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NEWS FEED

Dear members of the Global Geoparks Network,

Dear Friends,

The new **GGN News Feed** is in your screens!

This issue provides evidence that the Global Geoparks Network and the international community of the UNESCO Global Geoparks continue to be active and productive even during the hard COVID-19 times!

And even more that the UNESCO Global Geoparks are useful for our communities!

COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world as we know it.

This reminds us that, now more than ever, we need to work together to address the challenges we face as Geoparks and as global community.

Just like the virus, the serious and pressing issues of our time know no borders. Defeating COVID-19, tackling climate change, poverty and inequality, protecting our geological heritage and sustain our communities will require close cooperation and stronger efforts from all.

Cooperation, understanding, and solidarity are essential to building a more peaceful world.

That's why the Executive Board of the Global Geoparks Network continues to encourage communication, sharing and stronger networking between Geoparks at the International, the Regional, and the National level.

To achieve this we are using new digital tools to facilitate Geopark meetings, thematic sessions, forums and courses on Geoparks! We will continue to do so, having as first priority the safety of our staff and our communities!

The Global Geoparks Network continues to engage with UNESCO, international associations and partners as part of our commitment to peace, security, sustainability, and prosperity for all the Geopark communities around the globe.

As a result we are participating in international initiatives and campaigns, like the **International Clean Up Day** – 19th September or the **International Day on Disaster Reduction** – 13th October, to increase Geopark visibility and impact to our communities.

This new issue of the **GGN News Feed No 48**, includes two very important themes:

- the announcement on the appointment of six new members to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council and
- the Geopark activities on the celebration of the World Cleanup Day of our home Earth on September 19th, 2020.

We are sharing this issue of the **GGN News Feed** with the hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will stop to spread and we all have again the opportunity to enjoy face to face activities and meetings with safety.

Keep sending information and photos on Geopark activities, News and Good practice examples at ggnassociation@hotmail.com and ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com and continue to inspire colleagues and communities around the globe with your activities!

The GGN Executive Board

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

Appointment of six new members to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council

According to the Statutes of the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) and Operational Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks approved by the 38th General Conference, the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council are composed of 12 ordinary members appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO on recommendation of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) and of Member States. Every two years, half of the membership of the Council shall be renewed.

From 7 February 2020 to 15 April 2020, the Secretariat of the UNESCO Global Geoparks opened a call to renew six UNESCO Global Geoparks Council members by informing UNESCO Member States and Observers, as well as the GGN.

This call and all relevant documents were also available on the UNESCO website and on the website of the GGN. Twenty-four candidates nominated by Member States and the Global Geoparks Network responded to the call.

After reviewing all 13 eligible candidates, keeping in mind the priority gender in UNESCO and ensuring a good geographical distribution of the Council members, while making sure we still have highly qualified members, below listed experts were nominated by UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay for the new UNESCO Global Geoparks Council and they will start their activities in September 2020.

- **Mr Guy Martini** (France)
- **Ms Marie-Luise Frey** (Germany)
- **Mr Van Tran Tan** (Viet Nam)
- **Ms Helga Chulepin** (Uruguay)
- **Mr Alexandru Andrasanu** (Romania)
- **Ms Gabriela Schneider** (Namibia)

The Executive Board of the Global Geopark Network congratulates all the 6 newly appointed members of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council and wishes every success to the their important duty for the development of the UNESCO Global Geoparks around the world.

The Executive Board of the Global Geopark Network acknowledges with great thanks the efforts of the outgoing Council members

- **Ms Kirstin Lemon** (Ireland),
- **Ms Melanie Border** (United Kingdom),
- **Ms Kirstin Rangnes** (Norway) and
- **Mr Mahito Watanabe** (Japan)

All of them since their initial appointments in 2016, contributed significantly to the efforts made after the establishment of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Programme in November 2015, to strengthen the operation and improve the procedures of the new UNESCO Programme, to increase transparency and visibility, to facilitate the Geopark evaluation and revalidation exercise, to support the creation and development of UNESCO Global Geoparks in all continents.

