

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark, MALAYSIA

Member of Asia Pacific Geopark Network

**Year of inscription: 2007**

**Year of the last revalidation: 2019**

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 52 staff (including 1 resident geologist & 11 rangers)

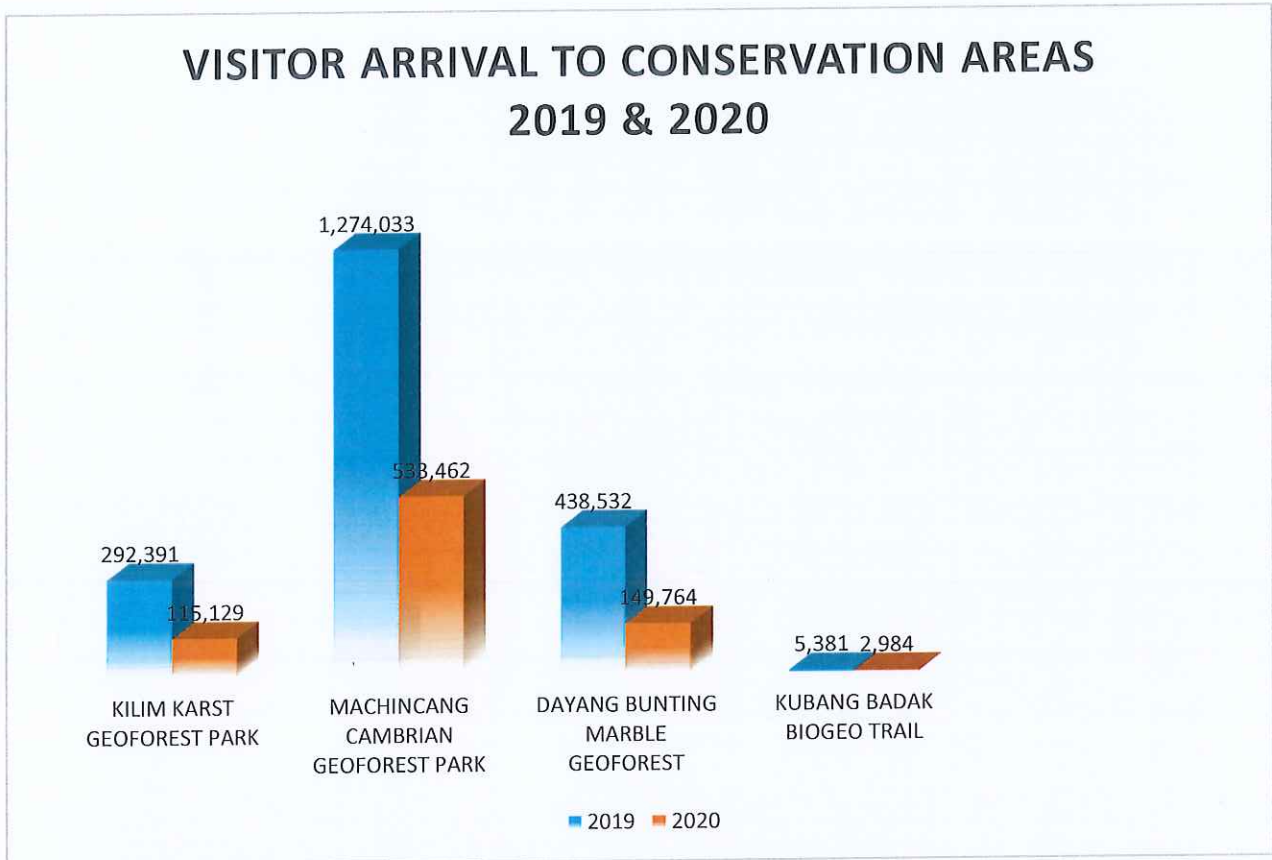
### Number of visitors:

1) Visitor Arrival to Langkawi as below:

