Swiss Tectonic Arena Sardona, Switzerland

Key facts

- Recommended by IUCN for inscription on the World Heritage List in July 2008 at the World Heritage Committee in Quebec City, Canada, for its geological values.
- An exceptional and dramatic display of mountain building through continental collision.
- Has been recognised as a key site for geological sciences since the 18th century.
- The clear exposure of the Glarus Overthrust – a "magic line" where older rocks overlay younger rocks – is a key, but not the only significant, feature.
- The exposures of the rocks below and above this feature are visible in three dimensions and, taken together, have made substantial contributions to the understanding of mountain building tectonics.
- The property is one of the few sites illustrating tectonic processes that can be regarded as being of Outstanding Universal Value.

Key quotes

- *"This site is particularly special since it shows how mountains were formed through continental collisions and it has been studied since the 18th century,"* says **Tim Badman, World Heritage Advisor of IUCN's Protected Areas Programme.** *"What is even more remark12T Tc0 is ebor12T Tc0 is th ik14T Tc0 is ebor* ana.pervani@cn.org

Photos

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