

GGN-Geopark Annual Report 2019

Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark

1. Geopark identity

Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China, APGN

Year of inscription/Year of the last revalidation: 2017

Representative Photo:



The Opening Ceremony of Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark
& Workshop on Geoparks' Stimulation of Local Communities

2. Geopark figures

Number of Geopark staffs: 36 staffs including 3 geological technicians

Number of Visitors (2019): 800,000

Number of Geopark Events: 67

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programme: 82

Number of press release: 37

3. Geopark activities

Major achievements in 2019

□ On May 10th and 11th, the Opening Ceremony of Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp & Workshop on Geoparks' Stimulation of Local Communities was held successfully and more than 100 delegates from 3 countries and 20 UNESCO Global Geoparks in China and abroad attended, which signified the formal international debut of

Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp.

Contributions towards GGN - networking and participation

- Participate in 5th HKUGp Capacity Building Workshop from April 11th to 16th, 2019 --- Oral presentation
- Sign the *Sistership Geopark Agreement* with the Jingbohu UNESCO Global Geopark, Shilin UNESCO Global Geopark, and Leiqiong UNESCO Global Geopark on May 10th, 2019
- Visit America, Mexico and Korea for cooperation and collaboration from May 19th to 29th, 2019, reaching the preliminary intention of exchanging visit and being sister parks with Qingsong UGGp in South Korea
- Visit Danxiashan UGGp for collaboration and cooperation from May 27th to 29th, 2019
- Participate in the conference about science popularization in Danxiashan UGGp from June 11th to 14th
- Visit Alxa, Zhangye and Qinling-Zhongnanshan Geoparks to learn the experience of constructing and managing the geoparks
- Visit the Japanese geoparks to learn and communicate from August 27th to September 3rd and make an oral presentation in the 6th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) Symposium in Indonesia
- Visit the Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe UNESCO Global Geopark in Sichuan to communicate and discuss how to prepare for the midterm evaluation
- 6 news reports on GGN website & 2 accepted on GGN Newsletter

Management and financial status

- With a full budget from local government, daily business expenses are sufficient.
- There are one million annual special funds for the protection of geological relics from Department of Natural and Resources of Hubei Province, which can be used for geo heritages protection, interpretation panels updating and sciences popularization.

Geoconservation

- Having established a set of geoheritages protection and inspection mechanism
- Having established a set of monitoring system for geoheritages
- Being in cooperation with China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) and other research institutes, which has laid a research platform for the protection and development of geological relics

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Lecture on *the Value and Meaning of Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp* successfully held on June 3rd, 2019
- The revised version of "*Plan of Huanggang Dabieshan Geopark (2018-2030)*" has been submitted to the provincial Forestry Bureau by the municipal government, and will be submitted to the Ministry of Natural and Resources for the record after being finalized and implemented after being released by the municipal

government.

The Measures for the Administration of Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp has been reported to the municipal government for censorship.

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

The main project of Geological Monitoring Station for Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp has passed the preliminary acceptance and the bidding for the supporting project has been finished with the contract for equipment purchase and installation signed, which played a leading role in geoheritages protection, science popularization and scientific research.

Strategic Partnership

China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) & China University of Geosciences (Beijing)

Promotional activities

Having held a series of activities during the 50th Earth Day

Having held *Workshop on Geoparks' Stimulation of Local Communities* on May 10th, 2019

Having opened the science camp from August 13th to 19th, 2019

Having cooperated with the media to introduce and promote Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp, including Huanggang Daily, Hubei Daily and Xinhuanet

The fourth episode "*Fantastic Dabieshan*" of the documentary "*National Nature Reserve*" of "*Homeland, Dreamland*", CCTV, made a special report on Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp.

The documentary "Lofty Dabieshan" made by Hubei TV introduced Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp in detail.

Having published the popular science book *Learning While Travelling ---- a Story of Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp*

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