



GROUP 2

ALIGNMENT OF GEOHERITAGE
INITIATIVES IN THE US AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



GROUP 2—CHALLENGES (AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS)

- US-UNESCO RELATIONSHIP (HOPING FOR BETTER IN NEAR FUTURE)
- POTENTIAL RESISTANCE TO UNESCO-RELATED PROJECTS IN CONSERVATIVE COMMUNITIES
- NOMENCLATURE 1: IS IT A GEOPARK, GEOHERITAGE AREA, DOES ONE FALL UNDER THE OTHER, ETC. IS IT A GEOSITE OR A GEO-AREA, ETC.
- NOMENCLATURE 2: IUCN OR UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS OR IUGS OR IUCN, OR SOME VERSION / MIXTURE OF THESE?
- HOW DO WE GET YOUNG FOLKS / EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS INVOLVED IN GEOHERITAGE AND GEOPARKS? (INTERNSHIPS, GEOSTEM CAMP, ENVIROTHON, ETC)

GROUP 2—CHALLENGES (AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS)

- FEW PEOPLE KNOW OF OR DISCUSS GEOHERITAGE IN THE US
 - (NEED A MARKETING PLAN, NETWORK WITH CHINA, SPAIN, FRANCE, ETC....YOUTH PROGRAMS)
- US IS CONSTRAINED FROM BEING A UGGN MEMBER-POLITICAL AND MANY EMERGING NATIONS ARE CONSTRAINED BY THE LACK OF SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE REVIEW
 - (PERHAPS DEVELOP A US GEOPARK NETWORK OR GEOHERITAGE NETWORK AND POSITION THIS TO MARKET GLOBAL GEOPARK CONCEPTS. PERHAPS DEVELOPING NATIONS CAN BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY IUCN ETC. (OTHER THAN GGN)).

GROUP 2—CHALLENGES (AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS)

- LACK OF US PRESENCE AT INTERNATIONAL GEOPARK AND GEOHERITAGE MEETINGS WORLDWIDE
 - (START ATTENDING THESE AND KEEPING TRACK OF ATTENDANCE TO DEMONSTRATE INTEREST)
 - (EXPAND INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE DIPLOMACY, MEMBERSHIP IN PROGEO)
 - (JOIN IUCN GEOHERITAGE SPECIALIST GROUP)
 - (PUBLISH AND PRESENT ON THE TOPIC AT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA)
 - (BECOME DESKTOP REVIEWERS FOR IUCN, ASPIRING GLOBAL GEOPARKS, ETC.)
 - (DEVELOP SISTER-GEOPARK COMMUNITIES)
 - (DEVELOP GSA SCIENTIFIC DIVISION)

GROUP 2—CHALLENGES (AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS)

- LACK OF COHESION AMONG THE VARIOUS ASPIRING U.S. GEOPARK COMMUNITIES
 - (DEVELOP A NATIONAL GEOPARK ASSOCIATION W/ ANNUAL DUES, NEWSLETTER, ETC.)