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NEWS FEED

Dear colleagues,

At the **GGN News Feed No 70 - June 2022**, you can find the latest news on Geoparks activities worldwide.

After more than two years of restrictions many UNESCO Global Geoparks have restarted, have opened their infrastructures and are organizing various activities for their local people and visitors. The Global Geoparks Network in collaboration with UNESCO, has planned the celebration of International Days, the organization of capacity building activities, seminars and events.

Please keep the dates for the following activities and events:

- On the **8th of June, 2022** we celebrate the **World Ocean Day**.
- the **Evaluators' Seminar** has been rescheduled to June 21st, 2022.
- the **Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2022** has been rescheduled and will be organized from November 15th to 25th, 2022. The course will deal with the topic "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism". Applications will be open until September 30th, 2022.

Various other digital activities will also be organized by the GGN Regional Networks giving the opportunity to their members to share good practices and exchange ideas.

Please keep sharing your news, thoughts, activities and good practices with all of us through the GGN facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/globalgeoparksnetwork>

Please send all your promotional material to the ggnwebsite@hotmail.com

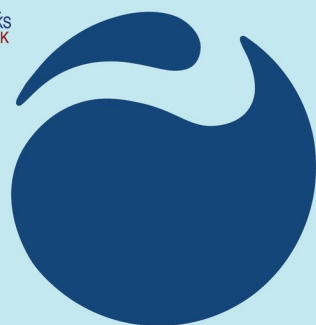
The GGN Executive Board

WORLD OCEAN DAY

GEOPARKS & OCEANS

How Geoparks contribute to the decade of the Ocean

8 June 2022



World Oceans Day



8 June 2022

The Global Geoparks Network, in collaboration with UNESCO celebrates the **World Oceans Day 2022** and asks all UNESCO Global Geoparks management bodies, partners and stakeholders to join the campaign to raise awareness of the challenges the oceans are facing and inspire actions to protect them to use marine and water resources sustainably.

World Ocean Day has been celebrated on June 8 every year since 1992, and since 2009, it has been under the auspices of the UN.

The oceans cover over 70% of the Earth's surface and have been associated with human evolution since ancient times. Today marine life and biodiversity in the oceans are threatened by many human activities like overfishing, pollution and plastic waste which ends up in the oceans, but also by climate change.

The marine environment is one of the important parts of some UNESCO Global Geoparks. More than 30% of UNESCO Global Geoparks have a maritime component and many of them despite being located in continental areas, are the guardians of the evolution of former oceans. Activities in Geoparks contribute significantly to SDG 14 (Life below water) and to other SDGs such as SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 13 (Climate Action). The marine environment is fully included in the UNESCO Global Geoparks guidelines for the sustainable use of Earth's natural resources.

Geoparks are working towards achieving clean oceans. They are concerned about how they can interact with the oceans without disturbing the ecosystem, the measures that they need to take for dealing with pollution and how to achieve balance between human activities and sustainability. Geoparks also promote traditional activities like fishing and implement various good practices which are in line with the United Nations Decade of the Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. The Global Geoparks Network, in collaboration with UNESCO, presents some examples of activities and good practices in the following video:

<https://globalgeoparksnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/WorldOceansDay4.mp4>

The Global Geoparks Network, in collaboration with UNESCO, invites all its members to celebrate "World Oceans Day" on the 8th of June and to join forces, to organize activities, to raise awareness of positive initiatives and find solutions that give hope to younger generations.

Please share all your good practices by sending them to the ggnwebsite@hotmail.com and ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com and the Global Geoparks Network will be published to the GGN Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/globalgeoparksnetwork>



CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

DIGITAL COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism

Rescheduled to

15-25 November 2022



The Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2022 has been rescheduled and will be organized from 15th to 25th of November, 2022.

The Digital Course is co-organised by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network and deals with the topic "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism".

In the previous years the Course was hosted by Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece. In the time of the COVID-19 outbreak and as we are unable to travel, the course will be organised digitally for third year.

Geotourism is a unique alternative form of tourism and motivated by the experience, knowledge and enjoyment of geodiversity and geo-heritage in UNESCO Global Geoparks all around the globe.

