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Thailand Khorat Aspiring UGGp : The Bottom-Up Approach



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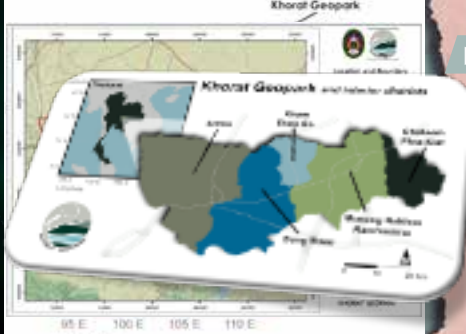
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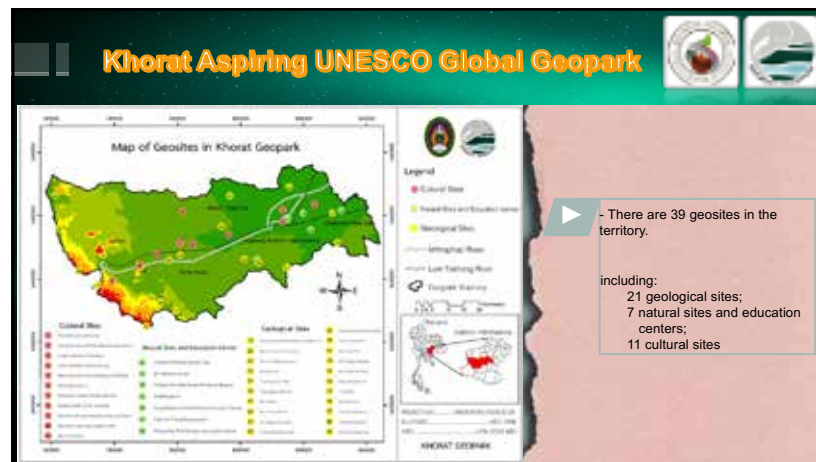
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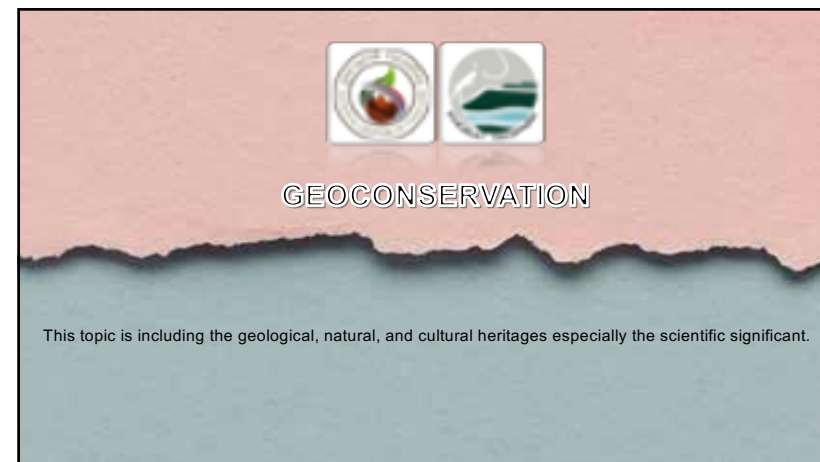


- Khorat Geopark is situated in NE Thailand.
- Khorat is a short name of Nakhon Ratchasima Province.
- Total area is 3,167 sq.km.
- Population is about 430,000 including the inhabitant of Tai-Khorat, Tai-Esan, Tai-Chinese, Tai-Muslim, Tai-Sikh, and Tai-Yuan people.
- The territory is including 5 of 32 districts of Nakhon Ratchasima Province.
- Annual average of temperature is 27.4 °C
- Annual average of precipitation is 1,019 mm.
- Natural vegetation is deciduous dipterocarp forest to dry evergreen forest

