

Improvements of Huangshan Global Geopark Since Last Revalidation in 2012

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After the second revalidation in 2012, GGN Bureau gave Huangshan Global Geopark eight recommendations for improvement, which refers to geological heritages protection, science popularization, unify the sign boards and integration of the history, culture, archaeology and biodiversity. Since then Huangshan has made great efforts to improve: We have updated our protection plan for geological heritages. Protection list was extended and detailed. Several protection projects were carried out. For science popularization, bases for research and education were established, in association with universities and institutes. Geological heritages data library of Huangshan Geopark was recognized by experts. Several research topics were completed. According to principle of unified design, we promoted the integration work of sign boards in the entire area of geopark. Besides, we have made our education plan, published leaflets and new materials for science popularization, hold activities like volunteer week and special exhibitions. For integration of the culture and geological heritages, we organized photographic exhibition, painting and calligraphy exhibition, which present the scenery of Huangshan and its' culture. We also enhanced international corporation. These years, we established new partnership with Yosemite National Park and Banff National Park, became member of IUCN, and was listed in Green List of Protected Area. We have participated in the development of the "Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria for Destinations" (GSTC-D). And together with HIST, the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences of UNESCO, We have hold the "Huangshan Dialogue on UNESCO Designated Places and Sustainable Development".