

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Songshan UNESCO Global Geopark (China, Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2016



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 156 staffs including 6 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: 16.58 million

Number of Geopark events:10

During the spring festival, Songshan Global Geopark organized traditional Chinese culture lectures ;The 50th World Earth Day Propaganda Week Activities held by Songshan Global Geopark ; Songshan Global Geopark marked 43rd International Museum Day ;Henan Province Natural Resources Science popular Base Joint Exhibition was held in Songshan Global Geopark ; Henan University "Flying Dream" Geography International Summer Camp was operated in Songshan Global Geopark ;Songshan Forum 2019 Annual Conference was successfully held in Songshan; National Science Day Propaganda Week Activities held by Songshan Global Geopark;

Primary and secondary school students participated Study travel held in Songshan Global Geopark;The 5th international training course on UNESCO Global Geopaks Management and development was conducted in Songshan Global Geopark; Opening Ceremony of the National conference on Lifelong Learning Dengfeng branch was held in Songshan Global Geopark.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 80

Number of Geopark press release: 12

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

1.Henan Province Natural Resources Science popular Base Joint Exhibition was held in Songshan Global Geopark.

2.The 5th international training course on UNESCO Global Geopaks Management and development was conducted in Songshan Global Geopark.

3.The local govenment has began to expand the construction of Tourism road in Songshan Global Geopark .

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

1. Songshan participated in the 6th Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium . 2. Songshan paid the annual fee of 1500 Euro to the UGGpC . 3. The 5th international training course on UNESCO Global Geopaks Management and development was organized jointly by China University of Geosciences (Beijing) and Songshan Global Geopark.

Management and Financial Status

In 2004, Songshan Global Geopark has formed Songshan Global Geopark administration committee. As of now, this committe contains 156 administration officers, and has six departments: Affairs office , Museum of Songshan Geopark ,Geological Relics Protection Branch, Financial Audit Branch, Geopark Promotion Branchand Administration and Law enforcement agency.

In 2019, Songshan Global Geopark has achieved steady growth with financial income of 343.89 million yuan, expenditure of 274.95million yuan, the balance of 68.94 million yuan.

Geoconservation

According to the “Songshan Global Geopark Geological Heritage Protection: Development and

Utilization Detailed Planning (2016-2020).”, we formulated the “2019 Songshan Global Geopark Geological Heritage Protection Plan” and signed the geological heritage liability statement. Staff of the geopark regularly carry out inspections to focus on protected areas. We, also, publicized the supervisory phone number and enhanced the social supervision.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

In 2004, the Geopark established seven popular tourist routes, began to develop geotourism. In 2019, 4.68 million tourists visited Songshan Global Geopark. The number of visitors increased by 16.2% over the previous year.

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

We made " Songshan Global Geopark science class plan for High School of Dengfeng City "in 2009, according to the plan, the junior high schools of Dengfeng City should arrange three geological science lectures each semester, each time the number of participants is not less than 400 pupils.

Strategic partnership

China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), Henan Polytechnic University, Henan Provincial Geological Survey Institute, Songshan Mineral Water Company , Little Boy Agricultural Products Company, Ying River Grape Manor

Promotional activities

2019 Songshan Shaolin kongfu contest ; The 11th National Traditional Games of Ethnic Minorities of the People's Republic of China; the 10th Songshan Autumn Leaves Festival , 2019 Songshan Shaolin International Marathon.

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