

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020



Students field learning experience at the Stone garden geosite.

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

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

Year of inscription: April 2018

2. FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 11

Number of visitors: Around 600.000

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

Number of school classes realizes Geopark educational programmes: 118

Number of Geopark press release: 4.800

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- 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.
- Conducted 7 training courses on raising awareness of geopark and participatory tourism development planning in relevant districts for authorities, communities and tourist service

providers;

- Supported in the establishment of 6 “Geopark ambassador clubs” in piloted Secondary schools and High schools; cooperated with the Department of Education and Training to organize 3 workshops on developing framework document and operational guiding document for the implementation of the club model, a training of trainers workshop for teachers in charge of the clubs; organized field experience trips to take the teachers and students participating in the clubs to experience heritage sites of the 3 experience routes;
- Cooperated with Vietnam Television to produce 4 episodes of the documentary film “Discovery” to communicate and promote heritage values of Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp;
- Implemented the Plan on area extension of Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp; developed supplementary dossier on geopark’s area extension.
- Cooperated with VIE/036- Wise use of water in agriculture and international consultants to develop the strategy for the sustainable tourism development in the districts in Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp territory; organized workshop on launching the implementation of the sustainable tourism practice booklet in the geopark territory.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Celebrated “the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples” on August 9th, 2020; “the International Museum Day” on May 18th, 2020 and “the World Cleanup Day” on September 19th, 2020;
- Participated in the digital regional conference of Asia Pacific Global Geoparks Network on October 20th, 2020;
- Participated in the Welcome Digital Event for the new UNESCO global geoparks on July 16th, 2020;
- Sent a geopark promotional clip to join the Global Geoparks Network Film Festival during the 9th International Conference on UNECO Global Geoparks scheduled in Jeju Island UNECO Global Geopark, in North Korea;
- Cooperated with related departments to develop proposals and had them sent to ask for aids from NGOs in phase 2020-2025;
- Participated in a Digital Training course on UNESCO global geopark label management organized by the Global Geoparks Network.

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 7.388.542.000 VND.

Geoconservation

- Cooperated with Center on Karst and Geo-heritage, Vietnam Institute of Geo-sciences and Mineral resources to completed the project on Defining the heritage area for the protection of heritage sites and promotion of heritage values;
- Carried out the management, monitoring and cessation of the selling of the geological materials at some heritage sites;
- Established management groups at heritage sites in Non nuoc Cao Bang territory;
- Continued to installed trashcans to collect rubbish and engaged local communities in environment protection activities;
- Provide solutions on the exploitation of limestone for common building materials of quarries in the geopark area or near the High way, affecting heritage sites.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Cooperated with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to research and develop booklets on sustainable tourism practice and planning in the geopark territory;
- Engage local communities, school students, youth union in raising awareness of the public in environmental protection and cleaning heritage sites as well as residential areas in the Geopark territory on the Celebration of World cleaning up day.
- Capacity building for geopark partners on responsible tourism and sustainable tourism planning.

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

- Integration of geopark education in teaching curriculum of Secondary and Uppersecondary school.
- Conducted training courses on participatory sustainable tourism development planning for officers, communities and tourist service providers;

Strategic partnership

Thematic Seminar on Enhancing geopark education in school with the cooperation from Dong Van Karst UGGp.

(Due to Covid 19-Activities on working with strategic partners were very limited).

Promotional activities

- Issued 4 News briefings with total of about 4.800 presses, 1.000 copies of Geopark guide books, and 6.000 leaflets.
- Disseminated geopark activities on Facebook and website of the Geopark, the total number of visitors per month is about 29.000.

- There were about 500 news, clips about Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp on TV and News of Cao Bang province or national Press (including 147 news on Cao Bang Radio-Television, 200 news and articles on Cao Bang News, and about 200 news and article on websites and News briefing of the geopark)

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