

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:: **Arxan UNESCO Global Geopark (China, APGN)**

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: **2016**

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



Earth Day&Sanitation Workers in April ,2021

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs:19 staffs including, 3geoscientists,9employee.

Number of Visitors:14.15million.

Number of Geopark events:

- (1) Axran International Health & Ice Festival;
- (2) World Earth Day;
- (3) Exchanged with Hongkong UNESCO Global Geopark;

- (4) Primary and secondary science activities;
- (5) Study Tourism of Arxan UGGp

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 5

Number of Geopark press release:21

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Main Achievements in 2021

Exchanged with Hongkong UNESCO Global Geopark ;Protective fence and boardwalk、 science propaganda promenade for construction and maintenance in main geoheritage of Arxan Geopark; Arxan Geopark further improved the basic service facilities、 identification system and commentary system in Geopark; Construction of the Arxan UNESCO Global Geopark Gaoshan Scientific Investigation Station.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

Took part in GGN Annual Meeting; And other Online meeting in APGN.

Management and Financial status

The Administration for Arxan Global Geopark established in 2009 is the management body of the geopark, which oversees all aspects of geopark development, including conservation, planning, research, science popularization, promotion, day-to-day management and tourist services. Currently, the administration has 19 staffs in total to carry out its various functions.

The tourism revenue in 2021 is 17.3 billion RMB.

Geoconservation

Geoconservation work is carried out by designated staff in areas where representative geoheritages are distributed, such as the turtleback lava and Tuoengling Tianchi Crater Lake. To avoid damage of geoheritages by visitors, the geopark has erected protective fences around geosites. There are geosite protection boardwalks at the turtleback lava to prevent trampling; Construction of the Arxan UNESCO Global Geopark Gaoshan Scientific Investigation Station.

Sustainable development (Geotourism)

Day reception capacity of more than 1,000 persons; Geopark tourist guide more than 100 persons.

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

The Arxan Geopark has formulated the 2021 annual geological heritage protection and

popular science education work plan; launched the Earth Day special exhibition and popular science report meeting; Compiled the Arxan Geopark Plan (2018-2035)

Geopark Partners

Cooperate with China University of Geosciences, Beijing、Arxan Tianquan Souvenirs Company、local hotels、local tourism commodity company and TV station、Inner Mongolia TV station, etc.

Tourism Promotion Activities

The Arxan UNESCO Global Geopark image video in CCTV1 and Inner Mongolia CCTV 、Took part in China Tourism Industry Fair 2021 、Arxan Winter Tourism Promotion.

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