

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:

Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Republic of Korea, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2010 / 2018

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



Geotrail activities in Jeju Island UGGp in 2019: Geotrail interpreter activity at Samdasoo Forest Geotrail (left)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 9 staffs including 1 geoscientist

Number of visitors: 15.2 million visitors to the geopark in 2019.

Number of Geopark events: 3 Geotrail events

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes : 15

9 Geo-school programs for elementary schools, 2 Geo-guide education programs, 4 capacity-building programs for residents

Number of Geopark press release:

2 newsletters, 1 guide book, 4 leaflets, 1 educational programme book

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Suwolbong Geotrail in April, Gimmnyeong Geotrail in October, Samdasoo Forest Geotrail in November
- Geo-branding revitalization project, Geo-school program operation

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- “9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks” to be held in Jeju UGGp – three official meetings convened by the organizing committee
- Preparation for the 9th International Conference, Establishment of Detailed Action Plan, the Official Homepage and various promotional activities.
- attended the 6th APGN Symposium in Lombok, Indonesia
- attended Tambora Geopark Festival in Indonesia and the Int’l workshop Ly Son in Vietnam

Management and Financial Status

- Sustained and stable budget funded by central and local governments.
- A total of 9 employees for the management and more than 100 operational members stationed at representative geosites

Geoconservation

- Most Geosites designated as a national monument, and others designated as a Protected Area by Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Guided tours, accompanied by interpreters, provided free of charge throughout the year and Geo-school run by Geopark Interpreters
- 2 master’s theses and 1 book on Geotourism-related research published
- Self-research on Geotourism of Gimnyeong Geotrail published

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

- Geopark animation for children created and distributed for educational purposes and forest maintenance in the potential rockfall hazard areas.
- 3D surveying and LIDAR shooting of hazardous areas due to the impact of climate change

Strategic partnership

- 3 additional businesses in partnership for Geo activity, Geo house, Geo academy

Promotional activities

- Promotion of “Geo Branding Revitalization Project” pursuing regional development based on Geopark (photo)



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