



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



UNESCO
Global
Geoparks

2nd GGN DIGITAL

FORUM

23-24 FEBRUARY 2021

12:00 - 14:00 GMT



GLOBAL
GEOPARKS
NETWORK

Island Geoparks Working Group

Kazuhiro Nobe

Oki Islands UNESCO Global Geopark

nobe@oki-geopark.jp

Island Geoparks Working Group: Introduction

Group Establishment

- June 2018 – Executive Board nominated members of the new GGN WG on islands
- Coordinator: Kazuhiro Nobe (Oki Islands UGGp, Japan)
- GGN ExB: Nickolas Zouros, Ibrahim Komoo

Group Members

- Azores UGGp, Jeju Island UGGp, Langkawi Island UGGp, Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UGGp, Lesvos Island UGGp, Oki Islands UGGp, Rinjani Lombok UGGp, Satun UGGp, Shetland UGGp, Qeshm Island UGGp

Island Geoparks Working Group: Main targets

- Revitalize island regions
- Share knowledge and know-how of Geopark activities in island regions



Island Geoparks Working Group: Results achieved

1. Cooperated to create a joint brochure introducing island geoparks
 - Current status: decided on contents, gathered necessary information from all member geoparks
2. Gathered ideas on other possible areas for joint projects
 - Marine litter: proposed by Shetland UGGp, an area that has been very successful in volunteer-based annual clean-up projects;
 - Postcard exchange between schools

Island Geoparks Working Group: Future steps

1. Promotional brochure

- Hold a meeting to define in what capacity it can be used in current global situation; change contents in necessary; proceed to designing

2. School exchange

- The 1st exchange was planned for 2020 (cancelled due to school closures)
- Discuss about changing the method of exchange (postcards might be difficult due to post system disruptions)

3. Marine litter

- Oki Islands were planning on hosting a symposium on marine litter in 2020 (cancelled) and invite a speaker from Shetland UGGp to share their good practice
- We still wish to proceed with the plan when hosting a symposium will become possible