

GGN – Geopark Annual Report 2024

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark Name, Country, Regional Network:

Langkawi, Malaysia, APGN

Year Of Inscription/ Year of Last Revalidation: **2007/2023**

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



Geopark Cycling program at Mahsuri Rings Geosite

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 26 staffs; 17 permanent and 9 contract.

Number of visitors: 2,904,629 and Langkawi Geopark Discovery Centre – 6,998

Number of Geopark events: 44

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 6 programs with 1,103 student participated

Number of Geopark press release: 5

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2024

1. Launched Langkawi Geopark Management Plan for term 2024-2028
2. Successfully won proposal to host APGN Symposium 9th edition in 2026.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- i. Participated in The 8th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium 2024, Cao Bang, Vietnam
- ii. Geopark SDG Workshop in January 2024
- iii. The 11th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, 8th to 12th September 2025
- iv. International Geopark School Exchange between Muroto High School and Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tunku Putra
- v. Visit And Exchange with Jerai Geopark
- vi. Participated in Jerai Geopark Carnival 2024
- vii. Participated in Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes 2024 (CCOP) Di Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark In November 2024
- viii. Participated and presented in Geoheritage & Geopark Virtual Forum 2024 in "Geopark and School: Best Practices From Asia Pacific Geoparks" On October 2024
- ix. Participated in International Seminar on Sarawak Delta Geopark, 7-9 October 2024
- x. Participated in Geopark School Exchange with Sarawak Delta Geopark
- xi. Visit from Funiushan UNESCO Global Geopark to Langkawi from 18-19 September 2024
- xii. Visit from Xiangxi UNESCO Global Geopark to Langkawi from 16-17 september 2024
- xiii. Organized Ranger Capacity Building Program at Lipis National Geopark
Participated in The 5th Geotourism Festival & International Conference 2024 at Rinjani UNESCO Global Geopark
- xiv. Participated in 8th International Summer University organized by UNESCO Chair on Geoparks, Sustainable Development and Healthy Lifestyles
- xv. Intensive Course on Geoparks 2024 UNESCO Global Geoparks and sustainable development at Lesvos island UNESCO Global Geopark
- xvi. report in APGN News Briefing No. 11
- xvii. Visit by Jeonbuk West Coast UNESCO Global Geopark to Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark from 19-22 May 2024
- xviii. participated in APGN Geopark Development Forum from 13-18 May 2024 organized by Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark
- xix. Participated In GGN 20 Anniversary Contest
- xx. Participated In Welcome Digital Event for the 18 new UNESCO Global Geoparks on 22 April 2024
- xxi. Participated In Lenggong Geopark Seminar and Exhibition

Management and Financial Status

In 2024, the management budget is RM2.5 million with allocation of education, conservation and promotion.

Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark Working Group meeting

1. Development and Promotion Committee – 27 August 2024
2. Conservation and Scientific Committee – 5 August 2024
3. Community Participation and Public Education Committee – 2 September 2024
4. Coordination Committee - 20 march and 12 November 2024

Geoconservation

- i. Minor improvement works along the Geopark Ocean Trail
- ii. Cleaning and conservation work at Dayang Bunting Lake
- iii. Rehabilitation of facilities at Teluk Mempelam camping site
- iv. Monthly monitoring and maintenance at main conservation area and geosites.
- v. Geopark sites Clean-up program 2,735 kg rubbish collected with 765 participants
- vi. Geopark mangrove planting program – 976 mangrove saplings with 826 participants
- vii. Coral propagation program – 15 coral racks with 50 university students and lecturer
- viii. Geoedu-Explorace with Langkawi District Education Office on 25 june 2024
- ix. Jungle Ambassador Program on Geodiversity Day from 7-8 October 2024

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- i. Langkawi's Geopark Gastronomy was introduced with 4 restaurants was appointed
- ii. The 7th Regional Course on UGGp 27-29 April 2024

- iii. Appointed of Geopark Icon for term 2024-2027; Geopark Partner, Geopark Ambassador, and Geopark Product

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk Reduction

- i. Geology 101 – Geology For Non-Geology
- ii. GeoEdu-Explorace Challenge 2024 Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark
- iii. Langkawi Geocycling Program
- iv. Young Sustainable Geopark Ambassador

Strategic partnership

- i. Signed MoU with Kebumen Geopark & Ciletuh Palabuhanratu UNESCO Global Geopark of Indonesia for co-organizing The 6th Geotourism Festival 2025

Signed Geopark MoU with:

- ii. Jeonbuk West Coast UNESCO Global Geopark
- iii. Funiushan UNESCO Global Geopark
- iv. Lushan UNESCO Global Geopark
- v. Xiangxi UNESCO Global Geopark
- vi. Yunyang Geopark

Promotional activities

- i. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during Asian Regional Correctional Conference (ARCC 2024), Langkawi
- ii. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during Putrajaya Open Day
- iii. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during Officiation of Lenggong National Geopark
- iv. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during Program Madani Rakyat 2024 Northern Region, Pulau Pinang
- v. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during Program Soki: Riang Ria at Gunung Keriang Geosite, Jerai Geopark
- vi. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during Rainforest World Music Festival 2024, Sarawak Delta National Geopark

- vii. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during The 5th Geotourism Festival and International Conference, Rinjani- Lombok UGGp, Indonesia
- viii. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during MNCU Network Dialogue 2024, APU Technology & Innovation, Kuala Lumpur
- ix. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during MAHA 2024 at Serdang, Selangor
- x. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during Ironman 2024, Langkawi
- xi. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during Malaysia Environment Day Celebration at Langkawi
- xii. Langkawi UGGp Exhibition during 60th CCOP Anual Session Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia held in Langkawi

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