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UNESCO Global Geoparks and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Agenda 2030

SDG	Main SDG objective	How UNESCO Global Geoparks contribute to the SDGs
1 NO POVERTY 	End poverty in all its forms everywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster risk reduction programmes & preparation for local communities in your UNESCO Global Geopark (1.5) Activities to support local economy in your UNESCO Global Geopark
2 ZERO HUNGER 	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of sustainable agriculture in your UNESCO Global Geopark like family business, small farmers, fishermen, pasture farming (2.3, 2.4) Protection of regional and historic plants and animals (2.5) Regional food programmes
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of your UNESCO Global Geopark activities for health and well-being in nature: Sports activities (hiking, cycling...) (3.8) Awareness and mental health (e.g. shinrin yoku) (3) Nature health actions
4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your UNESCO Global Geopark educational programmes from kindergarten up to post-graduate level, as well as University students and programmes of lifelong learning (4.1, 4.2, 4.3) Education on Earth heritage and its links to natural and cultural heritage. Educative tools, trails and publications Education of the SDGs (4.7) Education of staff, guides & stakeholders Inclusive education for all (4.5)
5 GENDER EQUALITY 	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender equality in your UNESCO Global Geopark management team Equal payment of male and female team members Female leading position in the team (5.5) Training courses for women empowerment Support of women cooperatives in the region Special offers for girls (e.g. Mountain Biking, MINT programmes)
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 	Ensure access to water and sanitation for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation of your UNESCO Global Geopark with water companies Support of cleaning water activities & systems (6.3) Support of water-related ecosystems (e.g. in mountains, forests, rivers, lakes, groundwater) (6.6)
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of sustainable energy in your UNESCO Global Geopark organisation Support of sustainable energy projects in your UNESCO Global Geopark communities Cooperation with innovative energy companies If available: E-drive team cars
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation with small local businesses in your UNESCO Global Geopark (8.4) Cooperation with tourism organisations & destinations (8.9) Provision of touristic infrastructure Geopark like trails, information panels, which can be used to develop offers. Cooperation with partners, which follow sustainable rules related employment and environment Cooperation with local action groups for regional sustainable development
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation with public transport in your UNESCO Global Geopark (9.1) Consideration of public transport options to reach trails and activities Implementation and restoration of trail and information facility infrastructure Infrastructure and offers for people with special needs Cooperation with research and sciences (9.5) Own research activities

SDG	Main SDG objective	How UNESCO Global Geoparks contribute to the SDGs
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	Reduce inequality within and among countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special UNESCO Global Geopark programmes for integration of refugees (10.7) Employment of foreign skilled workers
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility for all in your UNESCO Global Geopark facilities (e.g. trails, information centres, museums...) (11.7) Cooperation with UNESCO World Heritage Sites and other UNESCO programmes inside the UNESCO Global Geopark (11.4)
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of local producers and local products Programmes and activities with local farmers in your UNESCO Global Geopark (12.1, 12.2) Implementation of local markets with regional and seasonal products to create awareness to live in harmony with nature (12.8). Use of local and regional food for own Geopark activities, festivals and events Use of Geopark product criteria and label Support of waste prevention (12.5)
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities of your UNESCO Global Geopark for climate protection: Tree planting, bog waterlogging, unsealing of soils / soil protection Climate protection awareness rising campaigns (13.3) Campaigns to save CO2 (e.g. walking day, public transport) Programmes for resilience against natural disasters and climate induced dangers (13.1) Compensation of CO2 consumption (e.g. plane travelling to conferences etc) either in Geopark territory or compensation programmes (e.g. atmosfair)
14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities of your UNESCO Global Geopark to protect life under water Cooperation with institutions, which protect marine environment (14.4) Support of sustainable traditional and native fishing (14.7) Protection of marine biodiversity spots in UGGP Active waste prevention and cleaning actions (14.1)
15 LIFE ON LAND 	Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities of your UNESCO Global Geopark to protect and restore ecosystems Protection of soil, prevent erosion, support biodiversity, preserve genetic resources awareness rising (15.1, 15.3, 15.6) Cooperation with forestry (e.g. planting activities with climate-resistant trees) (15.2) Activities to protect biodiversity (e.g. nesting houses, flowering areas, insect-friendly environment) (15.5) Protection of primary and secondary biotopes (often abandoned quarries) Protection and conservation of geosites and their geological & biological values Public gardening activities for local communities
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building activities with your UNESCO Global Geopark communities and municipalities (16.7) Services and offers to strengthen the regional identity Regional networking and communication Promotion of the SDGs in the regional context Common projects for members and partners Cooperation across local and regional borders Cooperation with political decision makers Community participation following the "bottom up" approach Sound and transparent Geopark management with broad participation of local communities (16.6) Cooperation with volunteers and stakeholders
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the SDGs in your UNESCO Global Geopark (e.g. website, social media, magazines, brochures, workshops, campaigns) Your contributions to international networking of the UNESCO Global Geoparks via GGN (17.6) Your participation in common projects and activities of the UNESCO Global Geoparks and respective regional networks (e.g. workshops, courses, media, publications, UN days) Active cooperation between UNESCO Global Geoparks inside countries and across the continents by common projects (17.16, 17.17) Your contributions to capacity building and consultancy for potential UNESCO Global Geopark candidates (17.9) International networking between different UNESCO programmes by common projects (17.6) Promotion of the SDGs in the international context and publication of best practice (e.g. at conferences)



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Data statistical analysis

UNESCO Global Geoparks are areas of significant geological, natural, and cultural value that focus on the sustainable management of natural resources, education, and social development. Their operations align with the core principles of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as they promote environmental protection, local economic enhancement, and social equity. Through activities such as environmental education, sustainable tourism development, and strengthening local cultural identity, UNESCO Global Geoparks contribute to a holistic approach supporting sustainability.

