

Spring 2024 newsletter



The IGCP Council and UNESCO Secretariat at the 9th Council session © UNESCO

RESULTS OF THE 9TH IGCP COUNCIL SESSION: FUNDING FOR 25 PROJECTS IN 2024

The 9th IGCP Council session was held from 10 – 12 March, during which the progress of IGCP projects and funding allocations for 2024 were considered.

This year will see 239 500 USD allocated to 25 IGCP projects while an additional eight projects will remain active. Projects cover diverse topics in the geosciences, focusing on capacity building and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, alongside the six IGCP themes: Earth Resources, Global Change, Geohazards, Hydrogeology, Geodynamics, and Geoheritage for sustainable development. Council presented the results during the Open session. The 2023 IGCP annual report, meeting recordings and presentations are available [here](#).

OPEN CALLS

We would like to highlight ongoing calls to participate in the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme as council member or evaluator, to participate in a mentorship exchange or to host the 12th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks. Find out more at the following links:

[IGCP Council](#)

[UNESCO Global Geoparks Council](#)

[UNESCO Global Geopark Evaluators](#)

[Call to host the 12th International](#)

[UNESCO Global Geoparks Conference](#)

[Mentors and mentees for the UNESCO](#)

[Global Geopark Mentorship Exchange](#)



Biokovo-Imotski Lakes UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia. © Biokovo Nature Park



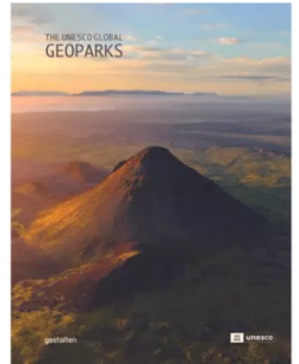
Xingyi UNESCO Global Geopark, P. R. China. © 张霆 Zhang Ting

18 NEW UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS FOR 2024

We're excited to share the official nomination of 18 new UNESCO Global Geoparks by UNESCO's 219th Executive Board on 27 March. These new geoparks are situated in Brazil, People's Republic of China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal and Spain, in addition to a new transboundary geopark spanning Belgium and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. These new geoparks each feature internationally significant geological features and promote the tangible and intangible culture of the region, alongside education and sustainable development. Collectively, these new additions bring the total to 213 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 48 countries around the world. Read the [press release](#).

GEOPARKS BOOK

We are also delighted to announce the release of 'The UNESCO Global Geoparks,' a richly illustrated book co-published by UNESCO and Gestalten, an independent publishing house based in Berlin. As a token of appreciation to all UNESCO Global Geoparks who contributed to this publication, each will receive a complimentary copy. The book will be freely available for download from 27/03/25. [Find out more](#).



NEW GEOPARK APPLICATIONS

The UNESCO Global Geopark Secretariat also announced the applications from a further 18 new aspiring geoparks, which will be evaluated in 2024. Find out more [here](#).