

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Thank you for your interest in the UNESCO Global Geoparks programme. Please fill in the editable fields below and provide further attachments where requested. If you do not have enough room please continue on a separate document and attach.

Note: If your proposed geopark is shortlisted you will be required to fill out a [self evaluation form](#) as part of your application dossier.

SECTION 1 CONTACT DETAILS

Organisation name:

Applicant's contact person details

Last name:

First name:

Position in organisation:

Telephone (after hours):

Telephone (day):

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

Postal address

Street/PO Box:

Suburb:

City:

Post code:

SECTION 2 TE KOROWAI PAPATUANUKU GEOLOGICAL HERITAGE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL VALUE/SIGNIFICANCE

1

What is the name and location of your proposed geopark?



Provide coordinates, boundaries or a map showing its exact location.

2

UNESCO Global Geoparks must be single, unified geographical areas with sites and landscapes of international geological significance. What are the special and distinct geological or geomorphological features of the site?



Provide three examples of national and international peer reviewed and published scientific research about your proposed geopark.

3

What mātauranga (indigenous knowledge) is available to recognise the special qualities of your site?



Provide three transcripts of oral statements as examples.

4

Provide at least two examples of any associated biological features that demonstrate co-evolution at your site.

5

UNESCO Global Geoparks must respect local and national laws relating to the protection of geological heritage and the defining geological heritage sites within it must be legally protected in advance of any application.

Does the site have any current legal or local designation and protection (e.g. within a World Heritage site, scientific reserve, national or regional park, urupa or rahui) that prevents or minimises damage or removal of parts of the geological heritage?

Yes

No

If yes, how is this enforced?

6

Provide examples of how the geological and geomorphological qualities of your proposed geopark are currently promoted, interpreted, communicated and maintained.

SECTION 3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MANAGEMENT

1

UNESCO Global Geoparks should actively involve local communities and indigenous peoples as key stakeholders in the Geopark.

In partnership with local communities, a co-management plan needs to be drafted and implemented that provides for the social and economic needs of local populations, protects the landscape in which they live and conserves their cultural identity. It is recommended that all relevant local and regional actors and authorities be represented in the management of a UNESCO Global Geopark. Local and indigenous knowledge, practice and management systems should be included, alongside science, in the planning and management of the area. Is your application being jointly developed with local whānau, hapu or iwi?

Yes

No

Provide details of the stakeholders/partners and their level of engagement:

2

Do you have a working group that will assist in developing the application and in establishing your geopark proposal?

Yes

No

3

How would you propose to deal with situations where the legislative status (of crown, local/regional or private lands) requires incorporation into your geopark?

Provide details of legal status, establishment date, membership etc:

4

Outline any awards or other formal recognition your proposed geopark has received for its activities in the fields of geodiversity, conservation or sustainable geo-tourism during the last five years.

5

How do you educate/plan to educate visitors to your proposed geopark? For instance, is there/will there be a museum/ information centre, panel displays, interactive signage, guided walks or special programmes?

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What languages are covered in your current signage/promotional material (including website)?

7

How do you currently monitor visitors to your proposed geopark, e.g. do you currently count visitors and find out where they come from/evaluate their satisfaction levels?

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Provide details on how the visitor monitoring you undertake influences your forward planning.

9

How does/will your proposed geopark promote regional food, beverages, cultural and craft products, and maintain a strong connection with local businesses and iwi through joint projects? (provide at least one example for each where applicable)

10

Successful Global Geoparks are required to join the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) and are expected to share their experience and undertake joint projects within the GGN.

The annual membership fee is approximately €1500. Applicants that are nominated by the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO must also cover the cost of travelling and accommodation for two international experts, who will undertake a field evaluation. Sites are re-evaluated every four years. Please indicate that your organisation has taken this into account for planning purposes.

- Yes
- No

SECTION 4 SUPPORTING MATERIAL CHECKLIST

- coordinates, boundaries or a map showing your proposed geopark's location
- three examples of national and international peer reviewed and published scientific research about your proposed geopark
- three transcripts of oral statements about the mātauranga (indigenous knowledge) that is available to recognise the special qualities of your site

SECTION 5 SUBMITTING YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please note that all sections above must be completed for your Expression of Interest to be considered.

Completed forms must be received by **5.00pm on 30 April 2018 by post, hand/courier or email.**

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NOTE

The shortlisting and nomination decisions of the Expert Advisory Panel and the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO will take into account a range of factors, including consideration of a potential UNESCO Global Geopark's contribution to the wider New Zealand Geopark Network as it develops.