The integration of UNESCO Global Geoparks' shared values with the SDGs is achieved through preserving natural and cultural heritage, advancing scientific knowledge, and raising community awareness about the need to protect the planet. UNESCO Global Geoparks serve as model territories for sustainable development, highlighting the importance of collaboration among scientific, cultural, and social stakeholders. They foster active community involvement, incorporating practices that contribute to long-term prosperity and ecological balance.

As part of the research on UNESCO Global Geoparks on how supportive they are to the Sustainable Development Goals, they answered an online questionnaire.

The questionnaire included questions for each SDG separately.

The questions focused on actions, which are implemented by each UNESCO Global Geopark that promote each goal.

NOTE: The Questionary was prepared and distributed by the GGN SDG's Working Group.

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UNESCO Global Geoparks implementing SDGs

The 2024 Report on the implementation of SDGs

The Global Geoparks Network (GGN) Working Group on SDGs organized and coordinated an online survey in order to present the contribution of the UNESCO Global Geoparks with various activities on the implementation of the goals. The GGN Working Group worked for the development of SDGs template with basic information and examples of SDGs implementation in UNESCO Global Geoparks. The survey was supported by a series of SDGs workshops during 2025 on the global and regional network level as well as by a tutorial. This procedure is annual. The UNESCO Global Geoparks were invited to answer an online questionnaire. The questionnaire included questions for each SDG separately. The questions focussed on actions, which are implemented by each UNESCO Global Geopark that promote each goal. 152 UNESCO Global Geoparks participating in the SDGs 2024 Report out of the total number of 213 UNESCO Global Geoparks (recognized in 2024).

UNESCO Global Geoparks participating in the SDGs 2024 Report :

Aso UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan
Alpi Apuani UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy
Alxa Desert UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Araripe UNESCO Global Geopark, Brazil
Aras UNESCO Global Geopark, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Arxan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Bakony–Balaton UNESCO Global Geopark, Hungary
Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain
Beaujolais UNESCO Global Geopark, France
Beigua UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy
Bergstrasse-Odenwald UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany
Biokovo-Imotski Lakes UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia
Bohemian Paradise UNESCO Global Geopark, Czechia
Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Philippines
Bükk Region UNESCO Global Geopark, Hungary
Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland
Cabo de Gata-Níjar UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain
Causses du Quercy UNESCO Global Geopark, France
Central Catalonia UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain
Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark, France
Chelmos-Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece
Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia
Cliffs Of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada
Comarca Minera UNESCO Global Geopark, Mexico
Dali Mount Cangshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Danxiashan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Discovery UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada
Djerdap UNESCO Global Geopark, Serbia
El Hierro UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain
Enshi Grand Canyon-Tenglongdong Cave UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Estrela UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal
Famenne-Ardenne UNESCO Global Geopark, Belgium
Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Funiushan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Gea-Norvegica UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway
Grevena-Kozani UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece
Hakusan Tedorigawa UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Hantangang River UNESCO Global Geopark, Republic of Korea
Harz . Braunschweiger Land . Ostfalen UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany
Hațeg Country UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania
Haute Provence UNESCO Global Geopark, France
Hexigten UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Holy Cross Mountains UNESCO Global Geopark, Poland
Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Huangshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland
Ijen UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia
Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan
Izu Peninsula UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan
Jiuhuashan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Karavanke / Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria & Slovenia
Katla UNESCO Global Geopark, Iceland
Kefalonia-Ithaca UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece
Keketuohai UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Kula-Salihli UNESCO Global Geopark, Türkiye
Land Of Extinct Volcanoes UNESCO Global Geopark, Poland
Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark, Malaysia
Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain
Las Loras UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain
Lauhanvuori-Hämeen kangas UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland
Lavretotiki UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece
Leiqiong UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Lesvos island UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece
Leye Fengshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Linxia UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Longhushan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Longyan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Lushan UNESCO Global Geopark, China
Madonie UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy
Maiella UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy



Maros Pangkep UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Massif Des Bauges UNESCO Global Geopark, France

Mëllerdall UNESCO Global Geopark, Luxembourg

Merangin Jambi UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Meteora Pyli UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece

Mixteca Alta UNESCO Global Geopark, Mexico

Molina and Alto Tajo UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Mount Apoi UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Mount Changbaishan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Mount Kunlun UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Muskau Arch UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany & Poland

Ningde UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Non nuoc Cao Bang UNESCO Global Geopark, Vietnam

North Pennines AONB UNESCO Global Geopark, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Novohrad-Nógrád UNESCO Global Geopark, Hungary and Slovakia

Odsherred UNESCO Global Geopark, Denmark

Oeste UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal

Oki Islands UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Ore Of The Alps UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria

Órigens UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia

Percé UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada

Platåbergen UNESCO Global Geopark, Sweden

Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark,

Qinling Zhongnanshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Raja Ampat UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark, Iceland

Ries UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Rinjani-Lombok UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Rocca Di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Sanqingshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand

Schelde Delta UNESCO Global Geopark, Belgium and Kingdom of the Netherlands

Seridó UNESCO Global Geopark, Brazil

Sesia - Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Shennongjia UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Shilin UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Sierra Norte de Sevilla UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Sobrarbe-Pirineos UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Songshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Southern Canyons and Pathways of the Atlantic UNESCO Global Geopark, Brazil

Stonehammer UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada

Styrian Eisenwurzen UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria

Sunnhordland UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway

Swabian Alb UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Tabas UNESCO Global Geopark, Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Taishan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Taining UNESCO Global Geopark, China

TERRA.Vita UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Tianzhushan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Toba Caldera UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Toya Caldera and Usu Volcano UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Trollfjell UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway

Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, Cyprus

Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada

Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark, Brazil

Unzen Volcanic Area UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Vestjylland UNESCO Global Geopark, Denmark

