

Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe UNESCO Global Geopark, Sichuan, China

Annual Report 2019

1.GEOPART IDENTITY

Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe UNESCO Global Geopark, China,
Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN).

Year of inscription: 2018



Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe UNESCO Global Geopark will have the honor to host 2020

Annual Conference of China UNESCO Global Geoparks

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 51 staffs including 2 geoscience professionals and 1 contract geoscientist

Number of Visitors: 1.1 million

Number of Geopark events:

We have held over 20 activities of popular science such as Celebration of World Earth Day on April 22 and National Land Day on June 25, Quiz of Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe UNESCO Global Geopark, Tour of Geological Research and Learning for primary and middle school students of Hongwen, Guilin, Guangxi Province, etc. Among all the visitors last year, around 200,000 of them have visited the Geo-museum. We have also revised travel brochures, tourist maps, field science investigation instructions and such.

Number school classes realize Geopark education programs: 15

Number of Geopark press release: 60

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019:

Attended the 2019 Annual Conference of China UNESECO Global Geoparks and won the host right of 2020 Annual Conference of China UNESECO Global Geoparks.

Finished the research on paleontological fossils found in Shilongzai and the supplementary survey of Geo-heritages in Shenmen. We also concluded the specimen collection for the entire Geopark.

Finished 2 sites of public service advertising in Bazhong City.

Concluded the construction of popular Geo-science plaza of the project of “One-Base-Three-Centers” .

Contribution towards GGN-Networking and Participation

- 1) Actively involved in GGN-Networking
- 2) Attended the 6th Annual Conference of Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) and set up an exhibition booth
- 3) Visited Xiangxi Geopark for exchange of ideas
- 4) Attended the 2019 Annual Conference of China UNESECO Global Geoparks
- 5) Attended the Theme Day Celebration of UNESECO Global Geoparks of China
- 6) Attended the field study of earth-science tourism and the building of Geo-cultural Village in Guizhou Province
- 7) Attended the Guangwushan Tourism Forum of Inquiry-based Learning.

Management and Financial Status :

The Administration Bureau of Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe Global Geopark is responsible for conservation, development and management issues of Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe Global Geopark. Given the two different yet adjacent counties in which the Geopark is located, namely Nanjiang County and Tongjiang County, two subordinate managing bodies are set in place to be held accountable for daily business in their respective area.

Financial budget of the local government, mainly from the superior financial funds designated for geoheritage conservation as well as local financial allocation, covers operating expenses of the managing body at the responding level of the Geopark with an independent accounting. The Central government of China also supports the protection of geoheritage with special funds. And the ticket revenue of scenic spots is used for infrastructure maintenance and daily management.

Geoconservation:

In addition to regular geoconservation, Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe Global Geopark also finished the research on paleontological fossils and the supplementary survey of Geo-heritages in Shenmen. We also concluded the specimen collection including fossils, rocks, and ore for the entire Geopark as well as the public service advertising and the construction of popular Geo-science plaza .

Sustainable tourism(Geotourism) :

1	Finished the construction of popular Geo-science square of Niujiiaoqian
2	Improved the lighting system within several caves such as Longhu, Lion and Loufang
3	Revised all signboards for a greater visibility
4	Upgraded the layout of Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe Global Geopark Museum
5	Built 8 and rebuilt 4 restrooms within the Geopark
6	Increased another 3 Geotourism routes

New Education programs on geoconservation, sustainable

development and disaster risk reduction :

Concluded the Evaluation of paleontological fossils and Geo-heritages in Shenmen Geo-zone.

Held many popular geoscience activities and gave 6 talks in 8 primary and secondary schools on themed occasions such as Earth Day.

Organized serial programs named “Inquiry-based Learning Summer Camp” .

Conducted cross-regional programs of geoscience education for students and teachers of primary and secondary schools from Hongwen, Guilin, Guangxi Province.

Finished the applicant paperwork for the Municipal Base of Science Popularization.

Strategic Partnership:

Established Cooperation relations with Regional Geological Survey Team of Sichuan Geology and Mineral Bureau, Geoparkhome Co.,Ltd, Southwest Petroleum University, Chengdu University of Technology, China West Normal University, Tourism School of Sichuan University and Bazhong Qinding Industry Co.,Ltd. Established a friendly and mutually developing tie with Bazhong Culture&Tourism Development Group Co.,Ltd.

Promotional activities :

The 17th Guangwushan Red Leaf Festival of China and the 5th Guangwushan Ice and Snow Festival were held in Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe Global Geopark, attracting

many tourists from home and abroad and generating tremendous income for local tourism. During the Red Leaf Festival, around 40,000 people visited the Geopark on the daily basis and gave a great impetus to the local economy.

We managed to win media coverage by major media in China including CCTV, China Natural Resources News, Sichuan TV and Sichuan Daily.

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