

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Songshan UNESCO Global Geopark (China, Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2016



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 156 staffs including 6 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: 12.06 million

Number of Geopark events: 8

The 47th World Earth Day Propaganda Week Activities held by Songshan Global Geopark ; Photography Exhibition of Songshan ; Children 's Day science park activities supported by Songshan Global Geopark; The 8th Songshan Mountaineering Festival hosted by Henan Traffic Radio; The Intangible Cultural Heritage exhibition of Songshan; Songshan Geological Science summer camp of Henan University; Science into campus activities held by Songshan Global Geopark; The 9th Songshan Mountaineering Festival hosted by Henan Traffic Radio.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 60

Number of Geopark press release:11

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2016: 1.Songshan passed the 3rd revalidation organized by the UGGpC with a green card. 2. Songshan has Invested 2 million yuan to improve the science interpretation system of the park. 3. Songshan has been identified as the Henan province cultural tourism demonstration Scenic spots, science tourism get sustainable development.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation: 1. Songshan participated in the 2016 Annual Conference held by CGN and the 7th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks .2. Songshan paid the annual fee of 1000 Euro to the UGGpC .

3. With the help of the Ministry of Land and Resources, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) .we hosted the 2016 National Geopark management and popular science explanation training class, from more than 30 geoparks and related units attended the training class.

Management and Financial status:

In 2004, Songshan Global Geopark has formed Songshan Global Geopark administration committee. As of now, this committee contains 156 administration officers, and has six departments: Affairs office , The Geological Relics Protection Branch, Financial Audit Branch, Geopark Promotion Branch, Geological Museum and Administration and Law enforcement agency.

In 2016, Songshan Global Geopark has achieved steady growth with financial income of 241.353 million yuan, expenditure of 193.6432 million yuan, the balance of 47.7106 million yuan.

Geoconservation

According to the "Songshan Global Geopark Geological Heritage Protection: Development and Utilization Detailed Planning (2016-2020).", we formulated the "2016 Songshan Global Geopark Geological Heritage Protection Plan" and signed the geological heritage liability statement. Staff of the geoparkj regularly carry out inspections to focus on protected areas We, also, publicized the supervisory phone number and enhanced the social supervision.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

In 2004, the Geopark established seven popular tourist routes, began to develop geotourism. In 2016, 3.3 million tourists visited Songshan Global Geopark. The number of visitors increased by 10% over the previous year.

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

We made " Songshan Global Geopark science class plan for High School of Dengfeng City " ten years ago, according to the plan, the junior high schools of Dengfeng City should arrange three geological science lectures each semester, each time the number of participants is not less than 400 pupils.

Strategic Partnership

Henan Polytechnic University, Henan Provincial Geological Survey Institute, Songshan Mineral Water Company , Little Boy Agricultural Products Company, Ying River Grape Manor

Promotional activities

The 11th Zhengzhou International Shaolin Martial arts Festival, Songshan Autumn Leaves Festival "Central Plains color run" Songshan station activities, The 18th International Mining Conference Geo park Exhibition

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