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# The 5th Geotourism Festival & International Conference

**26 June - 19 July 2024**

**Indonesia (Ijen UGGp & Rinjani-Lombok UGGp) - Australia (Sydney)**

**‘Volcano as a World Class  
Sustainable Geotourism Destination’**

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## IJEN - LOMBOK - SYDNEY, 26 JUNE - 19 JULY 2024

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The 5th Geotourism Festival & International Conference was originally developed in Rinjani-Lombok UGGp in 2020 as a creative event during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The idea for implementing this activity was when the geopark community took part in the Best Practice Event Management & Idea Training which was carried out in collaboration of the Indonesian Government (Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of the Republic of Indonesia) with Australia (Australian Marketing Institute). Since then, the only geotourism conference activity in Indonesia has been carried out on an ongoing basis once a year and involves various institutions. So this activity has developed as one of the mainstay events in the Indonesian Geopark Network.

Along with the rapid development of geoparks in Indonesia, geotourism also continues to develop. Both the central and regional governments have various programs related to geotourism development which started in 2015, for example the development of geotrails to the publication of Indonesian National Work Competency Standards No. 89 of 2019 concerning Geotourism Guides, which through a World Bank grant has also been selected as one of the competency standards that is being reviewed

The existence of this Work Competency Standards of Geotourism Guides shows that the demand for certified guides and geotourism activities is increasing. To understand the condition of geotourism in Indonesia, a Geotourism Working Group was formed in early 2023 which came from UNESCO Global Geopark representation under the Indonesian Geopark Network. This working group succeeded in identifying 8 issues in common in developing geotourism, one of them is human resources. To answer the challenges in developing geotourism, the Geotourism Festival & International Conference will be held for the 5th time with a wider target audience and interesting discussion topics.

Every year, Geofest presents various current themes in the development of geotourism in Indonesia and Asia Pacific. Likewise for 2024, taking into account (1) Follow up on the results of Geofest 2023 regarding the development of cross-regional volcanic geotrails, (2) the increasing number of volcanic themed geoparks, (3) there are several volcanic geopark networks and volcanic working groups, (4) increasing tourism activities in volcanic areas which require special handling so that tourism activities continue to provide experience, education and protection of the earth's heritage, (5) there is a risk of danger in tourism activities in volcanic areas; so in 2024 geofest will take the theme 'Volcano as a World Class Sustainable Geotourism Destination'

What's special about Geofest 2024 is that it will be held in 2 countries, Indonesia and Australia. Australia as one of the countries that has initiated the development of world geotourism and its geotourism attributes can be a good reference for practitioners, academics and geotourism activists in Indonesia and the Asia Pacific. 5th Geofest



participants can share experiences and provide each other with updates on the latest knowledge/research results in the field of geotourism.

## 2. GOALS

- a. **Awareness:** 750 people will be involved and participated to this event from local communities (including women groups), youth, Geoparkeans, practitioners, academics, private, media, tourist enthusiasts in the Asia and Pasific Region.
- b. **Geotourism Framework in Indonesia:** Geotourism development is increasing (especially in Indonesia) but there is no framework that can be referred to. On the other hand, Australia already has this framework, Indonesia can learn from developing this framework with Australia. This is not only for Indonesia but other countries that face similar challenges.
- c. **Volcanic Geotrail:** In accordance with the 2024 theme which is more focused on volcanoes, the development of the Volcano Geotrail can be a joint output that can be managed and utilized by various parties including the community and travel agents.
- d. **Journal:** As in previous years, at the end of the conference the committee will publish an international geotourism journal which can be referred to by policy makers, academics and geotourism practitioners.
- e. **New Network & Business Opportunity:** Since the first geofest in 2020, IGN has encouraged and supported local MSME & women's groups related to geotourism or ecotourism to take part in this event and promote their products directly and digitally. In 2024, the opportunities are even wider as the exposure increases

## 3. ORGANIZERS

This activity is a collaboration between the Indonesian Geopark Network and the Australian Geoscience Council. In the Indonesian Geopark Network, activities will be coordinated by Ijen UGGp and Rinjani-Lombok UGGp.