As we all know UNESCO Global Geoparks during the last 4 years increased from 120 in 2016 to 161 in 2020.

We are all grateful for their contribution to this great achievement and we are all happy that we will continue working together with all of them as active members of the Global Geoparks Network.

GEO PARKS CONFERENCES & EVENTS

**The Global Geoparks Network
celebrates the**

World Cleanup Day

19 September 2020

The Global Geoparks Network encouraged all the UNESCO Global Geoparks to participate in the World Cleanup Day campaign and promoted the events through our social media.

Many Geoparks all over the world organized activities in the frame of the campaign.



The World Cleanup Day is a voluntary cleaning action of our Earth. It is an action of positive collaboration with the spirit of unity and its main target is to mobilise all local communities, through their participation to cleanup and to find solutions to tackle mismanaged waste in our home, Earth.

Below we are sharing some examples and results from cleanup activities from Geoparks all around the globe that they kindly shared with us.

Use all these activities as inspiration to take actions and to ensure ongoing activities for the environment and our communities.



EXAMPLES OF GEOPARKS' CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

Araripe UNESCO Global Geopark (Brazil)

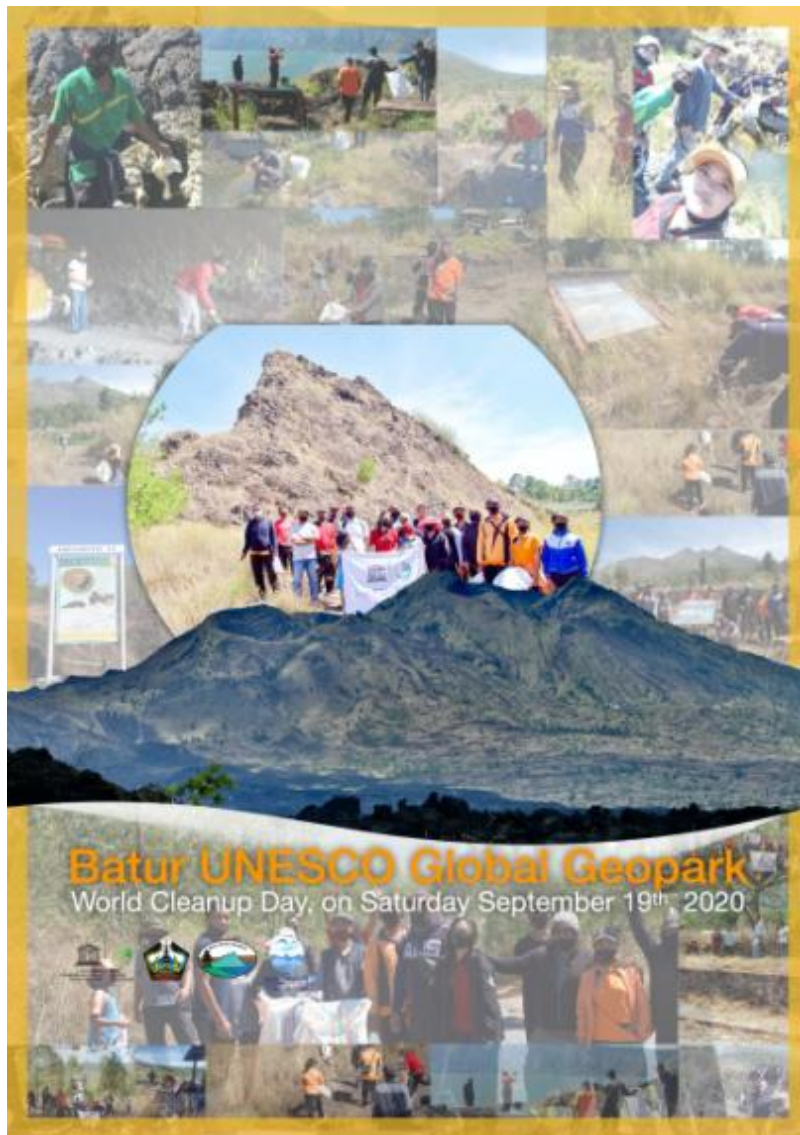
Araripe UNESCO Global Geopark (Brazil) joined the movement by organising litter picking sessions across the Geopark. Here are some activities that they are sharing with us:





Batur UNESCO Global Geopark (Indonesia)

Volunteers and partners of Batur UNESCO Global Geopark came together to clean up litter and mismanaged waste. Here is the poster with photos of their activities:



Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark (Vietnam)

Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark (Vietnam) encouraged its communities to take part in cleanups at heritage sites within the Geopark and implemented various activities. Please find more information about the activities organised by the Geopark at the following link:

www.facebook.com/daknonggeopark



Djerdap UNESCO Global Geopark (Serbia)

Djerdap UNESCO Global Geopark organized a cleaning action and shared the information on the profiles of Djerdap UNESCO Global Geopark and Djerdap National Park on social networks, as well as the news on the website, with messages that it is important to be aware of the Geopark actions and think about environmental protection.

In previous years, Djerdap found an example of good practice. The Public enterprise "Djerdap National Park", the management body of the Djerdap National Park and now the management body of the Djerdap UNESCO Global Geopark, annually allocates a certain amount from own funds, which it forwards to the utility companies on the territory of each municipality.

It is an incentive to solve the problem of garbage and there is noticeably less garbage in nature, especially along the main road, at rest areas. Also, this cooperation implies that certain services of utility companies are at the service of the local population for the collecting and disposing the non-municipal waste. As management body, they often work on educating both the local population and the visitors. Boards with instructions and explanations are placed on the entire territory.

One of their basic missions is to convey the message of how important is to preserve nature and influence people's habits and behavior to change for the better. Together for our planet.

Link Facebook: www.facebook.com/djerdapgeopark



Dong Van UNESCO Global Geopark (Vietnam)

Dong Van UNESCO Global Geopark have run a lot of activities such as cleanup rivers, streets, forests and geosites to celebrate the World Cleanup Day 2020

On thusday, August 20, Meo Vac district People's Committee leaders, district Youth Union have been planting new trees in the Meo Vac park. On Friday, August 21, Meo Vac Women's Union organized "House-wives say no plastic waste" conference. There are 30 participants attended the meeting. They had committed don't use nylon bags by bring permanent bag from home to market.

This past Wednesday, September 16, more than 1000 people, predominantly youth in the Dong Van UGGp celebrated the World Cleanup Day 2020, and by the day's end, nearly 60 sacks of waste had been collected from more than 45 cleanup geosites in Dong Van geopark.

"DVG Young saves the Earth for the Younger", Dong Van geopark together toward a common goal.

The activities to be continuing until 20 Sept 2020 in all other nearby communes

Link Facebook:

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Geopark Team explaining the content of an IP in a Geosite to school children



Geopark Team

say save the earth with school children



House - wives say no to palstic bags



Meovac District leader planting tree



Meovac Youth Union planting trees



Quanba District leader collecting waste with school children



School children collecting garbage





Gunung Sewu UNESCO Global Geopark (Indonesia)

Gunung Sewu UNESCO Global Geopark during the World Cleanup Day 2020 worked together with their GEOpartners and the Indonesian Tour Guides Association for cleaning their Geopark. Here are some activities that they are sharing with us:



Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark (China)

The Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark actively involved in World Cleanup Day and sends the message "The earth is the only home for human beings to survive, and it is the only choice for human beings to cherish and care for the earth".



