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前 言

中国路南石林在海内外享有很高的声誉，被誉为“天下第一奇观”。在古代，路南石林是滇桂、滇黔古驿道站；明朝万历年于乃古石林建石峰寺。十九世纪末，法国人张国良(Paul Vial)在巴黎一家杂志发表了有关路南石林、路美邑彝族撒尼人的文章和生活照片(这是迄今所知的最早将路南石林介绍给西方世界的文献)。20世纪30年代，云南省政府龙云主席拨款建设石林。80年代以来，路南石林接待了上百万的海外游客，上千万的中国游客，有数十个国家的国家元首、政府要员游览过石林。单就国内而言，石林接待过四位国家主席(刘少奇、宋庆龄、李先念、杨尚昆)，三位全国人大常委会委员长(朱德、万里、乔石)，一位全国政协主席(李瑞环)。国务院已故总理周恩来两次游览石林，中国改革开放的总设计师邓小平也在石林留下足迹。他们在石林写下了留芳千古的题辞。石林成为路南县各族人民、云南各族人民与国内外交往的重要媒体。

石林这块孕育了勤劳、美丽、善良、智慧的彝族人民的自然奇景吸引了古今中外的游客，她的科学奥秘也引来了无数中外专家、学者、科普爱好者。公元前300余年的楚国大夫屈原的“焉有石林”之问，揭开了认识石林之先河。近百年来，尤其是20世纪40年代以来，到路南石林地区进行过研究考察的中外学者上千人，涉及到历史学、民族学、社会学、经济学、人类学、文化语言学、地质学、地貌学、地理学、植物学、动物学、环境学、生态学、风景名胜学、资源学和旅游学，其中有许多的著名学者。如闻一多、李公朴、潘光旦、吴晗、张光年、朱自清等在40年代对石林彝族撒尼文化和社会进行过考察和研究；著名历史学家方国瑜教授研究彝族文化历史，涉足过撒尼人；文学家李广田教授等整理了撒尼史诗《阿诗玛》；中国科学院院士、古生物学专家杨钟健教授研究过路南盆地的新生代地质；中国科学院院士吴征镒教授分析研究过路南地区的植被区系；30年代马希融首次研究石林喀斯特的地貌学；中国科学院院士、著名地理学家、喀斯特研究专家任美锷教授、袁道先教授对石林进行过专门研究。针对经济建设需要，中央政府和地方政府多次派专业队到石林考察研究地质、矿产、水文、植物和动物、风景名胜资源等。80年代以来，专程到石林考察的世界著名喀斯特专家逐渐增多，他们惊叹路南石林的古、奇、险、美和撒尼人的民族风情。他们中有世界著名喀斯特专家、英国的M.M.斯威丁教授(Dr M.M.Sweeting)，国际洞穴协会前主席、喀斯特研究专家、奥地利的H.特里默尔教授(Dr Huber Trimmel)，国际洞穴协会副主席澳大利亚的J.詹姆斯教授(Dr Julia James)，美国的米歇尔·戴教授(Dr Michael J.Day)，英国的A.C.沃尔什姆博士(A.C.Waltham)，加拿大的D.C.福特教授(Dr D.C.Ford)，法国的J.N.沙勒孟教授(Dr J.N. Salomon)和新西兰的P.W.威廉姆斯教授(Dr P.W.Williams)等。石林研究的深入和越来越多的海内外游客的向往，引起了中国政府和国际组织的重视。1982年，

经国务院批准，路南石林成为中国首批国家重点风景名胜区，石林的保护与开发纳入国家级管理。1991年，中国政府开始申请将石林列入世界自然遗产目录，中国政府寻求国际组织对路南石林保护开发的帮助和监督，1993年，联合国教科文组织下属的世界遗产保护执委会派员到石林考察，审查石林列入世界遗产目录的可能性。

与申请列入世界遗产目录的要求相比，不无遗憾地发现，石林的研究还有着系统性、完整性的不足，尤其是缺乏与世界各地石林喀斯特之对比，从而不能从世界角度说明路南石林喀斯特的显著特性和地位。不论我们感情上有这样和那样的激动，我们在申请石林列入世界自然遗产目录这一新的任务面前，不能不重视这一点，尤其在当今人类活动日甚，科学、合理、持续地利用石林喀斯特资源成为石林保护和开发的主题之时，全面、系统、深刻地揭示路南石林的科学和美学价值更成为必然。

1994年7月，在路南石林召开了喀斯特与洞穴风景旅游资源开发与保护国际研讨会，与会代表一致建议，系统研究路南石林喀斯特，出版一本独立的报告和一幅石林分布图等。1995年7月，再次召开的路南石林喀斯特国际研讨会上，与会代表再次提出了这一呼吁。