### A. Indonesian Geoparks Network

The Indoensian Geoparks Network (IGN) was founded in 2017 in Tanjung Pandan, Belitung Geopark when the number of geoparks in Indonesia trended to continue to increase. IGN is a national partnership between National Geoparks and UNESCO Global Geoparks in Indonesia. This partnership was established with the aim of promoting geoparks; maintaining the preservation of geological and non-geological heritage; ensuring the sustainability of socio-economic and cultural development activities; stimulate research and development of geological and non-geological heritage resources; implementing cooperation programs between geoparks; and prepare recommendations on developing issues. To be able to carry out its duties, JGI



collaborates a lot with the government, the Asia Pacific or global geopark network and other institutions at national and international levels.

To date, JGI has 24 members consisting of 10 UNESCO Global Geoparks, 9 National Geoparks and 5 Aspiring National Geoparks. Various activities organized by JGI are as follows:

1. Sharing sessions both online and offline related to geotourism and geopark issues in various regions
2. Assisting members and prospective members in geopark development
3. Promoting geotourism and geoparks at various national and international events
4. Develop geotourism packages in each geopark (member) and collaborate with tourism platforms in marketing them
5. Facilitate members to work together or be involved in cross-border cooperation programs
6. Collaborating with the Indonesian National Geopark Committee in monitoring, developing and reporting on geoparks in Indonesia



Map of Indonesian Geoparks Networks

### - Ijen UGGP

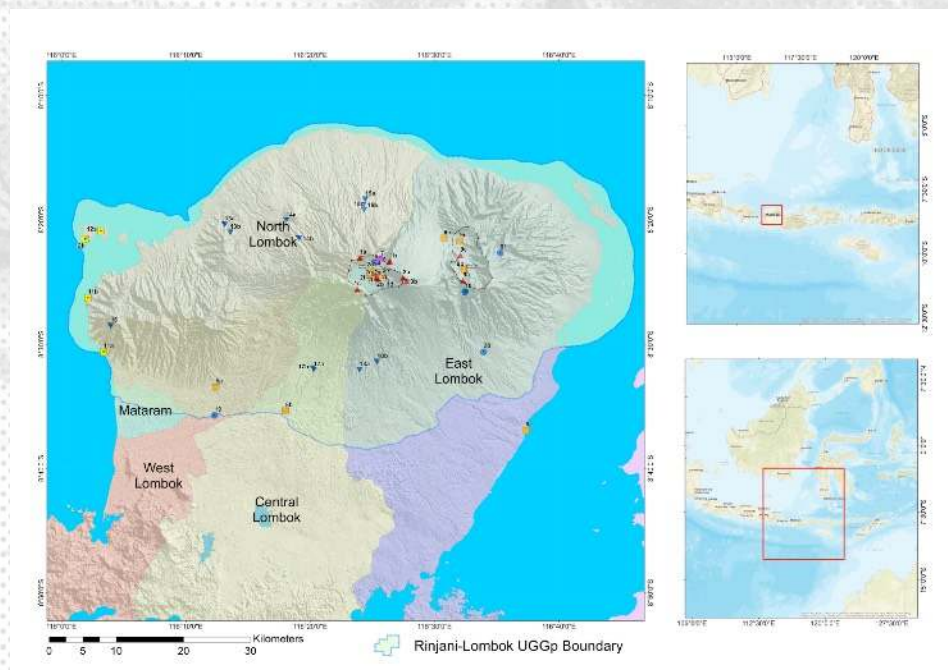
Designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark in 2023, Ijen UGGP is located in 2 districts, namely Banyuwangi Regency and Bondowoso Regency in East Java Province. Ijen has an area of 4,723 km<sup>2</sup>, boasts with natural wonders and renowned for its volcanic landscape, unique geological formations, and cultural heritage. It encompasses Mount Ijen, a stratovolcano with a picturesque turquoise crater lake known as Kawah Ijen, which is the most acidic lake in the world, as well as the Belambangan Biosphere Reserve, designated by UNESCO in 2016.



The geopark places significant emphasis on the education sector, employing several ongoing work programs, namely: Geopark Goes to School, School Goes to Geopark, and Geopark Corner. Geopark Goes to School entails the provision of assistance to kindergartens, primary schools, middle schools, and high schools, enabling them to acquire knowledge on earth sciences, geoparks, and sustainable lifestyles.



