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## **GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK**

International Association on Geoparks

CELEBRATING EARTH HERITAGE - SUSTAINING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Special issue



Dear colleagues and friends of the Global Geoparks Network,

The Executive Board of UNESCO has endorsed the new 13 nominations for UNESCO Global Geoparks that the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council last September.

The final, legal endorsement has been made on Tuesday 17 at the plenary session of the Board.

The new UNESCO Global Geoparks are the following:

Belgium Famenne-Ardenne UNESCO Global Geopark

Canada Percé UNESCO Global Geopark

China Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe UNESCO Global Geopark Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark

France

Beaujolais UNESCO Global Geopark

## Indonesia

<u>Ciletuh - Palabuhanratu UNESCO Global Geopark</u> <u>Rinjani-Lombok UNESCO Global Geopark</u>

Japan

Izu Peninsula UNESCO Global Geopark

**Republic of Korea** 

Mudeungsan Area UNESCO Global Geopark

Spain

Conca de Tremp-Montsec UNESCO Global Geopark

## Tanzania

Ngorongoro Lengai UNESCO Global Geopark

Thailand Satun UNESCO Global Geopark

Viet Nam Cao Bang UNESCO Global Geopark



From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our geological heritage treasures and landscapes, beaches and coasts to clogging our waste streams and wetlands, karst systems and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.



In response, **UNESCO Global Geoparks** celebrate Earth Day 2018 organizing a variety of activities to enhance the international value of Earth Heritage, to promote UNESCO Global Geoparks as learning platforms on sustainable development and focus on fundamentally changing people's attitudes and behaviours about plastics and sparking a significant reduction in plastic pollution.

UNESCO Global Geoparks share the Earth's Day Campaign and strategy to End Plastic Pollution to:

- Educate and mobilize citizens across the globe to respect the Earth heritage sites, landscapes and environment and to demand action to control and diminish plastic pollution
- Inform and activate citizens to take personal responsibility for the plastic pollution that each of us generates by choosing to reject, reduce, reuse and recycle plastics
- Work with universities, school teachers and students to End Plastic Pollution
- Work within the Global Geoparks Network and its Regional and National Geopark Networks and other organizations promoting the control of plastic use developing resources that others can use and build partnerships.

The Global Geoparks Network will promote the celebration of Earth Day, April 22, 2018 in UNESCO Global Geoparks by organizing a variety of events and promotional activities across all continents .activating their networks including primary and secondary students and teachers to join UNESCO Global Geoparks in activities to celebrate Earth heritage, inspire citizens for the responsible use of our resources and reduce plastic use to save our Natural environment! Please join the campaign and organize your own Geopark event on EARTH DAY!

Send your events and ideas or propose a partnership to <u>ggnassociation@hotmail.com</u>

Send us your posters for the Earth Day 2018 celebration to <u>ggnwebsite@hotmail.com</u>

Earth Day 2018 celebration photo gallery



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