Villuercas Ibores Jara UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Vulkaneifel UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Wangwushan-Daimeishan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Wudalianchi UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Xiangxi UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Xingwen UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Xingyi UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Yanqing UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Yandangshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Yimengshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Yuntaishan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Zhangjiajie UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Zhangye UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Zhijindong Cave UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Zigong UNESCO Global Geopark, China

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Data statistic analysis

Sustainable Development Goals		Number of UNESCO Global Geoparks with actions on the Goal	Percentage of UNESCO Global Geoparks with actions on the Goal
SDG 1	No Poverty	137	90.2%
SDG 2	End of hunger	126	82.9%
SDG 3	Good Health and well being	147	96.7%
SDG 4	Quality Education	150	98.7%
SDG 5	Gender Equality	136	89.5%
SDG 6	Clean Water sanitation	115	75.7%
SDG 7	Affordable and clean energy	115	75.7%
SDG 8	Decent work and economic growth	145	95.4%
SDG 9	Industry,innovation and infastructure	129	84.7%
SDG 10	Reduce inequillities	68	44.7%
SDG 11	Sustainable cities and communities	135	88.8%
SDG 12	Responsible consumption and production	143	94.1%
SDG 13	Climate action	143	94.1%
SDG 14	Life below water	86	56.6%
SDG 15	Life on land	141	92.8%
SDG 16	Peace ,justice and strong institutions	131	86.2%
SDG 17	Partnerships for goals	148	97.4%

Table 1 UNESCO Global Geoparks participating with activities in each goal

Below follows a horizontal bar chart, displaying the percentage of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) achieved by UNESCO Global Geoparks, sorted in ascending order of achievement.

• The color scheme remains consistent, highlighting performance levels:

Green: High involvement (above 80%).

Orange: Moderate involvement (50%-80%).

Red: Lower involvement (below 50%).

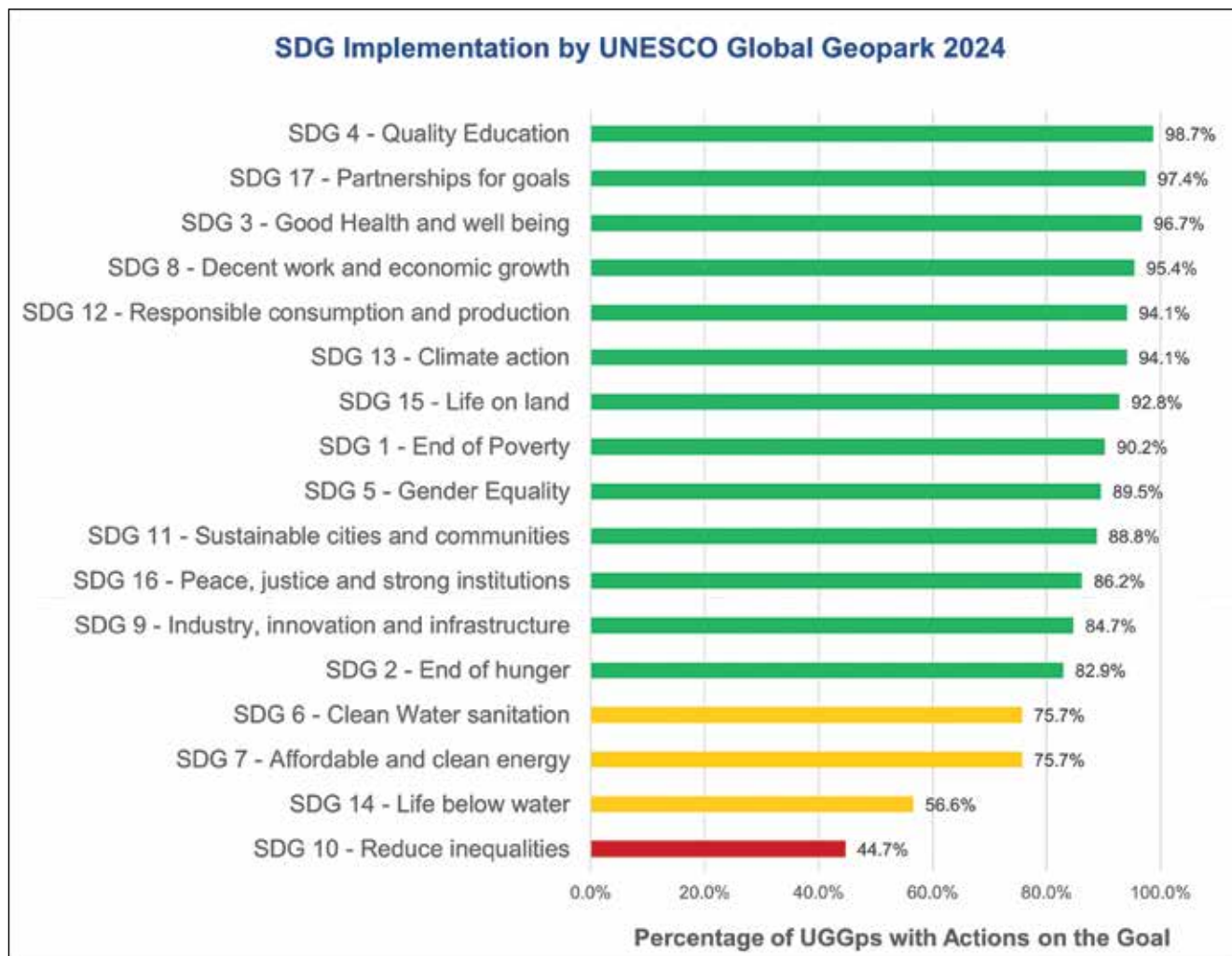


Figure 1: SDG Implementation by UNESCO Global Geopark 2024.

