GGN – Geopark Annual Report 2019



### Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark





## **GEOPARK IDENTITY**

Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark, MALAYSIA Asia Pacific Geopark Network

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2007 / 2019

#### Representative photo with caption



Figure 1 : Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark 3<sup>rd</sup> Revalidation Closing Ceremony, 14 August, 2019

## **GEOPARK FIGURES**

#### Number of Geopark staffs:

30 staff including 1 geoscientist

#### Number of visitors:

- Year 2018 3,628,951
- Year 2019 3,924,326

#### Visitors to Geoforest Parks - conservation area & edu-tourism as below:



#### Number of Geopark Events:

| CONSERVATION EVENTS |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| By LUGGp            | By Geoparkian |
| 40                  | 22            |

#### Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs:

52 Programs

Number of Geopark press release:

24 press releases

## **GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

#### Major Achievements in 2019

 Retained Green Card Status on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark Revalidation

#### **Contribution Towards GGN - Networking and Participation**

- Signed a Sistership Agreement between Ciletuh Pelabuhan Ratu UGGp, Indonesia and Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark
- Signed a Sistership Agreement between Yi Mengshan UGGP, China and Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark
- Signed a Sistership Agreement between Qinling Zongnanshan UGGP, China and Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark
- Participated in Mentorship & Knowledge Exchange Program (With Bohol Aspiring Geopark, The Philippines )

#### Management and Financial Status

- Management :
  - Langkawi Geopark Advisory Council
  - Promotion & Physical Development Committee
  - Education & Public Engagement Committee
  - Conservation & Scientific Committee
- Development Budget (Finance)
  - Geopark Yearly Operation Budget for 2019 = MYR 2,050,000.00
  - Geopark Development Budget (one off) = MYR 1,550,000.00
  - Langkawi Geopark Management Plan 2020 2025
  - Langkawi Tourism Blueprint 2.0 : 2016-2020

#### Geoconservation

- Geomangrove: Weekly programs, planting mangrove trees
- Geosite Cleaning: Weekly programs, cleanup at selected geosites
- Geocoral: Quarterly programs of coral propagation
- Trash Hero: Weekly programs, cleanup at selected tourism spots

#### Sustainable Tourism (Geotourism)

- Participated in Geofood program with Magma UNESCO Global Geopark
- Introduction of no water bottle and plastic straws at all government events.
- Introduction of no plastic bag at selected shopping centers by local municipal office

# New education programs on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- Regional Course on UNESCO Global Geopark (7th 11th Oct 2019)
- Langkawi Fossil Day Celebration (28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019)
- Geotalk on Jellyfish Threat Awareness (16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019)
- Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark Discovery Centre (open to public 1/1/2020)
- Geotree Programme (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019)

#### Strategic Partnership

- Trans border visit to Satun UGGp, Thailand.
- Visit from Qinling Zhongnanshan UGGp, China.
- Visit from Yi Mengshan UGGp, China.
- Visit from Zigong UGGp, China.
- Reciprocal visit to Muroto UGGp, Japan.

#### **Promotional Activities**

- Asia Pacific Geopark Network at Rinjani Lombok UGGp 2019
- Japan Association of Travel Agent (JATA) Tokyo 2019
- International Tourism Bourse (ITB) Berlin 2019

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