Map of Ijen Geopark



Rinjani-Lombok Geopark Boundary Area



## - Rinjani-Lombok UGGp

Rinjani-Lombok UGGp was designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark in 2018. This geopark has outstanding geological value in the form of the eruption of the Old Rinjani Volcano (Samalas) which once erupted violently in the 13th century. The eruption changed the world's climate and locally changed the entire topography of Lombok Island. Rinjani-Lombok has an area of 2850 km<sup>2</sup> consisting of 4 districts and 1 city. Even though it is located on a small island that is vulnerable to disasters, this geopark has complete attractions ranging from volcanoes to underwater. This Geopark is the main initiator of Geofest in Indonesia. To date, there have been dozens of papers that can be read in the international journal Geotourism Science & Development.

## B. Australian Geoscience Council

The [Australian Geoscience Council \(AGC\)](https://www.agc.org.au) is the Peak Council of geoscientists in Australia. It represents eight major Australian geoscientific societies with a total membership of over 8000 individuals comprising industry, government and academic professionals in the fields of geology, geophysics, geochemistry, mineral and petroleum exploration, environmental geoscience, hydrogeology and geological hazards (source: <https://www.agc.org.au>)



## 4. DATE & VENUE

The 5th Geotourism Festival & International Conference will be held in 3 stages:

### PRE EVENT

Date: End of June 2024

Venue: Ijen UGGp - Indonesia

### MAIN EVENT

Date: 4 - 6 July 2024

Venue: Rinjani-Lombok UGGp - Indonesia

### POST EVENT

Date: 18 - 19 July 2024

Venue: Sydney - Australia



## 5. EVENT AT A GLANCE

Date	Agenda			Location		
26 June 2024	Arrival of participants, camp set up			Ijen UGGp		
27 June 2024	Youth Geopark Program Competition					
27 June 2024	Youth Geopark Exhibition					
27 June 2024	Youth camp & FGD 'The Role of Youth in Developing Volcanic Geotourism'					
28 June 2024	Field trip					
4 July 2024	Opening Ceremony Keynote Speech Cultural Performance Panel Sessions  World Cafe: Topic: Geotourism Human Resources - Personal Interpretation - Non Personal Interpretation	G e o - e x h i b i t i o n	R i n j a n i  F i l m  F e s t i v a l	Rinjani-Lombok UGGp		
5 July 2024	Parallel Scientific Class  World Cafe, on the topics: - Promotion & the role of Youth - Volcanic Geotrail & what tourists need  Parallel Workshop: Geotourism Framework in Indonesia  Indonesia Geopark Youth Forum (IGYF) Conference  Closing Ceremony			Rinjani-Lombok UGGp		
6 July 2024	Field trip			Rinjani-Lombok UGGp		
7 July 2024	Indonesian Geoparks Run Series #3			Rinjani-Lombok UGGp		
18 July 2024	Workshop Poster & Geoproduct Exhibition			Sydney - Australia		
19 July 2024	Field trip			Sydney - Australia		

## 6. THE 4TH GEOFEST SUMMARY REPORT

In general the 4th Geotourism Festival & International Conference is conducted successfully, but there are some aspects that need to be improved in quality. And some



points need to be followed up (join-projects) for geotourism development. Achievements of this event are summarised as follow:

1. This event was involving 750 people consist of volunteers, supporters and participants of pre-event, main event in Lombok and post event. Participants were not only coming from Indonesia but other countries both in person and digital platform.
2. There were 53 abstract submitters but only 30 final accepted abstracts that presented and 2 additional presenters from experts
3. Journal of Geotourism Science and Development will be published for the 3rd year and will accommodate the 30 papers from this event.
4. Some points that need to be improved are (a) timing, timing issue is not only coming from the committee but also from participants, so for the next issue it is important to have exit strategy on timing issue; (b) Workshops, discussions and field trip provided some plans that need to be followed up after event that related to human resources capacity and join projects.
5. For this year's event, government support is still low both from ministries or provincial government, though geopark development in Indonesia is increasing. Geotourism is supposed to have special attention since there is a Ministry of Tourism & Creative Economy of Indonesia Regulation concerning Geopark as a tourism attraction. And this event is the only geotourism conference event in Indonesia