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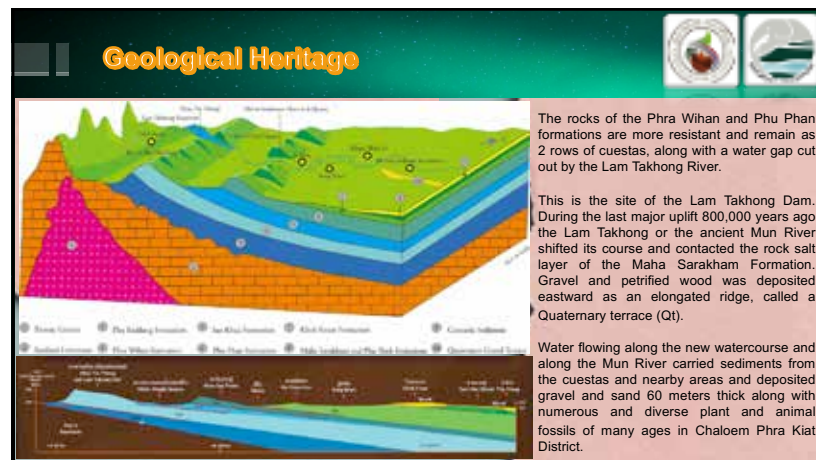
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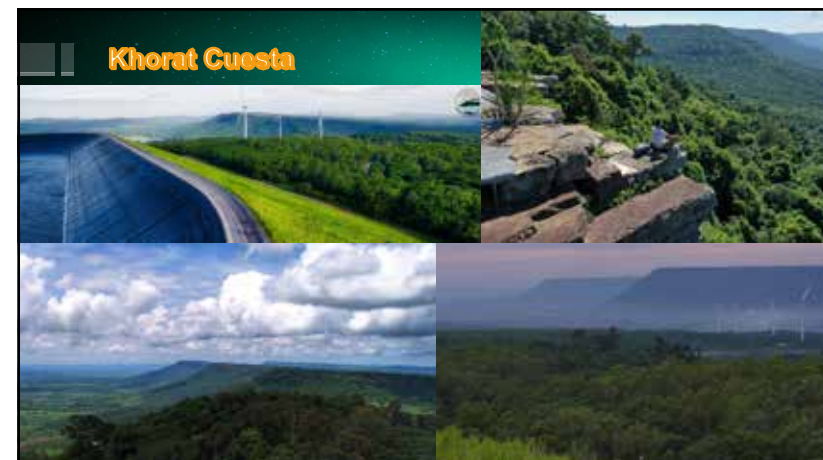
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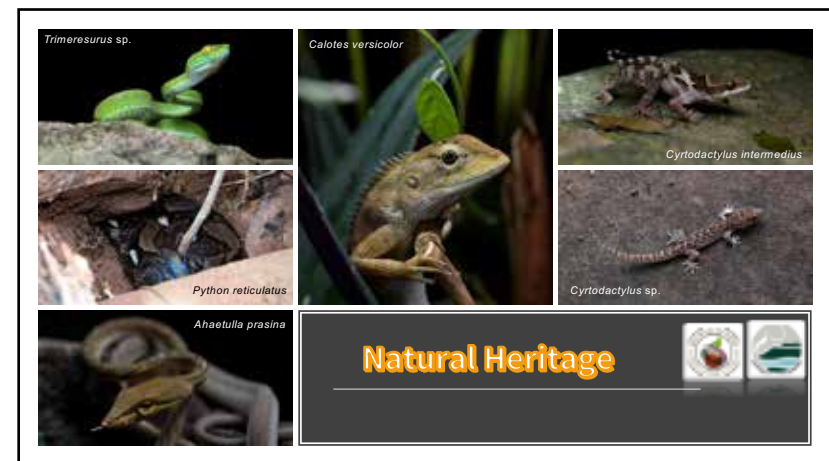
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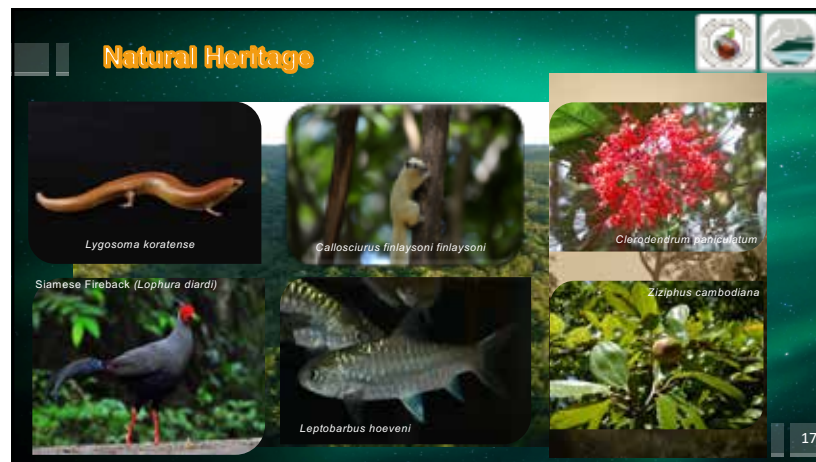