The staff of Huanggang Dabieshan Geopark promotes the earth slogan

黄冈大别山世界地质公园工作人员宣传保护地球标语

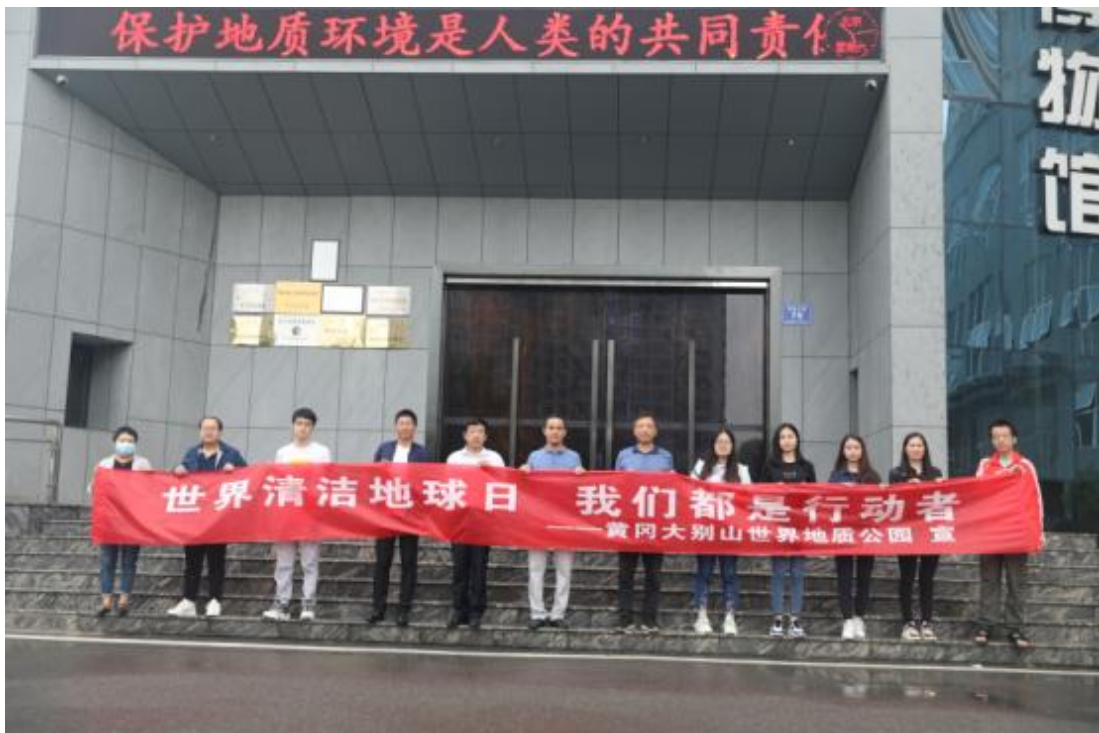


The staff of the Geopark is collecting rubbish near the Tower

麻城地质公园管理局工作人员清扫柏子塔附近垃圾



Staff are collecting rubbish near the Tower
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The staff members are collecting garbage

麻城地质公园管理局工作人员清扫桃林河地质遗迹点附近垃圾



The staff of Huanggang Dabieshan Geopark is cleaning in front of the museum

黄冈大别山世界地质公园工作人员清扫博物馆门前垃圾



Staff members are cleaning in a scenic area of the Geopark

麻城地质公园管理局工作人员清理龟峰山景区门口杂草



The staff members are cleaning in the square in front of the museum 黄冈大别山世界地质公园工作人员清扫博物馆门前广场垃圾

