

## UNESCO Global Geoparks Network

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### About UNESCO Global Geoparks Network

- These are **single, unified geographical areas** where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development.
- These comprise a number of geological heritage sites of special scientific importance, rarity or beauty.
- The UNESCO Global Geopark **designation was created in 2015**, and recognizes “geological heritage of international significance”.
- The establishment of a UNESCO Global Geopark is a **bottom-up** process involving a strong local multiple partnership with long-term public and political support.
- It is **not a formal legislative designation**, though the defining geological heritage sites within a UNESCO Global Geopark must be protected under indigenous, local, regional or national legislation as appropriate.

- This status **does not imply restrictions** on any economic activity inside a UNESCO Global Geopark where that activity complies with indigenous, local, regional and/or national legislation.
- **Recognition Period:** A UNESCO Global Geopark is given this designation **for a period of four years** after which the functioning of the site re-examined during a revalidation process.
- **Restrictions:** The selling or destruction of the geological value of a UNESCO Global Geopark or of material either from within the Geopark or from anywhere else in the world is not permitted.

## Global Geoparks Network

- It is a **non-profit International Association** officially established in 2014 subject to French legislation.
  - It is the official partner of UNESCO for the operation of the UNESCO Global Geoparks.
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### Q1: What is UNESCO?

It is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN). It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture.

**Source:** [UNESCO names 18 new Geoparks](#)

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