

History of conservation of geoheritage in Japan

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Nature conservation initiatives in Japan are closely linked with the adoption of western science and technology in the Meiji Period. This implies that conservation rules were not developed from within but incorporated from the outside without thorough evaluation of their applicability to the natural environment of Japan. Another major characteristic is that local people tend to attach more importance to promote their local culture and lifestyle, rather than conserving the natural components of the environment. The geopark movements in various parts of Japan show a similar tendency.

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