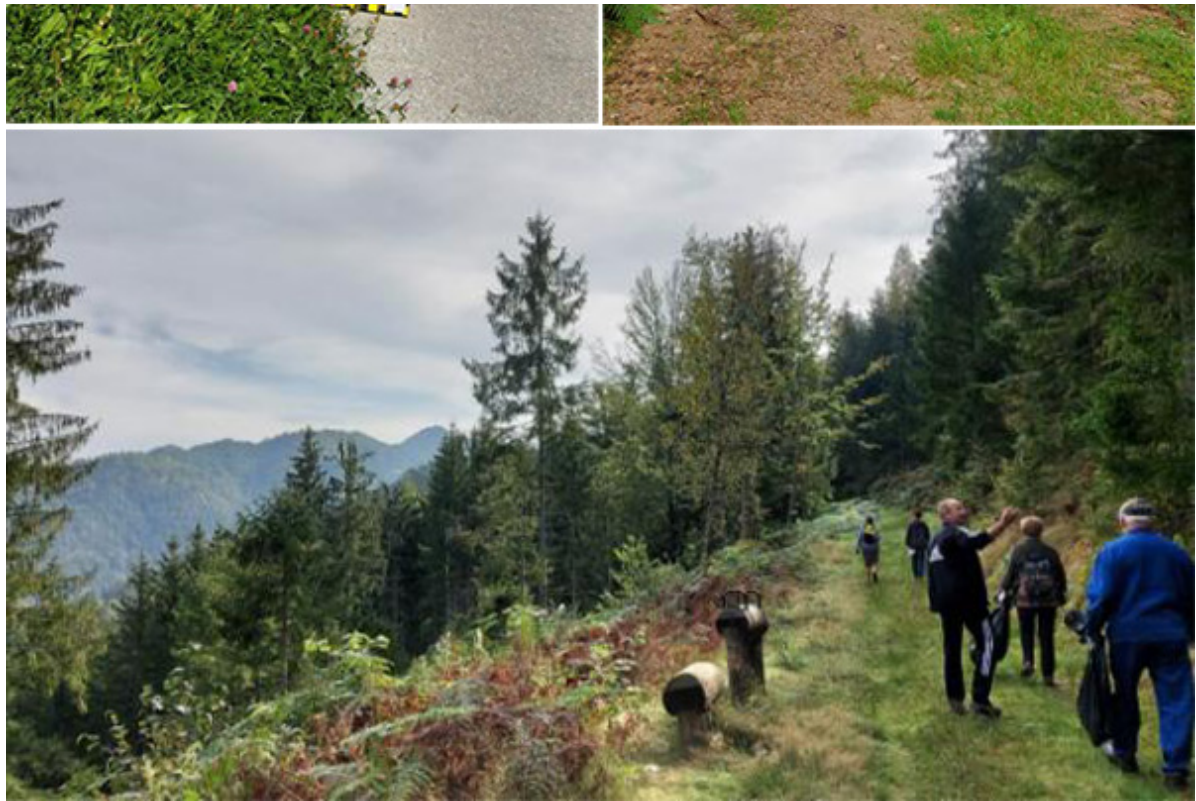
Karavanke-Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark (Austria & Slovenia)

In the frame of the World Cleanup Day on 19th September 2020 Karavanke-Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark cleaned up some areas in different municipalities of the crossborder Geopark.

The Geopark in its message mentioned "It is important that local communities act with a sense of responsibility, respect and love for the Earth".

Here are some activities that they are sharing with us:





Kula-Salihli UNESCO Global Geopark (Turkey)

19th September is the World Cleanup Day, a garbage collection event was held in the Adala Maiden Bridge region, one of the most important geosite of the Kula - Salihli UNESCO Global Geopark. Geopark employees, Salihli municipality staff, geoparks voluntary field guides and non-governmental organizations participated in the garbage collection event.

Please [click here](#) to watch a video on the cleaning activities at Kula - Salihli UNESCO Global Geopark.



Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark

On September 19th, 2020 Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark organized an activity to celebrate the World clean-up day. The activity organized at the open-air Parks of the Petrified Forest in Sigri with the participation of Geopark staff and volunteers.

Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark shared the information on the GGN activities on the the World clean-up day on profiles of Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark and Natural history Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest on social networks.



Cleaning activities at Sigri Petrified Forest Park



Cleaning activities at Sigri Petrified Forest Park

M'goun UNESCO Global Geopark (Morroco)