鉴于此，中华人民共和国建设部委托云南省建设厅、路南县人民政府、路南石林风景名胜区管理局组织有关专业人员，开展以石林喀斯特范围、类型、品质、发育演化规律为主要内容，兼顾石林地区人文、自然地理的研究。课题组于1995年开始工作。经历资料整理、野外填图调查、室内制图、路线检查、样品分析、报告编写，并于1996年2月，邀请了欧洲、美洲、澳洲的世界著名喀斯特专家D.C.福特教授、J.N.沙勒孟教授、P.W.威廉姆斯教授对工作组的主要工作路线和确定的路南石林主要类型进行考察鉴定，研究组的工作得到了他们的肯定。结合在世界各地石林喀斯特研究的经历，他们对石林进行了独立的评价。路南石林以其类型多样，形态多姿，发育历史久远复杂，融自然与民族文化为一体，而集世界各地石林喀斯特之大成，被誉为世界石林喀斯特博物馆。

我们希望这一研究成果既有助于路南石林申列世界自然遗产目录，更有利于科学、系统、合理地保护开发路南石林，使之成为当地社会、经济、文化发展，自然保护，生态系统建设的重要依据。

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SUMMARY

The well-known Lunan Stone Forest is located at 24° 49'N and 103° 19'E, 85km southeast of Kunming, provincial capital of Yunnan ,China. Lunan Stone Forest covers a total area of some 350 km². It is not only a great tourist attraction, being acclaimed as " one of the greatest natural wonders in the world", but also of important scientific and aesthetic value.

There have been a number of publications about the Lunan Stone Forest in terms of its origin, evolution and geomorphologic features,etc, but the study is far from adequate, therefore, this " Study on the Lunan Stone Forest Karst, China ", which took two years to complete, is an effort to make up for the weakness of this respects. Main points of this study are summerized as follows:

1. Since very ancient time, the history, culture, and art of the local Sani people,Yin nationality, have been closely linked with the Lunan Stone Forest. Though there was at least 400 year's history of exploitation, it was not until 1980s that the Lunan Stone Forest came into a period of systematic protection and development.

2. Located at the junction of east, south and central part of Yunnan province, Lunan Stone Forest area, in addition to its pleasant climate and colourful minority nationality custom, is endowed with rich natural resources characterized by stone forest karst landscape, coal, marble and arable land,etc. Closely attached to the economic development of Kunming,tourism, coal, electricity power and commercial crops have become Lunan's pillar industries. Particularly in the last few years,tourism and tourist products centered in the Stone Forest grew rapidly.

There is still great potential to promote local economy through further tourism development, but at the same time, the impact of tourism on the environment must be noted.

3. With a large variety of karst landscapes, Lunan Stone Forest is positioned in the subtropical, monsoon climate, plateau karstic lake area of eastern Yunnan. Soil here is relatively poor and stony land is common. Climax vegetation is climatic climax-subhumid broad-leaved evergreen forest, and soil climax-evergreen deciduous forest. But the existing vegetation is mostly secondary forest represented by that around Changhu lake, consisting of limestone be-aring broad-leaved evergreen coppice shrubwood, Yunan pine, limestone juniper brushwood and water vegetation. Secondary vegetation has grown rapidly in this area, total coverage of forest

and brushwood has currently reached at least 36%. Natural environment has been improved considerably and local ecological variety has been restored. However, the impact of human activities is profound.

4. Lunan Stone Forest as well as associated diverse karstic landscapes and groundwater system of the stone forest area resulted from its complex geological evolution and various rock sequences as well as structural features. Except for several short subaerial erosion intervals, due to closing to the Niushoushan old land, most of the time from the Devonian to the Lower Permian, the Stone Forest area was under shallow sea environment and deposited a carbonate sequence of limestone-dolomitic limestone-dolomite. Hercynian (Dongwu) movement made this region ascend as an area, lying between the Niushoushan uplift in the north and the marginal seas in the south, at the same time, faults and joints took place in carbonate strata with the dominant conjugate joint set orientated in $40^\circ \sim 70^\circ$ and $300^\circ \sim 340^\circ$. Along with the development of underground water channels, stone teeth and columns of certain extent in height and scale began to take shape. In the early phase of the Upper Permian, because of the eruption of the terrigenous basaltic lava (Emeishan Formation), most of this area and early karstic relief was covered under basalt, and some thermal alteration occurred in the contact of the early stone teeth and the basalt. From the last phase of the Upper Permian to the Palaeocene, this area experienced a long period of slow but constant ascent and suffered planation denudation and erosion. Also during this time, fissures in the carbonate rock further widened, groundwater systems further diversified and the stone forest karst further complicated. By the early Eocene, the area evolved into a closed intermountain basin as a result of block faulting, and Lunan freshwater paleo-lake took shape, a sequence of fluvial and lacustrine deposits consisting of syngenetic basal conglomerate, clastic rock, mudstone, argillaceous Limestone and dolomite took place. Meanwhile, carbonate rock in the vicinities of the lake suffered intensive erosion, which, while providing quite amount of carbonate material to the lake, made the landform more karstified. Thereafter the lake, with its centre moving southwards, gradually shrank, and finally in the end of Oligocene, as the discharge channel-Bajiang river joined Nanpanjiang river in the south, lake water drained out and the history of the Lunan inland paleo-lake terminated. Since the Miocene, drawn by the ascending Qinghai-Tibet plateau, this area was uplifted to a much higher altitude and former planation surface gave way to moderate relief plateau surface. Plateau lifting and the cutdown of the Bajiang river encouraged full development of fissures and groundwater channel systems, which in turn made the stone forest karst rapidly develop. As a result of the differential uplifting, Lunan Stone Forest area and other

