

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2024

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Dak Nong UNESCO global geopark, Vietnam, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network

Year of inscription: 2020

Year of last revalidation: 2023

Geopark space: 4760km²

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 8 full-time and 29 part-time staffs

Number of Geoscientists working at daily basis: 2 persons

Budget: 250.000 USD

Number of Visitors: Around 300.000 visitors come to Dak Nong province

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 05 secondary schools in 6 districts and city within geopark territory.

Number of Geopark press release: Around 1.000 news and articles

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

* Major achievements in 2024:

- Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation:

- Participated in the 8th Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) Conference in Cao Bang (8–15 September 2024); coordinated the provincial delegation plan and organized a promotional booth introducing Dak Nong Province and Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Signed two cooperation agreements, including a twinning agreement with Jeju UNESCO Global Geopark (Republic of Korea) and a Memorandum of Understanding with Toratau aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, Russian Federation.
- Represented the geopark at the International Workshop on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Kuching, Malaysia (6 -10 October 2024), delivering a presentation and sharing experiences.
- Fulfilled GGN 2024 annual fee responsibility.

- Geo-conservation:

- Assigned to implement the project of zoning heritage protection within the geopark area under Decision No. 729/QĐ-UBND dated 13 June 2024; preparatory procedures are underway, with completion targeted for 2025.
- Participated in the evaluation and acceptance council for the task on plastic waste assessment and mitigation solutions in rural areas of Dak Nong Province, chaired by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

- Sustainable tourism (Geo-tourism):

- Cooperated with the Faculty of Geology, University of Science – VNU-HCM, in field surveys within the geopark for the project on promoting geotourism models for socio-economic development.
- Coordinated with the Institute for Tourism Development Research (Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism) to survey heritage sites for the task “Utilizing UNESCO Global Geopark values for tourism development.”

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

- 05 training for students at 05 secondary schools within the geopark.
- Promoted and disseminated the international contest “**Geopark and You**”, organized by the Global Geoparks Network on the occasion of its 20th anniversary, targeting artists and students across Dak Nong Province.

- **Strategic Partnership:** Having strategic partnership with 30+ organizations, such as: transportation companies, tour - operators, hotels, restaurants, schools,... within the geopark.

- Promotional activities:

- Provided heritage images from the geopark for exhibition by UNESCO Hanoi Office at Thang Long Imperial Citadel, commemorating the 25th anniversary of UNESCO’s presence in Viet Nam.
- Hosting the Ceremony to celebrate the UNESCO Global Geopark designation after revalidation.