

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Non nuoc Cao Bang UNESCO global geopark, Viet Nam, Asian pacific network

Year of inscription: April 2018

Hosting the International Conference on “UNESCO global geopark, tools for sustainable tourism development”



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 08

Number of visitors: Around 1.000.000

Number of Geopark events: Clarify the events held by management body and cooperative organization

Number of school classes realizes Geopark educational programmes: 200

Number of Geopark press release: 2.500

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Cooperated with The [Permanent](#) Delegation of Viet Nam to UNESCO to prepare the “livelihood initiatives to send to potential donors”;
- Cooperated with UNESCO to organize the International [Conference](#) on “*UNESCO global geopark, tools for sustainable tourism development*”;
- Conducted 6 training courses on raising awareness and capacity building for local

communities and tourists' service providers;

- Continue to cooperate with Department of Education and Training to carry out geopark education activities in schools in geopark territory;
- Completion of the project on installment of Information, direction, partners and advertisement entrance panels of three routes of the UGGp;
- Cooperated with Kolia Limited company, Center for Rural economic development and Center for Technology and Science application to initiate geopark products.
- Directed by the Dept. of Cultures, Sports and Tourisms, Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp cooperated with Trung Khanh District authorities organized the Ban Gioc tourism festival 2019.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Received the study visit of Delegation of Les Manures Aspiring geopark from France on the experience of developing UNESCO global geopark in Cao Bang, Viet Nam.
- Cooperated with UNESCO to organize the International conference on ““UNESCO global geopark, tools for sustainable tourism development””
- Cooperated with Viet Nam National Commission for UNESCO to carry out the volunteer program of German National Commission for UNESCO;
- Participated at the the 6th Asian Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) Symposium in Indonesia, presented and shared experience on the development of UGGp model at the Symposium as well as joined the Geofair.

Management and Financial Status

- Non nuoc Cao Bang has Management board which is a Division under the management of Department of Cultures, Sports and Tourisms. Apart from that Non nuoc Cao Bang maintains an annually provincial level progress review meeting which is chaired by the Chairman (Governor) of Cao Bang province, and its annual development program is issued and instructed by People's Committee of Cao Bang province.
- The Geopark receives an annual budget from People's Committee of Cao Bang province of about 200.000 USD.

Geoconservation

- Cooperated with the Institute of Geo-science and Mineral resources to carry out the project on Defining the heritage area for the protection of heritage sites;
- Cooperated with people's committee of Hoa An district to set up a task force to manage the geo-sites in Hoa An district;
- Districts in geopark territory installed trashcans to collect rubbish and engaged local communities in environment protection activities.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Invited tour operators to experience the Three experience routes and the geopark partners of Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp so as to include these geosites into their tours.
- Capacity building for geopark partners on tourism

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

- Geopark partner-Cao Bang Joint stock Company carried out training courses and practice for staffs on heritage protection, fire prevention & safety.

Strategic partnership

Promotional activities

- Issued 4 News briefings with total of about 2.500 presses, 900 copies of Geopark guide books, and 6000 leaflets.
- Disseminated geopark activities on Facebook and website of the Geopark, total visitors per month is about 25.000.
- There were about 1000 news, clips about Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp on TV and News of Cao Bang province or national Press.

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