karstic areas of southwestern Yunnan lie at different erosion bases. The structural geomorphologic accident-Grand Waterfall in the lower reach of Bajiang river, prevented the Stone Forest area from being affected by the headward erosion of the Nanpanjiang river. Locally, the bottom of the Bajiang river was the erosion basis, from which more stone forest karst emerged. The groundwater system at this time deversified and subsystems developed respectively in the eastern and southwestern parts of this area.

5. The evolution of groundwater system of this area is also complex, converting from a relatively simple early system into a highly complicated groundwater channel system. Six subsystems of groundwater have been identified. Channel network developed much better in the central and southwestern parts than in the east, and as a result, the well-developed stone forest karst also largely concentrated in the central and southwestern parts of this area.

6. Lunan Stone Forest Karst, resulted from its multi-phase evolution, occurred in various topographies, numerous stone forest patches are widely scattered across the landscape, occurring from hilltops and summit ridges to hillsides and valley bottoms. Pinnacle Karst, tower-shaped karst, ruin-form karst, razor-sharp karst, mushroom-shaped karst and irregular-shaped karst are the typical forms. In terms of geomorphologic locations, the stone forest karst here can be classified into stone forest depression, valley, slope, hill and basin, etc. Studies of stratigraphic sequence, palaeo-weathering crust, tufa dating, solution rate, topography and groundwater system indicate that the development history of the Lunan Stone Forest Karst can be divided into four major periods, i. e. Pre-basalt period (prior to the Upper Permian); Pre- Lunan ancient lake period (Upper Permian to Paleocene); Lunan ancient lake period (Eocene to Oligocene); and Plateau- Bajiang river period(Miocene to the present).

Lunan Stone Forest area is one of the representative geomorphologic landscapes in the southwestern part of China. Through studies of the Lunan stone forest karst, the regional geological and geomorphologic evolution history and major geological events can be clearly traced. The following are the main phases: continental-oceanic alternation and basalt eruption in the Permian; planation erosion in the Mesozoic; intermountain basin and inland lake development in the early Tertiary and afterwards, plateau uplifting and valley widening, etc.

7. Pinnacle karst occurred all around the world, of which some notable ones have been included in the world Heritage List, such as Madagascar, Mulu Sarawak (Malaysia) and Mt. Kaijende (Papua New Guinea). Compared with the above remarkable stone forest karsts, the

Lunan Stone Forest Karst, in addition to the common pinnacle karst characteristics, has its own unique features and outstanding universal values: it is unrivalled in the multi- phase complexity of its evolution from the early Permian to the present. It encompasses within just one district all representative styles of stone forest karst, containing spire, ruin-form, and emergent pinnacle forms. It is also one of only a few sites comprising razor-sharp pinnacle karst. Combined with karst caves, lakes, hills Fengcong and vegetation types,etc. Lunan Stone Forest displays a magnificent, spectacular, and fascinating panoramic view of karst landscape, being acclaimed in the geological world as "The museum of stone forest karst".

8. In Lunan the Stone Forest Karst has long been intergrated into the lifestyle of the local Yi people, which endowed the Stone Forest with cultural significance. Its considerable aesthetic appeal embodied not only in local people's art but also in traditional Chinese garden design.

9. Lunan Stone Forest is at present a great tourist attraction . Systematic and effective management has been established, but with the increase of the population and economic development, there is a contradiction between exploitation and protection of the natural resource. It has been noted that human activities over thousands of years have had an extensive and sometimes devastating impact on the vegetation, soil, and karstic landforms, therefore future development and management of the Lunan Stone Forest should, with respect to the world Heritage site criteria, give protection a top priority. An integral scientific protection system is needed, in which the stone forest karst, lakes, groundwater, caves, vegetation types, soil, air, geological and culture relics, minority people's culture and residential style, etc. are concerned, so that a sustainable use of the marvellous natural resources can be achieved.

In brief, Lunan Stone Forest is of extreme scientific and aesthetic value and significance. It belongs not only to Lunan, but also to the world,deserving profound concern and protection.

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