Key Observations for selected goals:

High Achievement Rates (>80%): UNESCO Global Geoparks demonstrated notable success in organizing activities and promoting the following Goals:

1. **Quality Education (SDG 4)** Has the highest percentage of involvement and activities organization at 98.7%
2. **Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17)** at 97.4%
3. **Good Health and well-being (SDG 3)** at 96.7%
4. **Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8)** at 95.4 %
5. **Responsible consumption and production (SDG 12)** at 94.1%
6. **Climate Action (SDG 13)** at 94.1%
7. **Life on Land (SDG 15)** at 92.8%
8. **End of Poverty (SDG 1)** at 90.2%
9. **Gender Equality (SDG 5)** at 89.5%
10. **Sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11)** at 88.8%
11. **Peace, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16)** at 86.2%
12. **Industry, innovation and infrastructure (SDG 9)** at 84.7%
13. **End of hunger (SDG 2)** at 82.9%

Moderate Achievement Rates (50 – 80 %): UNESCO Global Geoparks demonstrated good enough progress in organizing activities and promoting the following Goals:

1. **Affordable and clean energy (SDG 7)** at 75.7%
2. **Life below water (SDG 14)** at 56.6%

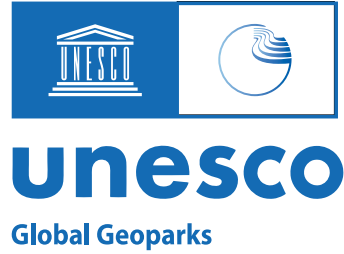
Low Achievement Rate (<50%): UNESCO Global Geoparks demonstrated few activities and promoting the following Goal:

1. **Reduce inequalities (SDG 10)** at 44.7%

The result above of **Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10)** with only 44.7% of UNESCO Global Geoparks participating with activities in this goal, reflecting the difficulty of addressing systemic social and economic disparities in certain regions. However, geoparks worked towards this goal and had a significant improvement according to the previous year where the percentage was 30.4%.

Summary of Contributions:

UNESCO Global Geoparks demonstrated strong and consistent contributions toward the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with particularly high engagement rates across most priority areas. Outstanding performance was recorded in Quality Education (SDG 4, 98.7%) and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17, 97.4%), followed closely by Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3, 96.7%), Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8, 95.4%), Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12, 94.1%), Climate Action (SDG 13, 94.1%), and Life on Land (SDG 15, 92.8%). Additional strong contributions were observed in poverty reduction, gender equality, sustainable communities, institutional strengthening, innovation, and food security, all exceeding 80% participation. Moderate progress was achieved in Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7, 75.7%) and Life Below Water (SDG 14, 56.6%). Although engagement in Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10) remained comparatively lower at 44.7%, this still represents notable improvement compared to the previous year (30.4%), highlighting both the challenges and growing commitment of geoparks to addressing systemic social and economic disparities. Overall, the results reflect the significant role of UNESCO Global Geoparks in advancing sustainable development through education, partnerships, environmental stewardship, and community-based initiatives.



Summary of Actions for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



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1 NO POVERTY



- Promotion and sale of local products and handicrafts through geopark shops, fairs, and branding initiatives (e.g., Geoparks gastronomy, Geoproducts, local crafts).
- Direct purchasing from local artisans and makers to provide stable income, especially for women, Indigenous people, and marginalized groups.
- Entrepreneurship training and capacity building for local communities, including tourism, handicraft pricing, and digital skills.
- Support for community-based tourism and homestays to create jobs and diversify livelihoods in rural areas.
- Disaster risk reduction education and preparedness programs to increase community resilience and reduce economic vulnerability to natural hazards.
- Organization of local festivals, markets, and culinary events to boost local economy and promote cultural heritage.
- Partnerships with local businesses, restaurants, and producers to integrate them into the geopark's visitor economy.
- Employment and training opportunities within the geopark as guides, rangers, maintenance staff, and in hospitality.
- Development and promotion of geotourism and sustainable tourism packages to attract visitors and generate local revenue.
- Implementation of early warning systems and risk monitoring in hazard-prone areas to protect lives and livelihoods.
- Collaboration with women's cooperatives and vulnerable groups to foster economic inclusion and empowerment.
- Provision of grants, subsidies, and funding support to local entrepreneurs, farmers, and small businesses.
- Establishment of local product centers, visitor centers, and geoshops that serve as sales outlets for community producers.
- Hosting of workshops on disaster response, first aid, and safety to build community capacity in risk management.
- Support for traditional craft preservation and innovation to create marketable souvenirs and cultural experiences.
- Encouragement of local procurement and contracting for geopark projects to keep spending within the community.
- Development of educational and volunteer programs that involve local schools, universities, and residents in geopark activities.
- Creation of digital platforms and tools to promote local tourism services and products online.
- Participation in and organization of regional and international conferences to share best practices and attract funding.
- Collaboration with municipal and regional authorities on poverty alleviation programs, infrastructure projects, and social support initiatives.

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2 ZERO HUNGER



- Promotion and marketing of local food products and producers through farmer markets, fairs, and designated labels (e.g., Paniere Natura, Prego Dourado).
- Providing support and training to small farmers and family businesses on sus-tainable and organic agricultural practices.
- Supporting and promoting local cooperatives, women's associations, and small-scale producers through partnerships and marketing initiatives.
- Encouraging traditional and climate-resilient farming practices, including crop rotation, organic fertilizers, and preservation of heirloom seeds.
- Enhancing food security and reducing hunger through community gardens, hydroponic farms, and programs targeting vulnerable groups (e.g., Change4Life Hydroponic farm).
- Organizing culinary workshops, food festivals, and gastronomic events to celebrate local cuisine, reduce food waste, and promote sustainable consumption.
- Protecting regional biodiversity and historic plant/animal species through conservation programs, germplasm banks, and habitat preservation.
- Integrating local agricultural products into tourism and hospitality by promoting farm-to-table concepts in restaurants and homestays.
- Developing educational programs on nutrition, healthy eating, and food sovereignty for schools and the wider community.
- Facilitating direct sales and creating market access for farmers by establishing local product centers, online platforms, and partnerships with tourist sites.