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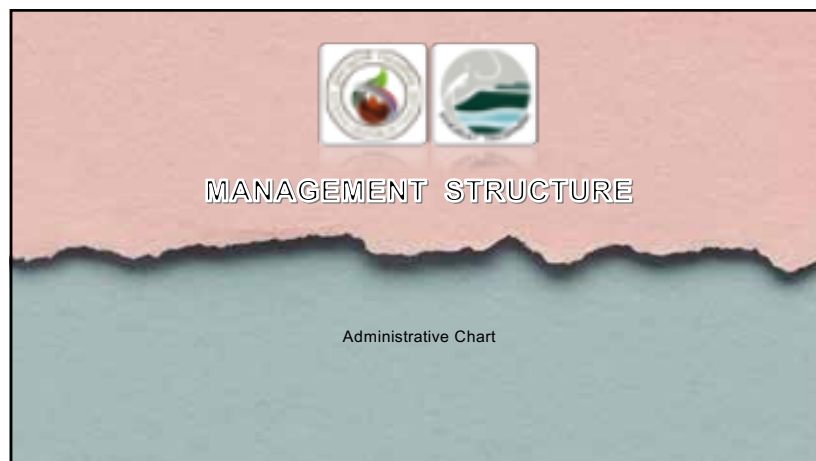
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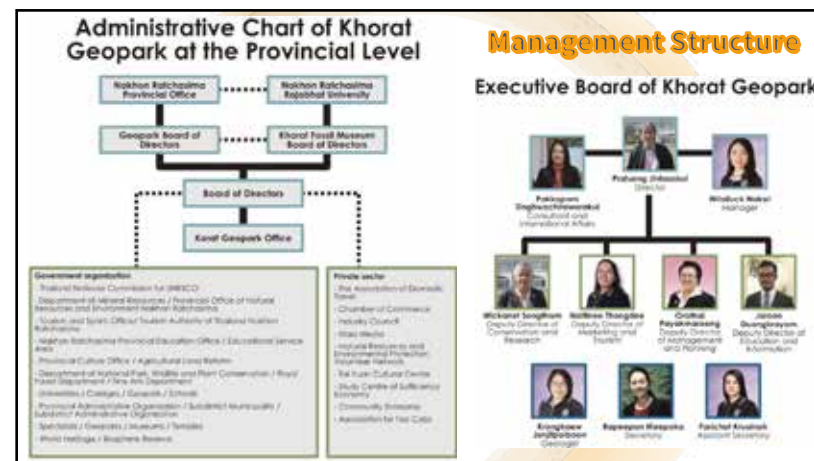
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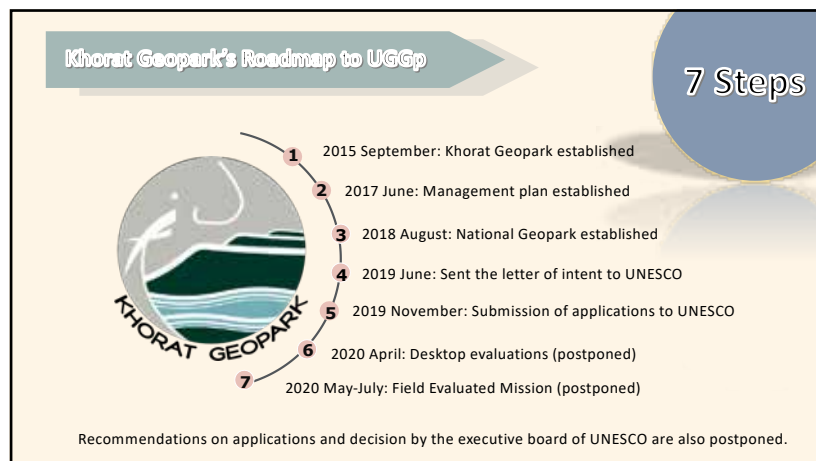
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Educational Activities



