
– Preparation of Statements of Outstanding Universal Value
and Monitoring Indicators Based on Polish and Norwegian
Experience

ASSUMPTIONS FOR PROTECTION OF WH SITES

1. The World Heritage sites are chosen based on clearly defined system of values (only because of this system), in which the subject of the assessment is OUV (only OUV).

Therefore, activities relating to this sites (also transformation) should be assessed primarily from this point of view.

2. The definition of OUV approved by the WH Committee during the site inscription on the WH List is obligatory.

3. On the WH List are inscribed only materially existing objects (sites); the subject of the inscription are not intangible values/connotations heritage.

Therefore, it must be possible to define the elements of site, which are "carriers" of OUV.

4.The elements constituting site (historical city) have a different meaning in the formation of OUV.

5. Protected and monitored should be primarily physically existing "carriers of OUV".

Protection of the value of the physically existing site may be limited to the protection of the physically existing elements and characteristics of these elements.

6. OUV of cultural sites is defined by examining the 6 criteria.

It is therefore necessary to specify a separate "carriers of OUV" for each of the identified criteria.

ATTRIBUTES AND INDICATORS

Values attributes – all the elements and characteristics of the site which are the “carriers” of these values.

Attributes of a site which represents OUV (WH site)

– all the elements and characteristics of the site which are the “carriers” of OUV.

Indicators - all parameters which could be used for monitoring significant alterations (processes affecting attributes).

Indicators could be direct and indirect.

Each attribute should be monitored at least by one indicator.

- “how to measure the indicator”
- “who will do this monitoring”
- “how often the indicator should be monitored”

The stages of analysis of WH site:

1. Determining of values (OUV) site
2. Specifying the attributes of values (OUV)
3. Identifying the indicators for monitoring (site & values)

/site-OUV-attributes-indicators/

Aims and stages of analysis

1.	heritage values	OUV (with WH criteria)
2.	material carriers of these values	attributes
3.	indicators enables control of the state of these values and carriers	indicators

Site analysis conducted within WH documentation is still too general.

It is necessary to elaborate separate analysis schemes for each typological group of heritage.



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