

# CRIMINAL CODE OF REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

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## **Article 253.**

Any person who in the course of archaeological, geological, palaeontological or mineralogical research and excavations, archive research or in any other way appropriates excavated items, material or items found that are of cultural or historical value, archive material or natural rarity shall be subject to a prison sentence of from six months to five years.

The sentence prescribed in para. 1 of this article shall also be imposed on any person who contrary to the law destroys or damages a cultural monument, protected natural site or other item of particular cultural or historical value.

Any person who without authorization conducts works of conservation, restoration or research, or who without authorization conducts archaeological excavations or research, as a result of which a monument is seriously damaged or destroyed, shall be subject to a monetary fine or a prison sentence of up to three years.

If the acts defined in paras. 1, 2 and 3 of this article are perpetrated on an item or monument of particular historical or cultural value, or if such acts give rise to major damage, the perpetrator shall be subject to a prison sentence of from one to eight years.