the 4th Geofest Activities in 2023



6. Several results of discussion that need to be followed up:
- a. Geotrail Development of the 'Lombok - Sumbawa Geomarine Trail'. This project involves the Rinjani-Lombok Geopark, the Tambora National Geopark and the Samota Biosphere Reserve as well as the provincial & regional governments together with the local communities. The most important aspect that need to be built is the atmosphere of this trail which can be develop through visibilities, human resources development, booklet, leaflets, flyers and geotour packages. Industry such as tour and travel agents also need to be involved and later with geoparks locally, national, and UNESCO Global Geopark both in and out Indonesia.
  - b. Geotrail development 'Ring of Fire Geotrail Development & Package in Indonesia'. This trail covers 4 geoparks including Caldera Toba UGGp, Ijen UGGp, Batur UGGp and Rinjani-Lombok UGGp. In the way forward, it is very possible to involve other volcanoes outside the geopark area. Some aspects that are needed are building an atmosphere through visibility, developing human resources, booklets/leaflets/flyers, geotourism packages involving tour travel agents and later working with Indonesian geoparks and abroad in marketing. For this reason, the geopark management body coordinated by the Indonesian Geopark Network and the Geotourism Working Group can begin to develop strategic steps to partner with local governments and other stakeholders.
  - c. Development of unique culinary tour packages for each geopark which can be done by developing the Food Cultural Trail of Indonesian Geopark. The background of this idea is to unite people from different cultural landscapes through food. This trail can be started from Merangin - Meratus - Rinjani-Lombok and Tambora. As for the culinary package, it is returned to the geopark management agency. To make this happen, cooperation between several Management Agencies and local governments is required.
  - d. Development of Human Resources in Geotourism needs to be continuously carried out and improved. To implement it, it can be started from the Geopark Management Agency as a liaison between the community and the government. The Management Body needs to explore the needs of the community and manage the data to develop a series of activities that involve stakeholders including the private sector. In addition, integrated planning is needed in the regions so that geotourism and geoparks can develop optimally and maximally
  - e. Follow up on the planned collaboration between Rinjani-Lombok UGGp, Ijen UGGp and the Australia Geoscience Council regarding the holding of The 5th Geotourism Festival & International Conference in 3 regions (Ijen, Rinjani-Lombok and Sydney-Australia). The initial idea that was agreed upon was the pre-event at Ijen UGGp, the main event at Rinjani-Lombok UGGp and the post-event in Sydney. This idea must be broken down immediately to become an action plan in preparation for the 5th Geofest in 2024.
  - f. Making derivatives of the MoU between several geoparks into a cooperation agreement that can be implemented concretely. Some of the actors in the MoU



- are Silokek Ranah Minang National Geopark and Rinjani-Lombok UGGp, Silokek Ranah Minang National Geopark and Ijen UGGp, Silokek Ranah Minang National Geopark and Merangin UGGp, and Ijen UGGp and Merangin UGGp.
- g. Follow up on the agreement in the discussion on the cooperation plan between the Rinjani-Lombok Geopark and Aso Geopark in Japan, especially in the field of disaster education/literacy and geotourism.

## 7. ABSTRACT & REGISTRATION

### - ABSTRACT & PRESENTATION

The 5th Geotourism Festival & International Conference takes the theme Volcano as a World Class Sustainable Geotourism Destination

Sub themes:

1. Volcanic Geotourism Development
2. Linkage Between Geological, Biological & Cultural Diversities in Geotourism
3. Disaster Risk Reduction in Geotourism
4. Wallacean Avifauna in Volcanic Landscape

Abstract submitters can wait for the Notification of Abstract Acceptance before registering. Presenter registration must be made no later than 30 May 2024. Paper couldn't be presented (and published) if the author/ presenter does not register.

Important Dates

- 1 February - 20 March 2024 : Submit Abstract  
 1 April 2024: Notification of Abstract Acceptance  
 12 April - 10 June 2024: Full Paper Submission

Please submit your abstract to our email [geoparkrinjani.dph@gmail.com](mailto:geoparkrinjani.dph@gmail.com) (Subject: Geofest 2024 Abstract Submission).

