

The role of cultural geosites in promoting geodiversity to visitors

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Geosites are attractive geotourist destinations and play important role in increasing knowledge about geology of the area where are located. They can be seen from different perspectives including possible impact on bioecological or anthropic environment. From a cultural point of view, the geodiversity can strongly influence the cultural identity of places, including ancient settlements of cities, spiritual or religious aspects, specific artistic expression (such as painting, literature and poetry, music, photography, etc). This relation can be used to make local communities aware of their natural resources and to support various initiatives for promoting and conserving them. Maintaining an inventory of cultural geosites and its evaluation can serve geoconservation purposes and these can serve as a basis for particular geotourism activities. This work presents reviewed classification of cultural geosites for their appropriate use and management in geotourism.

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