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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



- Environmental education campaigns focus on waste management and clean air.
- Organizing health and wellness activities, including yoga and outdoor recreation.
- Conducting educational programs for children on disaster risk reduction.
- Developing recreational geotrails to promote physical activity and mental well-being.
- Supporting local health initiatives through partnerships with healthcare providers.

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4 QUALITY EDUCATION



- Designing and delivering tailored educational programs for all age groups, from kindergarten to university level, focusing on geology, biodiversity, and cultural heritage.
- Integrating geopark themes into local school curricula across all grades and subjects to formalize Earth Science and sustainability education.
- Developing diverse educational materials such as textbooks, science popularization books, comics, activity booklets, teacher manuals, and digital resources for classroom and public use.
- Creating interactive and accessible learning infrastructure including visitor centers, museums, interpretive trails with educational panels, audio plays, VR/AR applications, and geocaching activities.
- Providing professional training and capacity-building for tour guides, educators, geopark staff, and local stakeholders to enhance knowledge and interpretive skills.
- Fostering partnerships with universities and research institutions to host student fieldwork, internships, joint research projects, and academic seminars.
- Organizing public lectures, seminars, and citizen science programs to promote lifelong learning and community engagement in geosciences and sustainability.
- Implementing inclusive and special education programs for people with disabilities, vulnerable groups, and senior citizens to ensure equitable access to geo-education.
- Establishing networks of “Geopark Schools,” “Geopark Ambassadors,” and youth clubs to empower students as heritage promoters and active learners.
- Celebrating international days (Earth Day, Geodiversity Day, etc.) with themed workshops, exhibitions, clean-up activities, and guided tours to raise public awareness.

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5 GENDER EQUALITY



- Ensuring gender balance and equal pay within Geopark management teams and staff, with many Geoparks reporting female directors, majority-female teams, and standardized, non-discriminatory salary scales.
- Promoting women to leadership positions in Geopark governance, scientific committees, and project coordination, empowering female decision-makers at all levels.
- Actively supporting women's cooperatives and entrepreneurs by providing training, marketing platforms, and commercialization support for local products like handicrafts, textiles, and food.
- Implementing policies for inclusive participation, such as "women-first" selection for grants, ensuring gender balance in working groups, and offering parental leave.
- Organizing empowerment workshops, skill training, and special events for women and girls, focusing on STEM education, professional development, legal rights, and traditional crafts.
- Celebrating International Women's Day and similar observances with free park admission for women, themed events, gift distributions, and public campaigns to raise awareness and show appreciation.
- Fostering female economic participation in geotourism by training and employing women as guides, interpreters, homestay managers, and service staff in partner enterprises.
- Developing and adhering to formal equality protocols and plans, including gender equality plans, anti-discrimination policies, and preventive measures against sexual violence.
- Integrating gender perspectives into community projects and education, ensuring activities are inclusive and address the specific needs and roles of women in rural and community development.
- Supporting health and well-being initiatives for women, such as organizing cancer screening lectures, providing HPV vaccinations, and establishing nursing rooms and "Love Stations" in tourist areas.

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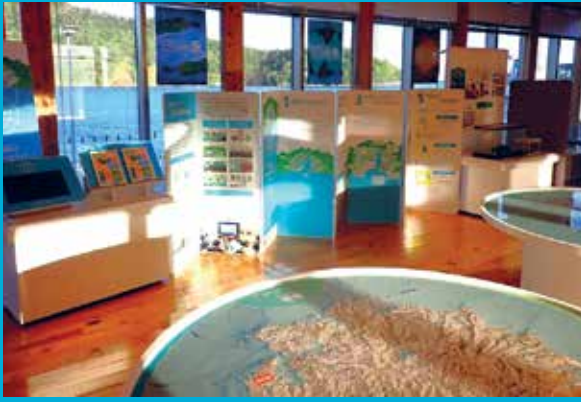
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6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



- Implementation of water conservation and awareness programs in local communities and schools, including workshops on efficient water management and celebrating World Water Day.
- Supporting the construction, renovation, and maintenance of water supply networks, sewage treatment plants (WWTP), and eco-friendly sanitation systems to ensure access to clean water.
- Conducting regular water quality monitoring, sampling, and installing auto-mated stations in rivers, lakes, and groundwater sources to protect ecosystems.
- Organizing cleanup campaigns for rivers, lakes, beaches, and water sources, involving volunteers, local communities, and youth groups.
- Protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems (wetlands, forests, springs, karst systems) through conservation projects, reforestation, and the creation of species-rich habitats.
- Establishing partnerships and cooperative agreements with local water companies, utilities, and environmental agencies for sustainable water management and infrastructure.
- Promoting sustainable water use in agriculture, tourism, and local communities through educational campaigns, training, and the promotion of rainwater harvesting.
- Implementing river chief and forest chief systems, along with grid-based management, to protect watersheds, prevent forest fires, and ensure water source safety.
- Conducting hydrological and hydrogeological research, including studies on karst systems, groundwater management, and the impact of climate change on water resources.
- Developing educational materials, exhibitions, guided tours on the water cycle, watershed protection, and the importance of water conservation for students and the public.

