

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Dong Van karst plateau Unesco global geopark, Viet Nam, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network

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

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



An art performance at the ceremony to 10th anniversary

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 24 staffs including 3 geoscientists

Number of Visitors:

- Over one million and four hundred (1.500.000+) visitor come to Ha Giang province

- Over one million (1.000.000+) visitor come to Dong Van UGGp

Number of Geopark events:

- Organization by management body:

+ Happy new year and Welcome the first international visitor come to Ha Giang in 2020

+ Ceremony to 10th anniversary of UNESCO recognition of Dong Van Karst Plateau as a global geopark

- Cooperative organization:

+ Buckwheat Flower Festival

+ Mong Ethnic Cultural Festival

+ Ha Giang Discovery Marathon

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 200+ every year (in 120+ schools)

Number of Geopark press release: 2 news letters

### **3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

- Major achievements in 2019:

- Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation: Fulfilled GGN annual fee responsibility; Attend the Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2020; Attend the GGN digital meeting; Attend the APGN CC digital meeting.

- Management and Financial status: In good Management and Financial status

- Geoconservation: All Geosites are well protected

- Sustainable tourism (Geotourism): More Geosites are included in tourism with better interpretations

- the Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction:

+ Education programme for local peoples, school and visitors to increase the interest, knowledge on UNESCO Global Geoparks

+ Celebrate earth day (22 April)

+ The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (13 October)

+ World cleanup day (19 september)

- Strategic Partnership: Having Strategic Partnership with 3 UGG, 1 National Geoparks, 40+ other Organization (Transportation Companies, Hotels, Restaurants, schools, Universities...)

- Promotional activities: Many Promotional programmes on media, TV, newspaper, on plane (of Vietnam Airline), Geopark events. .etc.

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*“The COVID-19 pandemic were seriously affecting societies, economic and Geopark activities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dong Van geopark made decision to cancel some annual events and festival in 2020. However, Dong Van UNESCO Global Geoparks continue operation and efforts to realize touristic and promotional activities in the frame of the Geopark operation and support to local communities.”*