"Education transforms lives and is at the heart of UNESCO's mission to build peace, eradicate poverty and drive sustainable development."

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Educational Activities

In 2017, at the Beginning!

- Brainstorming established with communities and especially students but no people understood about Geopark concept at the beginning.


Learn from experience

- Teachers and some local government officers visited to Satun UGGp.

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Educational Activities

Thachangratbumrung school is the first Geopark School which is established by the governor. They'd like to stop fossil selling and develop them area by using Geopark concept and fossil knowledge.



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Educational Activities

In 2018 - Present

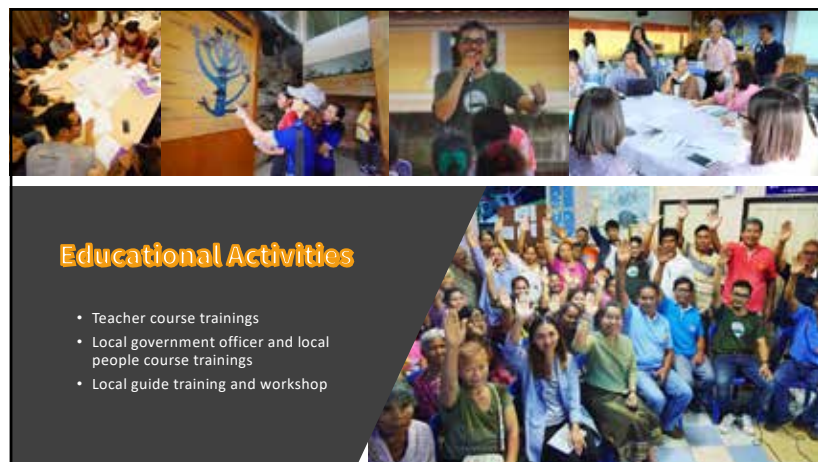
Education development is cooperated with several partnerships such as the biosphere reserves and natural world heritage that located in the province, the government enterprise organizations.

Geopark School

There are 26 schools from 5 districts of Khorat Geopark territory have been set up and joined with the geopark project then they can operate activities together with the partnership.



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Educational Activities

Geopark camps have held as a combined among Khorat Geopark and two UNESCO sites in Nakhon Ratchasima Province. Since May 2018, the camps have been held for 1,512 students.

