

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2018

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: **15.30 million**

Number of Geopark events: 10

Greeting the spring festival , Songshan traditional culture and Physical sciences lecture; The 49th World Earth Day Propaganda Week Activities held by Songshan Global Geopark ; Children 's Day science park activities supported by Songshan Global Geopark; Songshan Geological Science summer camp of Henan University; Songshan Forum 2018 Annual Conference; National Science Day Propaganda Week Activities held by Songshan Global Geopark; The 12th Zhengzhou International Kungfu Festival ; Science into campus activities held by Songshan Global Geopark; Scientific tourism activities for local middle school students ; Youth Volunteer Activities aims to protect

Songshan.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 60

Number of Geopark press release:6

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulleted)

Major achievements in 2018

1.Songshan held the 12th Zhengzhou International Shaolin Kongfu Festival successfully.

2.The plan of Tourism road construction in Songshan Geopark passed expert assessment.

3.Songshan has carried out national-level tourism standardization scenic spot creation activities from 2018.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

1. Songshan participated in the 2018 Annual Conference held by CGN . 2. Songshan paid the annual fee of 1500 Euro to the UGGpC . 3. Songshan Conducted a survey on the geological heritage and cultural heritage of Songshan UNESCO Global Geopark.

Management and Financial status

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

In 2018, Songshan Global Geopark has achieved steady growth with financial income of 293.58 million yuan, expenditure of 234.10million yuan, the balance of 59.47 million yuan.

Geoconservation

According to the “Songshan Global Geopark Geological Heritage Protection: Development and Utilization Detailed Planning (2016-2020).”, we formulated the “2016 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 2018, 4.03 million tourists visited Songshan Global Geopark. The number of visitors increased by 10.4% 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 " ten years ago, 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

Henan Polytechnic University, Henan Provincial Geological Survey Institute, Songshan Mineral Water Company , Little Boy Agricultural Products Company, Ying River Grape Manor

Promotional activities

2018 Songshan Shaolin kongfu contest ; The 12th Zhengzhou International Shaolin Kongfu Festival; the 9th Songshan Autumn Leaves Festival , 2018 Songshan Shaolin International Marathon.

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