- Year 2019 – 3,924,326 persons
- Year 2020 – 1,802,602 persons

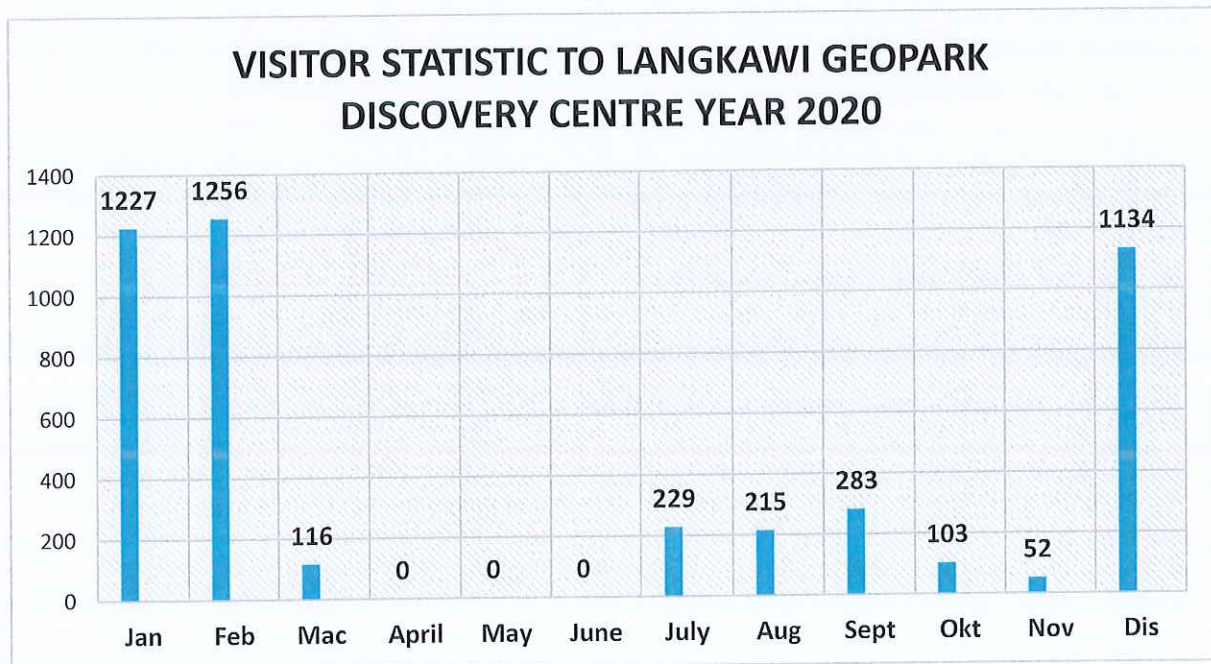


2) Visitor to Geoforest Parks – conservation area as below:



2) Visitor Arrival to Langkawi Geopark Discovery Centre (LGDC)

- LGDC officially open to public : 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020
- Year 2020 : 4,615 person



\*Mac-June partial lockdown (COVID-19)

### **Number of Geopark events:**

#### Conservation Events

- By the office of LUGGp :  
GeoMangrove : 36 program (Every Sunday – exclude Mac-May due to MCO (COVID-19 pandemic)  
Geosite Cleaning : 48 program (Every Wednesday)  
GeoEdu/GeoCoral/EduMarine : 7 programs
  
- By Geoparkian (Langkawi people/stakeholder) :  
Geosite Cleaning : 36 program (Every Saturday – exclude Mac-May due to MCO COVID-19 pandemic)

### **Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:**

#### Online Geopark to School Programme:

1. Collaboration Programme : Jungle Ambassador International Langkawi Geopark Eco-Schools Challenge 2020  
No. of Participant : 400 students (primary school regionally – Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia)
  
2. Collaboration Programme : Axiata Young Talent Programme (AYTP) 2020  
No. of Participant : 121 students

**Number of Geopark press release:** 20 press release

### **3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

#### **Major achievements in 2020**

- Retained Green Card Status for 2020-2023 of Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark Revalidation
- The grand opening of Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark Discovery Centre (LGDC); the first in the country

#### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- Participated in International Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2020 on 10-26 June 2020 (UNESCO Global Geoparks : Territories of Resilience)

## **Management and Financial Status**

- Management (RM 1.5 Million):
  - Langkawi Geopark advisory council
  - Promotion & physical development committee
  - Education & public engagement committee
  - Conservation & scientific committee
  
- Development Budget (RM 9.0 Million) mainly involve in upgrading facilities and developing new geopark trail.

## **Geoconservation**

- Geosites Cleaning Weekly Programme involving various government agencies and Ngo's with selected geosites
- GeoMangrove - a weekly programme, planting mangrove trees
- GeoCoral/GeoMarine - Quaterly programme of coral propagation at selected geosites
- Trash Hero - A weekly programme, cleanup at selected popular spots for tourist.

## **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- Introduced Drop Stone Trails at Tanjung Mali and Tanjung Tirai (Cave Trail)

## **Strategic partnership**

- A visit to Kinta National Geopark for an exchange of information and bilateral relationship
- Co-cooperation and exchange information's with Muroto UGGp, Japan
- Co-cooperation and exchange information's with Jerai National Geopark
- Digital Conference (webinar) with Indonesia on 26 June 2020 (Develop and Maintained geosite within geopark)

## **Promotional activities**

- Updated new information all about Langkawi Geopark through official website [langkawigeopark.com.my](http://langkawigeopark.com.my) and [naturallylangkawi.my](http://naturallylangkawi.my)
- Updated information about Langkawi Geoproduct : 1<sup>ST</sup> GEOFOOD in Asia (Mineral Water)
- Participated World Hospitality, Lifestyle and entertainment Exhibition & Conference (WHOLE2020)
- Participated World Earth Heritage Exhibition Program : Strategic Collabrations within LADA and Under Water World (UWL)

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