

## Ten years of the Xingwen Global Geopark, China

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This year is the tenth anniversary of the establishment of Xingwen Global Geopark, which is located in Xingwen County, Sichuan Province, southwestern China. It was listed as a Global Geopark Network member by UNESCO in 2005. Xingwen Geopark covers an area of 156km<sup>2</sup> and offers a broad variety of locations of geological and cultural importance. This paper reviews the great achievements made in geoconservation, management, education, infrastructure and geotourism by Xingwen Geopark during the last ten years, and which demonstrate that a geopark is a sustainable way to advance geoheritage conservation and improve the livelihood of local people, particularly ethnic minorities. Meanwhile, implications and suggestions for its future development and scientific popularization are discussed.