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Role of researcher in Geopark

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Geopark are natural parks where people enjoy geotourism. UNESCO supports the activity to promote geoparks. Geoparks should include geoheritages, other natural heritages and cultural or historical heritages. Within the geopark main players of its activities are local people there. Bottom up approach is important to promote geoparks. Through the activities in geoparks, education and dissemination of earth science, conservation of geoheritage and sustainable regional development is expected in the area.

Researchers of earth sciences will play a vital role to provide stories on the geology in geoparks.

The quality of the stories provided by the researchers decides the value of the geoparks.

Appropriate support on geoparks by the researchers will help the local community with developing in sustainable manner.

By increasing the activity of geopark, we expect the reactivation of field earth sciences.

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