

## ***Hussein Pasha Mosque***

Country or territory:  
MONTENEGRO

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<u>Name and address of building(s) or site:</u>	HUSSEIN PASHA MOSQUE, Pljevlja
<u>Inventory reference number(s):</u>	180
<u>Type of building(s):</u>	Sacral building
<u>Main date(s):</u>	1585-1594
<u>Current use(s):</u>	Mosque
<u>Significance:</u>	

The construction of this mosque, one of the most beautiful mosques in the Balkans, was founded by Hussein Pasha Boljanic, born in a small village near Plevlja, who carried out high functions in Carigrad.

The mosque has a square base with a low dome. In front of the main façade, an open porch on four massive pillars is covered with three smaller domes. A slim 42 meters high minaret, decorated with an ornamental fence near the top, flanks the southern façade of the mosque. The mosque was built of fine ashlar, laid in regular horizontal rows. The interior is richly decorated with floral motives. The *mihrab* (niche for prayers), *mimber* (high pulpit) and *mahfil* (women's gallery) are particularly rich in decoration. The mosque preserves several old manuscripts and printed books. In its collection, a manuscript of the Koran, probably dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, occupies a special place.

Category of significance:

Of special national importance

Category of ownership or interest:

Characteristic building of Islamic culture.

Documentation and bibliographic references:

Documentation

- Decision on the Inclusion in the Central Registry of Protected Cultural Monuments of Montenegro.
- Documentation with drawings from 1960.
- Main Project for Repair, 1986.

- Main Architectural and Construction project, 1986.
- Plans

#### Bibliography

1. Srbljanovic, V.; *Bridges No. 7*, Pljevlja, 1970.
2. *Through Montenegro*, Zagreb, 1969
3. *Mosques in Montenegro*, 2003.
4. Markovic, Cedomir, Vujicic, Rajko; *Cultural Monuments of Montenegro*, Novi Sad, 1997.

#### Condition:

Poor. There are many cracks on the interior and exterior walls.

#### Risk:

Risk depends on the current condition of the Mosque.

#### Condition risk:

Slow decay: solution agreed but there is lack of financial resources for its realisation.

#### Technical assessment and costing:

There is a project for the structural restoration of the mosque but cost assessments have not been carried out.

#### Ownership:

Moslem community.

#### Management:

Moslem community.

#### Summary:

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The Mosque has a *medium* level of potential priority.

#### Sign. and date:

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