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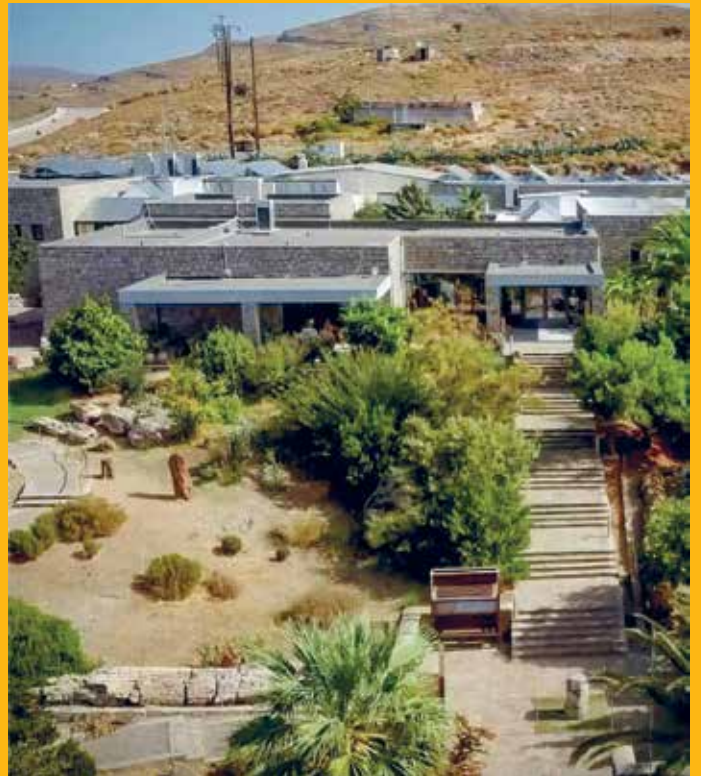
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7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



- Installing and promoting the use of renewable energy systems (solar panels, photovoltaic canopies, geothermal, micro-hydro) in geopark facilities, visitor centers, museums, and public lighting.
- Transitioning to electric or hybrid vehicle fleets for staff transport, tourism (electric buses, boats, sightseeing vehicles), and installing public EV charging stations throughout geopark areas.
- Partnering with energy companies, utilities, and research institutions to develop and promote renewable energy projects (wind, solar, tidal, geothermal) and innovative energy solutions.
- Implementing energy efficiency measures in geopark buildings, including LED lighting, heat pumps, biomass boilers, and building retrofits to reduce consumption.
- Supporting and incentivizing local communities, businesses, and households to adopt sustainable energy practices, including solar installations and transitioning from firewood to electricity or biogas.
- Conducting educational workshops, seminars, and public awareness campaigns on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and reducing light pollution.
- Developing strategic plans, frameworks, and providing advisory services to municipalities for community energy planning, renewable energy development, and improving municipal energy balances.
- Promoting sustainable tourism through eco-friendly transportation (e-bikes, electric shuttles), energy-efficient facilities, and by organizing tours to renewable energy sites like power plants.
- Advocating for and integrating renewable energy goals into broader regional development plans, ensuring they align with landscape conservation and biodiversity protection.
- Leading by example within the geopark organization through paperless offices, digital meetings, sustainable travel policies, and the use of renewable energy for all operations.

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8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



- Creating job opportunities and supporting local entrepreneurs through ge-otourism, partnerships with travel agencies, tour operators, homestays, hotels, and the development of sustainable tourism products.
- Establishing and supporting extensive networks of local partners, businesses, and producers (Geo-partners), providing them with training, promotion, and certification to enhance their market visibility and sustainability.
- Developing and installing tourist infrastructure such as trails, information/interpretation panels, signage, visitor centers, and parking lots to improve the visitor experience and create local employment in construction and maintenance.
- Organizing and participating in tourism fairs, expos, and promotional campaigns (national and international) to market the geopark destination, attract visitors, and generate economic benefits for local communities.
- Providing professional training, workshops, and capacity-building programs for local guides, tourism service providers, small business owners, and youth to develop skills in sustainable tourism, hospitality, and product development.
- Promoting and selling local products (handicrafts, food, beverages) through geopark visitor centers, online platforms, partner networks, and events, directly supporting small-scale producers and the circular economy.
- Cooperating closely with regional tourism organizations, destination management bodies, local action groups (LAGs), and municipalities to develop integrated tourism strategies, secure funding (e.g., EU projects, LEADER), and implement sustainable destination management plans.
- Supporting the creation and development of community-based tourism initiatives, including tourism villages, cooperatives, and family-run businesses, to ensure benefits are distributed locally.
- Implementing inclusive hiring practices within the geopark organization, offering apprenticeships, traineeships, and youth employment programs to build skills and provide decent work opportunities.
- Advocating for and investing in sustainable and regenerative tourism models that aim to extend the tourist season, disperse visitor flows, and ensure tourism contributes to the long-term well-being of ecosystems and local economies.

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9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



- Developing and maintaining sustainable infrastructure in geoparks, including trails, interpretive signage, visitor centers, and accessible facilities for people with disabilities.
- Promoting sustainable and inclusive transport by cooperating with public transport operators, developing shuttle services, and integrating transport options into visitor planning.
- Fostering innovation in geotourism and education through digital tools (apps, VR tours, QR codes, smart management platforms), interactive exhibits, and multi-language interpretation.
- Supporting scientific research and technological development by establishing research grants, collaborating with universities and national research agencies, and funding field studies.
- Establishing and strengthening partnerships with academic institutions, research councils, government bodies, and private companies to advance knowledge and application in geology, ecology, and sustainable management.
- Encouraging community-based and inclusive innovation through citizen science, environmental art projects, co-creation workshops, and developing offers for vulnerable groups.
- Providing technical expertise and support for local infrastructure projects, geological hazard monitoring, conservation efforts, and heritage management.

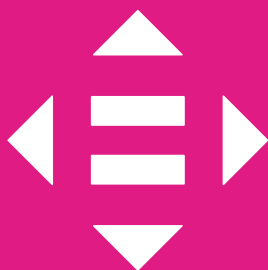
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10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



- Promoting social inclusion and cultural integration through programmes for refugees, migrants, and indigenous communities, and by hiring staff from diverse national and cultural backgrounds.
- Supporting vulnerable and marginalized groups by providing tailored educational workshops, inclusive tourism training, and creating accessible infrastructure and activities for people with disabilities.
- Fostering economic inclusion and reducing disparities by supporting community-based homestays and local businesses, implementing professional qualification programmes for low-income populations, and prioritising local employment.
- Empowering indigenous and local communities by involving them in decision-making, promoting their cultural heritage and languages, and co-developing plans for their social and economic development.
- Encouraging international and intercultural exchange through volunteer programmes, internships, student exchanges, and transnational cooperation projects that build understanding and equality.
- Addressing digital and social inequalities by developing projects that bridge the digital divide and provide universal access to skills and services for disadvantaged groups.
- Combating structural inequalities and discrimination through active support and partnerships with organisations representing people of African descent and other vulnerable communities, and by promoting anti-racism initiatives.