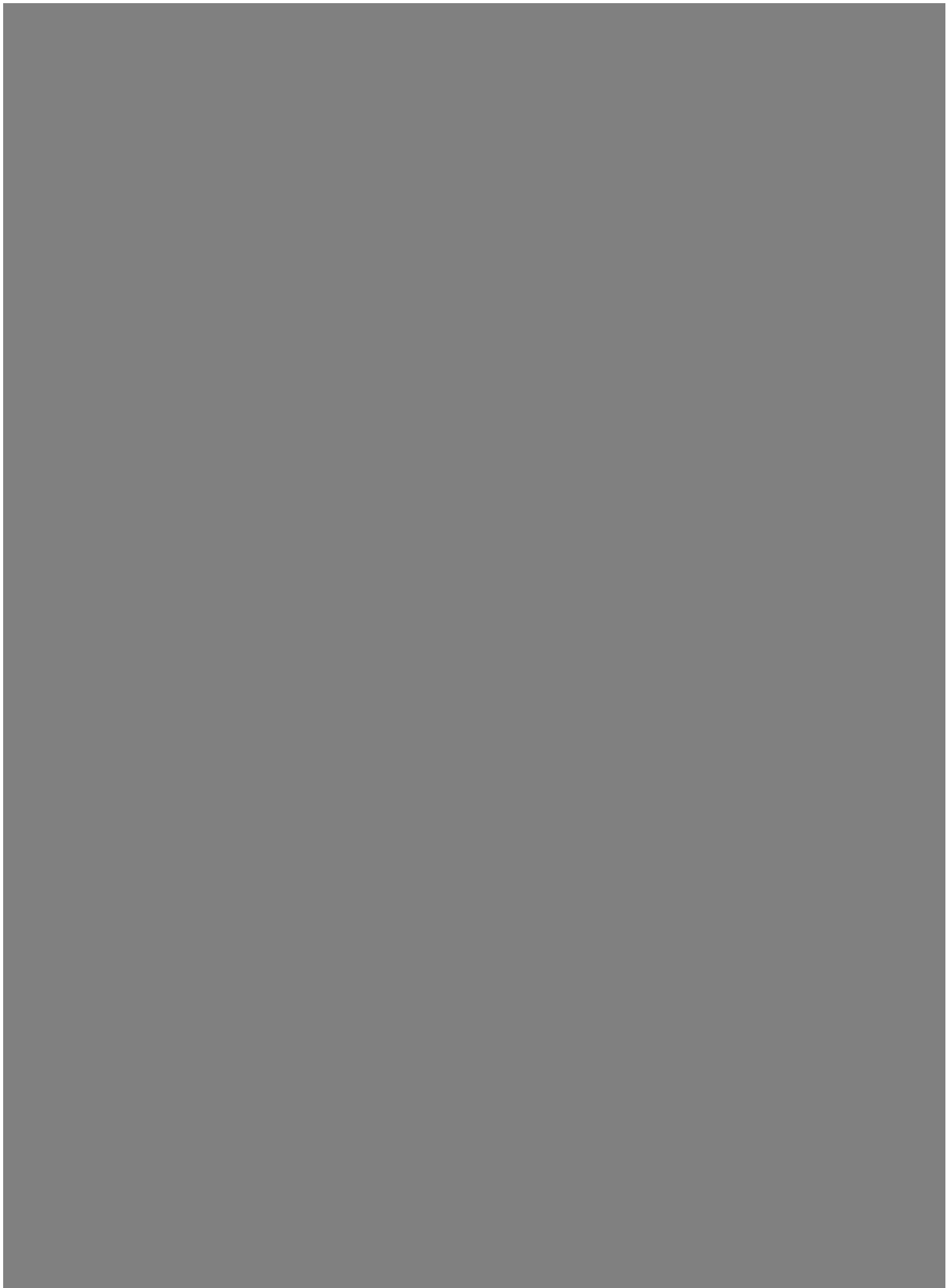
M'goun UNESCO Global Geopark celebrated on September 19th the World Cleanup Day.

Please [click the link](#) to read the article on the cleaning activity of the M'goun UNESCO Global Geopark.

Non nuoc Cao Bang UNESCO Global Geopark (Vietnam)

On September 19th, 2020 Non nuoc Cao Bang UNESCO Global Geopark cooperated with the Youth Union to celebrate the World clean-up day 19/9. The objective of the cooperation is to mobilize youth union members at district level to carry out cleaning up activities in residential areas, tourists destination, particularly the heritage sites in the Three experience routes of the Geopark. Through this activity, Non nuoc Cao Bang UGGp want to raise awareness of visitors and local communities, especially the young generation to join hands for improved environment and living standard.





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