

## **CABOX – Newfoundland’s highest point and an aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark**

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From extending one of the world’s most famous trails across the Appalachian-Caledonian Orogen to linking UNESCO Global Geoparks and Aspiring Geoparks, this presentation discusses the establishment of a showcase UNESCO Geopark spanning the Bay of Islands Ophiolite Complex and surrounding areas in Western Newfoundland. The Cabox Aspiring Geopark is a partner in the ‘Drifting Apart’ project, which explores the links between diverse geological terranes now separated by the Atlantic Ocean. The ‘Drifting Apart’ project is funded by the European Union, but its scope extends beyond Europe. The Cabox project hopes to eventually shine an international spotlight on the province’s diverse and unique geological landscapes and the supporting role they played as the “Galapagos of Plate Tectonics”. Some important milestones required for consideration as a global geopark have now been achieved, but much work remains towards this objective.