

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Cabo de Gata-Níjar UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2001 / 2019



Inauguration of the expo “Cabo de Gata” during the European Geoparks Weeks 2020

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 28 staffs including (new incorporation, forestry engineer) 1 geologist

Number of visitors: More than 1 million (estimate).Based only on the facilities: 240000, one of the visitors centers its been closed since March 2020 due to COVID-19 and during the lockdown, from march til June everything was closed.

Number of Geopark events: Winter geopark programme (until March 13th) , European Geoparks Week (June)

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: none this year.

Number of Geopark press release: 3

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020, teniendo en cuenta las dificultades de la pandemic

- Winter geopark programme (3rd edition)
- European geoparks week (XIV edition)

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Direct collab, meetings and common work with the other 3 andalusian geoparks, the Public Use dept. & the Andalusian Regional Government.
- Attendance to every digital meeting by EGN, GGN, Spanish Forum during the Covid 19 pandemic, lockdown, and the rest of the year.
- Participation on the Respira geoparques campaign, by the Spanish Geoparks Forum during May 2020.

Management and Financial Status

- Geoparks management is determined by the Masterplan and is quantified. It has an annual plan of actions about conservation and heritage interpretation of the territory.

Geoconservation

- Several actions in order to restore geosites has been carried out, cleaning, access restrictions, signals about danger and damage at especially sensitive geosites. Especial issues have to be solved about graffittis on the cliffs at Playa de Los Muertos y La Molata de la Negras (geosites)
- Provision of specific geological content to the trails of the Geopark, by an specific geological brochure.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- The Geopark is established as pilot area by the Andalusian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fishing and Sustainable Development for the InterregMed project DestiMED +, focused on ecotourism at Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean Region.
- Winter Geopark program took place during February and march. It was impossible to finish all the programmed activities due to the lockdown in Spain from mid March 2020.

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- All the activities were suspended due the lockdown and the restrictions all along 2020

Strategic partnership

- All types of education activities carried out by our partners at the Amoladeras Visitor's center framed in the educative program they develop every month.
- Geotours by our Partners (kayak, boat, scuba diving, snorkel, hike etc..)
- Activities carried out in the frame of the Sensibilization and Environmental Participation programme at Cabo de Gata-Nijar UGG by partners.
- Participation actions and environmental awareness on adaptation to climate change included at the program of the LIFE AdaptaMED project (Cabo de Gata-Nijar is one of the

pilot areas of the project)

Promotional activities

- Presentation at FITUR tourism fair in Madrid (January 2020) with the rest of the Spanish Geoparks and press releases of the EGN week and Winter Geoparks programme at National level
- Appearance on the Regional TV show Destino Andalucía. (March 2020)
- Inauguration of the exhibition "Cabo de Gata" by Domingo Leiva as the closing of the European Geoparks week (July 2020)

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