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

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs:

33 full-time 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)
- 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)
- 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

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

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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