

Getting to know the China Geoparks Network and its transferable success factors

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At present, out of 111 global geoparks in 32 countries, 31 are China. In addition to providing better protection for geosites, China's geoparks are delivering obvious benefits to local communities through ongoing local engagement activities and improvement initiatives.

China has designated 185 national geoparks so far. Rich in geological resources, these geoparks have been developing rapidly under the umbrella of the China Geoparks Network (CGN). To cope with the increasing number of visitors and to meet their expectations, proper geopark management and operations, along with quality visitor services, are key challenges to all CGN members.

This presentation aims to give an overview of the development of the CGN over the last 10 years. We will discuss some of its critical success factors and their application to other geoparks in the Asia Pacific region and in the Global Geoparks Network (GGN). We will also explore opportunities for long-term collaboration between the CGN and other geoparks in the GGN.