

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

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

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2005 / 2017

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



Handicrafts Competition

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 162 staffs including 7 geoscientists, 5 employee.

Number of visitors: 4.2 million

Number of Geopark events: 11

(1) the 52nd World Earth Day (2) Science Popular Activities, Books Donation (3) Popular Science Activities in Summer Holiday, Museum Visit (4) Distribution of leaflets (5) The 5 th "little tour guide" Competition (6) Activities on International Day for Disaster Reduction (7) Activity with local culture Museum (8) Handicrafts Competition (9) Symphony Concert at Arshihaty Stone Fortest (10) The third Tourism Industry Development Conference in Chifeng City (11) Intangible Heritage promotion & exhibition activities on Cultural and Natural Heritage Day

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 38

Number of Geopark press release: 27

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- 3 new Infrastructure projects
 - a. Ashihaty Stone Forest Exhibition Center
 - b. Xar Maroon Study-Tourr Camp
 - C. Pingdingshan Popular Science Field Trip Routes
- Collect and Submit the material for the fourth Revalidation
- Training English little tour guide 14 students.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- 12 on-line conference: The 2nd Digital Forum; Welcome Digital Event For the New UNESCO Global Geoparks; DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks.
- Video conference with Mount Tai, Alxa and Hong Kong World Geopark.
- Exchange visit with Alxa desert UGGp、 Ningcheng National Geopark and Ximeng Geopark.

Management and Financial Status

- Administration for Hexigten UNESCO Global Geopark has 5 departments and 23 staffs, with well financial situation. In 2021, 4 new employee has been transferred in to enrich management positions.

Geoconservation

- Prohibited to carry out any illegal activities in the park in accordance with the regulations on the planning and protection of geoheritages.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- In 2021, The Geopark Museum was open for free and scan the QR code to make reservations for visitors.

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

- Cooperated with China University of Geosciences (Beijing) ,4 scientific research works were ongoing :
 - 1) "Study on the spatiotemporal relationship of Haolai river's evolution"
 - 2) Longpudu Study-Tour Handbook
 - 3) Ophiolite and Plate tectonics leaflet
 - 4) Field Guidebook on Mt. Pingdingshan

Strategic partnership

- Established cooperative relations with 7 government departments, including the Ethnic and Religious Committee of Hexigten , the Office of Intangible Cultural Heritage, etc.
- Collecting specimens for Ashihaty Exhibition Center from 20 UGGp in China .
- Set up cooperative relationship local workroom.

Promotional activities

- Update the signing system, include 160 interpretation panels、 14 traffic guide panels、 9 Outdoor Promotion Boards and 19 monitoring points.
- Completed the partnership agreement
- Install a LED screen outside the museum to play popularization and promotion short videos circularly.

4. CONTACTS

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