Journal:

- International Journal of Geotourism Science & Development (750K)
- Indonesian Journal on Geoscience (IJOG), SCOPUS indexed (publish rate: tbc)
- Jurnal Geologi & Sumber Daya Mineral (Journal of Geology and Mineral Resources), accreditation: Sinta 2 (publish rate: tbc)

### - REGISTRATION

Registration Type & Fee:

PROFESSIONAL	2 full day access , meals during event, seminar kit, field trip	IDR	1.500.000
STUDENT	2 full day access, meals during event, seminar kit	IDR	750.000



GEOPARK MANAGEMENT BOARD/ LOCAL COMMUNITY	2 full day access , meals during event, seminar kit	IDR	900.000
	2 full day access , meals during event, seminar kit, field trip	IDR	1.200.000
ONLINE PARTICIPANT	online access for the whole event, abstract book, e-certificate	IDR	450.000
FIELD TRIP	all covers (transport, meals, tour guide)	IDR	500.000

## 5. AGENDA

### - Pre Event

Detail rundown will available shortly

### - Main Event

#### Tentative agendas for the main event on 4 - 6 July 2023

Time (UTC +8)	Agenda	Note/ Location
DAY 1 - 4 July 2024		
08:00 - 08:30	Ambience	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 10:00	Cultural Performances & Opening of Geofair	- Coffee Break in between this agenda
10:00 - 11:00	Opening Ceremony	
11:00 - 12:00	Keynote Speaker	at the Main stage
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break	restaurant
13:30 - 15:30	Panel Session	at the Main stage
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 17:00	Workshop on Geotourism Interpretation	at the Main stage
17:00 - ~	Free Evening	
DAY 2 - 5 July 2023		
09:00 - 10:00	Scientific Parallel Session	Class room
10:00 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Scientific Parallel Session	Class room
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 15:00	Scientific Parallel Session	Class room
15:00 - 17:00	Workshop	At the Main stage
17:00 - ~	Free Evening	



Time (UTC +8)	Agenda	Note/ Location
DAY 3 - 6 July 2023 (Proposed Trip: Sembalun Valley*)		
07:00 - 10:00	Go to Sembalun*	
10:00 - 10:30	Sight seeing at Pusuk Sembalun	Rest Area Pusuk Sembalun
10:30 - 12:00	Visit Desa Beleg of Sembalun	Geosite Sembalun
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 - 14:00	Visit Rinjani Volcano Observatory Center	Geosite Sembalun
14:00 - 15:30	Trip to Senaru Village	
15:30 - 16:30	Coffee Break & Waterfall visit	Pondok Senaru/ Coffee plantation
16:30 - 19:00	Trip to Senggigi	
19:00 - 21:00	Farewell Dinner	

## - Post Event

The detail rundown will available shortly. Please check on the website: [geofest.com.au](http://geofest.com.au)

**Date** : 18 - 19 February 2024 (1 day workshop & 1 day field trip)

**Venue** : New Law Building, The University of Sydney, Eastern Avenue, Camperdown NSW 2050.

### Field trips

All field trips depart The University of Sydney in front of the School of Geoscience, Madsen Building at 8.00 am and return by 6.00 pm to the same location.

- Iconic Blue Mountains World Heritage Area - A Scenic Area of International Significance. Lead by Dr. Peter Hatherly, a geoscience specialists of landforms of the Blue Mountain WHA.
- Royal National Park and South Coast Volcanics. Lead by Dr. Sabrin Zahirovic, a tectonics and paleogeography specialist.
- Ku-Ring-Gai Georegion - Geotrail Development Case Study of Long Reef, Sydney's Northern Beaches. Lead by Dr. Peter Mitchell OAM, an environmental and geoscience specialist.

## 6. CLOSING PAGE

Various discussions and new collaborations have been established through this event from year to year. In the future, this event is expected to develop further and continue to innovate so that it will attract more practitioners, government and stakeholders related to geotourism from within and outside the country. The success of geofest is inseparable from the various supports from the local community, the Indonesian Geoparks Network members and all partners and supporters. So that the highest appreciation is given to all parties who have been involved to this activities. To maintain the trust of partners, We committed to continuously improving the quality of event.