



## GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

### 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Satun UNESCO Global Geopark (Thailand, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network)

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2018

**Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)**



*Visiting Geosites in Satun UGGp*

The JGN delegates and over 130 participants from Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam joined Workshop on Capacity Development of Geoparks in Thailand and Surrounding Countries, was held from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 in Khorat aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark and Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand.

### 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 13 staffs including, 1 geoscientist

**Number of Visitors:** approximately 1.9 million

**Number of Geopark events:** approximately 100, such as:

1. Satun UGGp delegates visited and learnt processes that essential to support the geopark development for San-in UGGp and Oki islands UGGp, Japan during the 30<sup>th</sup> May to the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019



2. Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark, Malaysia and Satun UNESCO Global Geopark signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), June 2019.
3. Langkawi UGGp delegates visited Satun UGGp and discussed the protection of important geoheritages during the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019
4. Satun UGGp delegates jointed as observers with revalidation mission Langkawi UGGp during the 7<sup>th</sup> – the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019
5. Satun UGGp delegates attended 6<sup>th</sup> APGN Symposium, Rinjani Lombok UGGp, Indonesia during September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. Successful application to be host country to organize 7<sup>th</sup> APGN Symposium by 2021.
6. Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia and Satun UNESCO Global Geopark signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), October 2019.
7. Xiangxi Geopark, China and Satun UNESCO Global Geopark signed a Sistering Agreement, November 2019.
8. Satun UGGp delegates visited and exchanged with Administration for Zhangjiajie UNESCO Global Geopark, China during the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
9. Joint Workshop on Capacity Development of Geoparks in Thailand and Surrounding Countries, was held from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 in Khorat aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark and Satun UNESCO Global Geopark.
10. The 6<sup>th</sup> Satun Geopark Fossil Festival
11. Community Base Tourism Promotion
12. Advancement volunteer guide of Satun geopark training
13. Local economy development activities
14. Geological exhibition
15. Welcomed observational study group
16. Conservation environmental activities
17. Geothai 2019 conference
18. The 8<sup>th</sup> Satun's Assembly
19. Decentralized Hand-On Program Exhibition

**Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes : 30**

**Number of Geopark press release :** Numerous among sent releases and interviews given to TV's, magazines, social media and printed newspapers.



### **3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)**

#### **Major achievements in 2019**

JGN and CLMV delegates visited Satun UGGp, Langkawi UGGp, Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu UGGp and Xiangxi Geopark signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Satun UGGp; Geological tourism promoted, along with the development of local transport networks and other facilities; Created job and earned better money with local communities through community enterprises to sustainable development.

#### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation**

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#### **Management and Financial status**

Satun Global Geopark Association has been established on June , 2019 for carry out its various functions.

#### **Geoconservation**

Geoconservation work is carried out by designated staff in areas where representative geoheritages are distributed, such as:

1. Khao Noi rock succession geoheritage site avoid damage from visitors, the site has been protected by FOSSIL PROTECTION ACT B.E. 2551.
2. Cooperation with Department of Mineral Resources in coastal exploration project at Khao To Ngai Geoheritage site.

#### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

There are more a hundred community enterprises for souvenirs, accommodations, food and services. Geopark tourist guide more than 400 persons. The local communities have stability with continuously increasing income.

#### **New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction**

The Administration for Satun UGGp formulated the Administration master plan of Satun Geopark , cooperation with National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) for searching biodiversity , plenty of activities for geoconservation. Cooperation with Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) in Logistics Management for Sustainable Tourism for SUGGp.

#### **Strategic Partnership**

Cooperation with National Park, NGO , Department of Mineral Resources , universities , local hotels , local tourism , commodity companies , community enterprises and TV station, etc.



## Promotional activities

Public Relation by social media , advertising by tourism organization , promotional community based tourism.

### 4. Contacts:

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