

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Non nuoc Cao Bang UNESCO Global Geopark, Viet Nam, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2018 / 2022



Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp received the flag to host the 8th APGN Symposium in 2024.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 12 staffs including 01 geoscientist

Number of visitors: About 1.04 million arrivals

Number of Geopark events: 15 (05 by Geopark Management Board and 10 by Geopark Management Board and relevant departments or districts)

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 113 out of 163 Secondary and High schools in the Geopark territory maintain the “Geopark ambassador club”

Number of Geopark press release: 04 News briefings with 4,800 copies

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- Installing check-in panels presenting outstanding features of paleo-environment at 04 geosites to attract tourists and to visualize the formation of the geosites.
- Receiving the first revalidation
- Attending APGN 7 and winning the bid to host APGN 8 in Cao Bang in 2024
- Organizing the Competition on ““Environmental protection initiatives” in Non nuoc Cao Bang

Geopark 2022 for Secondary and High school students

- Conducting surveys to develop the 5th tourism route connecting Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp and Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp
- Strengthening the Geopark Partner Network (Field study tour for Geopark partners in Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp, capacity building workshop...)

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in the 7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium (APGN 7) in Satun UGGp, Thailand
- Participation in “Let’s do it” Zoom meetings between members of APGN
- Participation in the 20th International Symposium on Vulcanospleology (ISV 20) and the Seminar 15 years of Geopark Development in Viet Nam in Dak Nong UGGp
- Digital meeting on discussing the potentials of sistership establishment with Leye-Fengshan UGGp (China)
- Articles in GGN Newsletter, GGN Geodiversity day publication.

Management and Financial Status

In 2022, The Geopark receives a budget of about US 385,000\$ (9,200,000,000 VND) from People’s Committee of Cao Bang province.

Geoconservation

- Maintaining the application of Directive No.14/CT-UBND dated October 20th 2017 of the Chairman of the Provincial People’s Committee on strengthening the management and protection of geological, cultural heritage, nature and environment in Cao Bang Province.
- Maintaining the application of Official Dispatch No.2550/UBND-CN of the Provincial People’s Committee on realizing the product of the “Defining heritage areas and proposing solutions on conservation and promotion of heritage in Non nuoc Cao Bang geopark”
- Cooperating with Education and Training Department to organize a Competition on “Environmental protection initiatives” in Non nuoc Cao Bang Geopark 2022 for Secondary and High school students, attracting 147 students and 66 submissions.
- Conducting periodical inspections at geosites

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Cooperating with the Management Board of Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp, Vietnam Institute of Geosciences and Mineral Resources to conducts field surveys for the development of a new tourism route connecting the two UGGps
- Involving Geopark partners in a study tour to learn about the community-based tourism in Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp
- In cooperation with Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp organing a workshop on sharing experience in tourism development between partners of the two Geoparks

- Supporting the establishment of a Steering Committee on monitoring fair and equitable benefit-sharing in community-based tourism activities in Khuoi Ky stone village
- Training and piloting onsite waste treatment in Khuoi Ky stone village

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

- Cooperating with The Provincial Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union to organize a workshop on start-up orientation on sustainable tourism development in the geopark territory for the youth
- Workshop on awareness raising about sustainable tourism development in Khuoi Ky stone village
- Workshop on awareness raising about participatory destination management in Khuoi Ky stone village
- The Department of Education and Training involved the students and members of youth unions in cleanup activities and planting trees at schools, geo-sites and residential areas with the participation of on the occasion of the Youth Union anniversary or World Cleanup Day

Strategic partnership

- Cooperative activities with Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp (mentioned above)

Promotional activities

- 04 News briefings with a total of 4.800 presses; 1,800 guidebooks and 3,000 leaflets;
- Producing 07 promotional clips presenting Geopark's values and activities
- Posting entries on website, Facebook and Instagram
- The Provincial Television broadcasting 100 editions related to the Geopark;
- More than 600 news/articles/pictures were printed or uploaded on Cao Bang Provincial Newspaper.

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