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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



- Promoting sustainable planning and infrastructure by advising on town planning projects, developing accessible visitor centres, museums, and upgrading trails to be eco-friendly and inclusive.
- Supporting the development of accessible and resilient infrastructure by installing barrier-free pathways, ramps, tactile guides, audio navigation, and universally designed facilities for people with disabilities.
- Encouraging community cohesion and participation through local discussion forums, city-wide clean-up initiatives, co-hosting events with community centres, and involving residents in conservation and tourism activities.
- Organizing educational and cultural events to raise awareness about disaster risk reduction, geological heritage, environmental protection, and sustainable practices within local communities.
- Fostering cooperation with other UNESCO designations (World Heritage Sites, Biosphere Reserves) and between geoparks to share best practices, co-manage overlapping areas, and promote integrated heritage conservation.
- Developing smart and sustainable tourism management through digital platforms, real-time monitoring systems, visitor flow management, and promoting low-carbon transportation options like shuttle buses and electric vehicles.
- Strengthening local identity and cultural heritage by collaborating with indigenous communities, promoting intangible heritage (e.g., traditional crafts, field names), and integrating local stories and knowledge into interpretation and tourism offers.

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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



- Supporting local producers through dedicated marketing initiatives, product labeling, and fair access to markets.
- Using and promoting local, seasonal, and regional food and products for Geopark events and activities to reduce food miles and support the local economy.
- Developing and implementing Geopark product criteria, labels, and certification programs to ensure sustainable and ethical production standards.
- Partnering with local artisans, farmers, and small businesses to create and promote traditional and sustainable geoproductions.
- Organizing and participating in local markets, festivals, and fairs to showcase and sell regional products and educate the public on sustainable consumption.
- Implementing waste reduction, recycling, and prevention initiatives within Geopark operations and encouraging them among partners and visitors.
- Conducting educational workshops, seminars, and training sessions for communities and businesses on sustainable practices, circular economy, and responsible resource use.
- Fostering short supply chains and farm-to-table experiences to connect consumers directly with local, sustainable food sources.
- Promoting traditional knowledge, agro-biodiversity, and the preservation of indigenous crops and farming methods.
- Launching and supporting “Clean Plate” campaigns and initiatives to reduce food waste in restaurants and at events.

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13 CLIMATE ACTION



- Organizing educational workshops, lectures, and seminars to raise public awareness about climate change, its impacts, and mitigation strategies.
- Implementing tree planting, reforestation, and afforestation campaigns to enhance carbon sequestration and restore ecosystems.
- Integrating climate change and sustainability themes into school curricula, educational programs, and geopark activities for students and the public.
- Conducting and supporting scientific research on climate change impacts, paleoclimates, carbon sinks, and ecosystem resilience.
- Promoting low-carbon transportation and sustainable mobility through cycling events, hiking, public transport use, and electric vehicle initiatives.
- Developing and implementing disaster risk reduction (DRR) strategies, including early warning systems, evacuation drills, and community preparedness training.
- Supporting local climate adaptation and resilience projects, such as peatland restoration, water management, and fire prevention programs.
- Reducing the carbon footprint of geopark operations by using renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, and compensating for emissions.
- Organizing clean-up campaigns, waste management initiatives, and anti-litter programs to protect natural habitats and reduce pollution.
- Engaging communities, volunteers, and stakeholders in hands-on climate action activities, such as coastal clean-ups, invasive species removal, and habitat restoration.

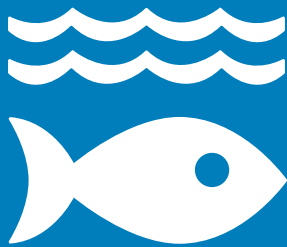
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14 LIFE BELOW WATER



- Organizing and participating in regular coastal and beach clean-up campaigns to remove marine debris and reduce pollution
- Conducting educational workshops, seminars, and exhibitions to raise public awareness about marine ecosystems, biodiversity, and the impact of pollution.
- Supporting and promoting sustainable fishing practices, including traditional methods and community-based fishery management.
- Implementing conservation and restoration projects for marine and coastal habitats, such as mangrove replanting, coral propagation, and wetland protection.
- Collaborating with scientific institutions, NGOs, and government agencies on research and monitoring of marine biodiversity, water quality, and ecosystem health.
- Promoting eco-tourism and responsible visitor activities that highlight marine and coastal heritage while minimizing environmental impact.
- Engaging local communities, schools, and volunteers in citizen science projects and conservation initiatives related to freshwater and marine systems.
- Developing educational materials, guides, and interpretive programs to enhance understanding of aquatic ecosystems and their geological connections.
- Supporting policies and initiatives that protect aquatic biodiversity, regulate fishing, and establish marine protected areas.
- Raising awareness about the interconnectedness of land and water systems, emphasizing how inland actions affect coastal and marine environments.

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- Protecting and conserving geosites and their geological and biological values.
- Conducting biodiversity monitoring, surveys, and species conservation pro-grams (e.g., birds, bats, plants, butterflies).
- Organizing reforestation, tree planting, and habitat restoration activities with community involvement.
- Removing invasive species and promoting native flora and fauna.
- Implementing erosion control, soil conservation, and sustainable land man-agement practices.
- Raising public awareness through educational programs, workshops, and campaigns on biodiversity and ecosystem protection.
- Supporting and collaborating with local communities, schools, and organiza-tions in environmental stewardship.
- Establishing and maintaining protected areas, micro-reserves, and ecological corridors.
- Promoting sustainable tourism and visitor management to minimize environ-mental impact.
- Engaging in citizen science projects and participatory conservation initiatives.

