

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:

Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Islamic Republic of Iran, Asia Pacific Geopark Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: *2017*



Workshop on young engagement in UNESCO Global Geopark Conservation, 20-22 Feb.2019 (Qeshm Island UGGp)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs:

33 fulltime staff including 2 geologists plus 23 volunteers

Number of visitors:

282,000 (Stars valley Geosite, Chahkooh Geosite, Namakdan Geosite and Geopark Museum)

Number of Geopark events:

- *Workshop on Developmental Assistance for local activists in Soheili Village (Hara Visitor Center). (Apr. 2019)*
- *Celebrating earth day in Chahoo Sharqi Village and workshop on waste management for participant. (22 April 2019)*
- *Workshops on Geopark concept, Geoproduct and creativity in two villages (Chahoo Sharghi and Kaani village). (18 – 20 Jun. 2019)*
- *Seminar on Development of Geoparks in Iran from Theory to Practice Workshop, Field study: Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark. (6 Oct. 2019)*
- *Continuation empowerment project and training course for Qeshm Island local communities (UNDP/SGP projects)*
- *2nd photography training workshop on the subject of body language. (23 July 2019)*
- *Celebrating clean cave day and holding workshop on "caves and protection salt cave geosite". (26 Sep. 2019)*
- *Celebrating "Children Day" in Doulab Village educational center. (8 Oct. 2019)*
- *Annual International Geoparktrail, Qeshm Island UGGp, 2019, (in two categories 30 Km and 70 Km with 600 Marathon Runners). (10 Feb. 2019)*
- *Holding cycling race in Tandis Geosite for the primary school students of Tabl and Melki village. (28 Oct. 2019)*
- *Book reading competition for school student in Doulab Educational center. (15 Nov.2019)*
- *6 workshops on geoproduct for KASHF students in Qeshm Island UGGp villages (Kani, Gouri, Soheili, Guran and Chahoo Sharqi villages). (18-20 Jun. 2019)*
- *Meeting and photography tour in Guran Village. (1 Aug. 2019)*

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

- *Three regional educational centers (Markazi & Shahab and Hara), 33 schools and 90 classes*

Number of Geopark press release:

- *7 programs about Qeshm Island UGGp on National TV*
- *Geopark news in national media (dozens)*
- *Introducing geopark in "Parvaz Ghalam" (local journal for children)*
- *Designing Qeshm Island UGGp tourism map*

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**Major achievements in 2019**

- *Approving plans and budgets for construction new visitor centers in Namkdan and Chahkooh Geosites*
- *Introducing new Geosites (9 Geosites)*

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- *Contributing in the revalidation of Dunhuang UGGp (China)*
- *Participation in the 6th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network symposium (APGN2019), Rinjani-Lombok UGGp, Indonesia*
- *Contribution in a paper in the 15th European Geopark conference, Seville, Spain 2019*
- *Participation in Island Geopark WG activities*
- *Contributing in holding Workshop on UNESCO global geopark development with lecture on introducing Qeshm Island UGGp and its Successful experiences; CAO BANG UGGp, Vietnam 2019*

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Management and Financial Status

- *Total budget is 750,000 USD that provided by QFZ mainly for infrastructures and 50,000 for restoration of existing infrastructure related to visibility*

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Geoconservation

- *Workshop on nature conservation in occasion of world day to combat desertification and drought in Doulab educational center. (17 Jun. 2019)*
- *Designing new interpretive boards about geosites and geological heritage*

- *National Workshop on Youth Engagement in UNESCO Global Geoparks Conservation with participants from Qeshm Island UGGp, Aras and Tabas aspiring geoparks. (20-22 Feb 2019)*
- *Designing and securing geosites walkways*
- *Revising core and buffer zone of Geosites territory to achievement better conservation management.*
- *Developing infrastructure in geosites including walkways, panel boards and ...*

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- *Introducing new Geosites (9 new geosites)*
- *Encouraging and supporting women to participate in tourism activities.*
- *Designing Guran parkmuseum to introducing sailing and indigenous knowledge of boat building*

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

- *Disaster risk reduction courses for school students. (16 Oct. 2019)*
- *Establishing children's specialize library at Doulab Educational Centre.*
- *Providing 3D map of Qeshm Island UGGp for student to better understanding the geology of the geopark.*

Strategic partnership

- *A memorandum of understanding between Qeshm Island UGGp and Qeshm Island Public Libraries and allocation a place in Qeshm Island Public library to introducing Geopark.*
- *Memorandums of understanding between Qeshm Island UGGp and two regional educational centers (Shahab and Markazi) to introducing geopark concept in schools of these two regions.*
- *Geopark partners meeting in Geopark museum*
- *Signing an agreement between Qeshm Island UGGp and Dunhuang UGGp to become sister geoparks (During 6th APGN Conferenc, Rinjani- Lombok UGGp, Sep. 2019)*

Promotional activities

- *Free Geopark museum visit for school students and holding training courses for them.*
- *The National Nomination of two Guran museums as the top museum in the field of creativity and innovation*
- *Collaborating with universities to visit Qeshm Island UGGp and doing studies on the geopark*
- *Redesigning the Geopark website*
- *Contributing to establish a local museum (Deyrestan Village local museum)*

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