The course provides an opportunity to discover how UNESCO Global Geoparks contribute to Geotourism, how they can make a real impact in local communities and on society as a whole but also provides conceptual issues on UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Geoparks staff members, PhD candidates, Master students and graduates can gain knowledge and experience on Geoparks.

If you are interested in participating please submit an application form accompanied by a short CV and an abstract (one page) of your country's geoparks project or your research project. During the course you will be invited to present your geopark's project or your research project.

Application deadline: September 30th, 2022

For registration and more information please visit
www.petrifiedforest.gr/geoparks2022

EVALUATORS' SEMINAR

Rescheduled to 21 June 2022



UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS



1st Evaluators' Seminar 2022



The Evaluators' Seminar will be held after the assessment of the new evaluators' applications and for this reason the seminar has been rescheduled to the 21st of June 2022.

GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

**UNESCO Global Geoparks
promotion through
Global Geoparks Network website
and social media**

The Global Geoparks Network is inviting all UNESCO Global Geoparks to provide information regarding their activities and events to be promoted through GGN webpage and social media pages!

www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org

www.facebook.com/globalgeoparksnetwork

Geopark Activities and Events

Please send posters, photos and all relevant info with a short text not more than 150-200 words.

Geopark Museums and Visitor Centers

Please send a short description, 4-5 photos regarding the Museum building and its exhibitions with a short text not more than 250-300 words.

Please send all promotional material to: ggnwebsite@hotmail.com

GGN REGIONAL NETWORKS

Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN)