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16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



- Promoting community participation and bottom-up approaches in geopark management and decision-making.
- Strengthening regional identity and fostering social cohesion through cultural, educational, and volunteer activities.
- Encouraging transparency, accountability, and inclusive governance in ge-opark operations and planning.
- Building and maintaining strong partnerships with municipalities, local authorities, academic institutions, NGOs, and private stakeholders.
- Supporting volunteer programs and community-led initiatives to enhance local engagement and ownership.
- Facilitating cross-border, regional, and international cooperation through networks, twinning agreements, and joint projects.
- Organizing stakeholder meetings, workshops, and public consultations to ensure broad participation and shared decision-making.
- Promoting peace, inclusion, and intercultural dialogue through educational programs, cultural exchanges, and heritage preservation.
- Implementing participatory governance structures, such as steering committees, working groups, and advisory boards involving local communities.
- Enhancing public communication and transparency through websites, social media, newsletters, and public reporting.

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17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



- Global, regional, and national networking among UNESCO Global Geoparks through active participation in GGN, EGN, APGN, GeoLAC, AUGGN, CGN and various national forums.
- Attending and presenting at international, regional, and national geopark conferences, workshops, and symposiums to share knowledge and best practices.
- Organizing and participating in capacity-building activities, training courses, and mentorship programs to support aspiring and existing geoparks.
- Establishing formal partnerships and cooperation agreements with other geoparks, universities, research institutions, NGOs, and private stakeholders.
- Developing and implementing collaborative projects—such as Interreg, Eras-mus+, UNESCO IGCP, and joint research initiatives—to advance sustainability goals.
- Hosting and co-organizing networking events, Geopark Weeks, teacher forums, youth exchanges, and stakeholder meetings to foster dialogue and cooperation.
- Partnering with local communities, municipalities, businesses, and educational institutions to promote inclusive and multi-stakeholder engagement.
- Supporting cross-border and transnational cooperation through twinning agreements, sister-park relationships, and joint promotional activities.
- Promoting the SDGs through websites, social media, publications, exhibitions, and public campaigns to raise awareness and encourage collective action.
- Contributing to international working groups, advisory committees, and thematic networks to strengthen global geopark collaboration and policy alignment.

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Mixteca Alta UNESCO Global Geopark, Mexico

Möllerdall UNESCO Global Geopark, Luxembourg

Molina and Alto Tajo UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Mount Changbaishan UNESCO Global Geopark

Mount Kunlun UNESCO Global Geopark

Mt. Apoi UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Muroto UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Muskau Arch UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany & Poland

Ningde UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Non nuoc Cao Bang UNESCO Global Geopark, Vietnam

North Pennines AONB UNESCO Global Geopark,
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Novohrad-Nógrád
UNESCO Global Geopark, Hungary and Slovakia

Odsherred UNESCO Global Geopark, Denmark

Oeste UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal

Ore Of The Alps UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria

Orígens UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia

Percé UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada

Platåbergen UNESCO Global Geopark, Sweden

Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark,

Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark,
Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Qinling Zhongnanshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Raja Ampat UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark, Iceland

Ries UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Rinjani-Lombok UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Rocca Di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Sanqingshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand

Schelde Delta UNESCO Global Geopark,
Belgium and Kingdom of the Netherlands

Seridó UNESCO Global Geopark, Brazil

Sesia - Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Shennongjia UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Shilin UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Sierra Morena de Sevilla UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Sobrarbe-Pirineos UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Songshan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Styrian Eisenwurzen UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria

Sunnhordland UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway

Swabian Alb UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Tabas UNESCO Global Geopark, Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Taishan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Taining UNESCO Global Geopark, China

TERRA.Vita UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

The Land of Extinct Volcanoes UNESCO Global Geopark

Tianzhushan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Toba Caldera UNESCO Global Geopark, Indonesia

Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, Cyprus

Trollfjell UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway

Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada

Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark, Brazil

Unzen Volcanic Area UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan

Vestjylland UNESCO Global Geopark, Denmark

Villuercas Ibores Jara UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Vulkaneifel UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Wangwushan-Daimeishan UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Xiangxi UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Xingwen UNESCO Global Geopark, China

Xingyi UNESCO Global Geopark, China

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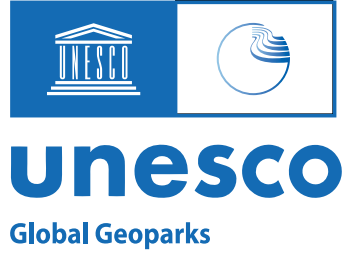


Summary

UNESCO Global Geoparks demonstrated in 2024 a substantial and wide-ranging contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, with predominantly high to moderate levels of implementation across social, economic, environmental, and governance dimensions. Through their bottom-up and community-driven approach, Geoparks strengthened local economies by supporting small producers, geotourism, decent work opportunities, and inclusive entrepreneurship, while promoting food security, sustainable agriculture, and responsible consumption of local products. At the same time, they advanced education for sustainable development through comprehensive learning programs, partnerships with schools and universities, capacity-building for professionals, and accessible interpretation infrastructure for all age groups. Environmental actions included water conservation, renewable energy adoption, climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, biodiversity protection, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable land and marine management. Geoparks further fostered gender equality, social inclusion, and reduced inequalities by empowering women, youth, Indigenous peoples, and vulnerable groups, ensuring equitable participation in decision-making and economic activities. Investments in green infrastructure, innovation, research, and digital tools enhanced sustainable tourism and resilient community development, while strong governance structures, transparency, and extensive local-to-global partnerships reinforced institutional capacity. Continuous SDG-focused training, networking within the Global Geoparks Network, and collaboration with stakeholders are expected to further deepen knowledge, improve impact measurement, and strengthen the role of UNESCO Global Geoparks as living laboratories where practical, place-based actions translate the SDGs into tangible benefits for local communities.







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