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Educational Activities

- Learning program for student families
- Geopark Learning Center in the Geopark Schools

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Educational Activities

- Youth volunteer

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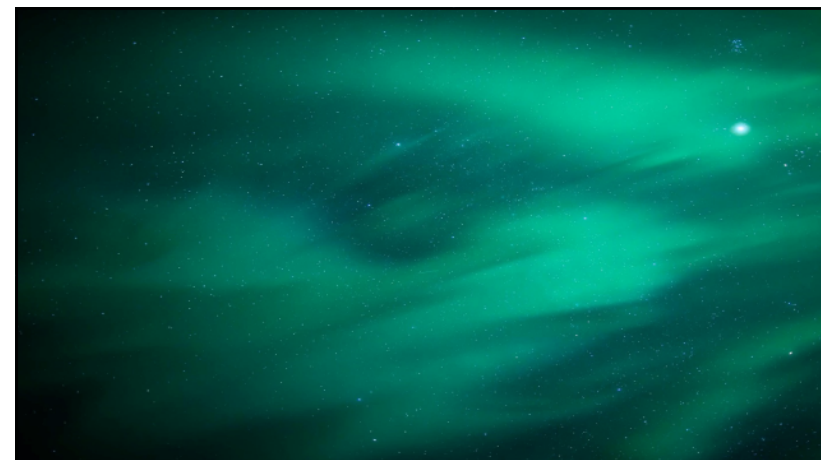
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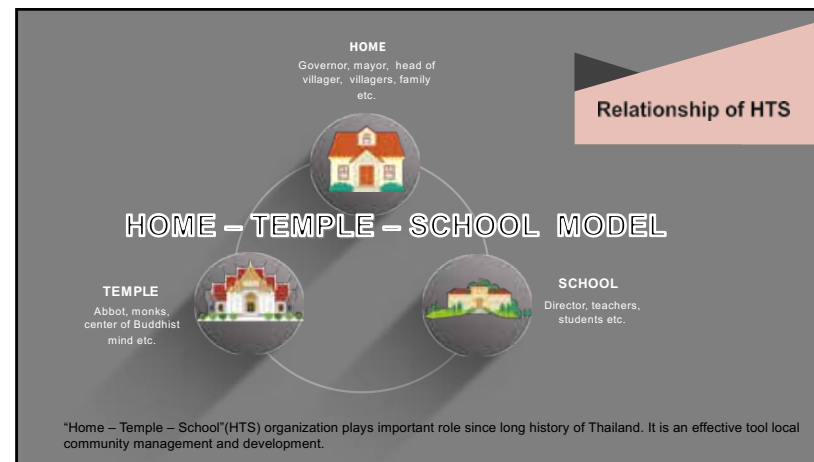
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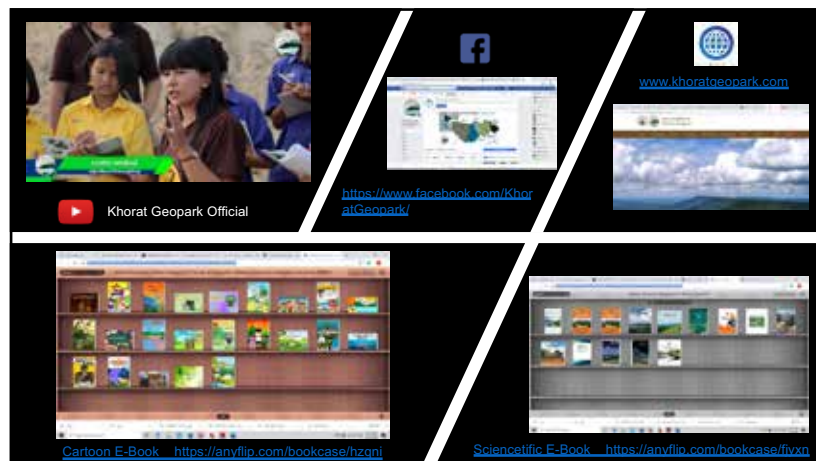


Educational knowledge for people in the communities especially for new generation inspires them to eradicate poverty and drive sustainable development in the local areas by following the geoconservation concept.

The HTS model is an effective bottom-up strategy for promoting Khorat Geopark.

Home-Temple-School Model in Khorat Geopark

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