7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium

Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand

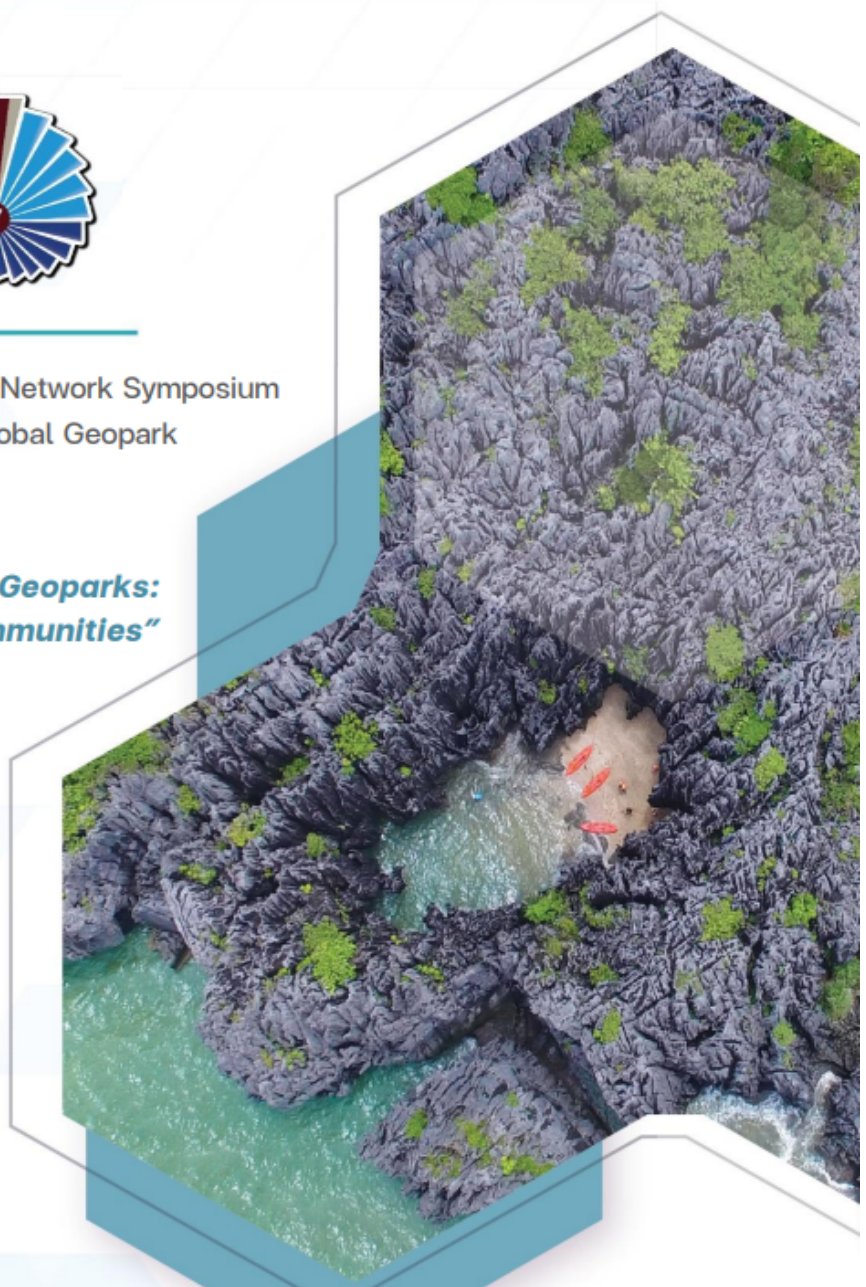
4-11 September 2022



The 7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium
Satun UNESCO Global Geopark

***"UNESCO Global Geoparks:
Building Sustainable Communities"***

4-11 September 2022
Satun UNESCO Global Geopark,
Satun Province,
Thailand



The 7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium will be held from September 4 to 11, 2022 in Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand. The 7th APGN Symposium is dealing with the theme "UNESCO Global Geoparks Building Sustainable Communities". The Symposium will be organized face to face and in parallel will be organized the meeting of UNESCO Global Geoparks Council, GGN Executive Board, APGN Advisory Committee, APGN Committee.

Please download the First Circular of the 7th APGN Symposium [here](#).

For more information, the programme of the Symposium and the registration please visit the Symposium website:

www.satunapgn2022.org

20th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology (ISV20)

Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark, Vietnam

22-26 November 2022

The 20th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology (ISV20) will be held from November 22 to 26, 2022 in Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark, Vietnam.

The theme of the Symposium "Conservation and sustainable use of volcanoes and volcanic caves" and it is organized under the auspices of the Global Geoparks Network and the UIS Commission on Volcanic Caves.

Please download the First Circular of the 20th ISV20 [here](#).

For more information please visit the website: <https://20isvdaknong.com/>

GGN OPEN CALLS - PROMOTION

CALL FOR HOSTS OF THE 11th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS – 2025

[Please find the call here](#)

GEOPARKS' REPORTS

Annual reports 2021

Geoparks' Annual Reports 2021

All GGN Institutional Members should submit to the GGN an Annual Report on their activities. Please download the [GGN - Geopark Annual Report Model\[doc\]](#) and fill in the form and send it back to the GGN (ggnassociation@hotmail.com and ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com).

Preparation of the GGN National Fora / Committees 2021 Annual Report of Activities

The National Fora/ Commissions should submit to the GGN an Annual Report on their activities. Please download the [National Fora/Committees Annual Report Model\[doc\]](#) and fill in the form and send it back to the GGN.

Preparation of the GGN Regional Networks 2021 Annual Report of Activities

The GGN Regional Networks should submit to the GGN an Annual Report on their activities. Please send the Annual Report to the GGN.

Annual Reports 2021 will be communicated through the GGN webpage [here](#).

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED

GGN Calendar of Events 2022

(updated June 2022)

8 June	World Oceans Day
8-10 June	RURITAGE Conference - UNESCO (Paris)
10 June	2nd GGN Advisory Committee meeting
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought
21 June	Evaluators' Seminar
July	Plastic Free July
13-15 July	6th International Summer University on ‘Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development and Healthy Lifestyles’
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
4-11 September	7th Asia Pacific Geoparks Symposium
26-30 September	16th European Geoparks Conference, Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy
27 September	International Tourism Day
6 October	International Geodiversity Day
13 October	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
25-28 October	First 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites
15-25 November	Digital Course “UNESCO Global Geoparks: Geoparks and Geotourism”
November	Workshop for African projects on UNESCO Global Geoparks
22-26 November	20th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology (ISV20) Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark (Vietnam)
11 December	International Mountain Day



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