

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2006 / 2023

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



Meeting to implement the Equality Protocol in Geoparks

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 1 manager (Geographer), 3 technicians (1Geologist), 9 Park Wardens, 4 advisors in Visitor Centres, 1 administrative assistant = **18** staffs.

Number of visitors: 25.189 (measured)

Number of Geopark events: 89 activities organized by the Geopark: 28 organized by partners.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 70 classes

Number of Geopark press release: 13

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2023

- Equality protocol in Geoparks: Action Plan against harassment with the collaboration of several Spanish Local Action Groups of Cabo de Gata, Las Loras and Villuercas-Jara UGGps.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Collaboration with the Spanish Geoparks to promote Geoparks (Catalogue of Good Practices in Geoparks...). Collaboration in the EGN Geotourism Guide. Participation in the EGN Fossils and Education WG. Participation in the EGN Coordination Committees, the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks (Marrakech) with an oral presentation and a poster, and the 7th Open Conference of the Spanish Geoparks Forum. Articles in the EGN /

GGN Newsletters and EGN Magazine. Beginning of the International Cooperation with Imbabura UGGp and support for UNESCO mentoring for the Chefchaouen aspiring Geopark Project (Morocco).

Management and Financial Status

- Change in the scientific direction of the Geopark. New geologist.

Geoconservation

- Fossil geo-conservation workshop targeted to an educational centre. Participation in the EGN Geohazards Book. Beginning of Gauging of Sources and Springs. Unequipped out-of-regulation climbing routes. Collaboration with the University of Córdoba in research study.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Launch of a promotional video of Sierras Subbéticas UGGp by the LAG Subbética Cordobesa. Joint and participatory drafting of the Subbética Sustainability Tourism Plan for Destinations. Publications of La Ermita and Bailon River Geological Trails brochures.

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

- GEOKIT: a geological briefcase that includes the classification of rocks and the geological history of the territory, samples of the main rocks and minerals of the Geopark, blocks to learn the main geological structures interactively and a basic field kit. Six activities inside the Environmental Participation and Awareness Program. 23 informative workshops targeted to school centres to disseminate the importance of the figure of Juan Carandell y Perycay, considered the promoter of the Geopark.

Strategic partnership

- Adhesion of five companies to the ecolabel Marca Parque Natural de Andalucía: accommodation, ecotourism services and educational activities. Renewal of the Collaboration agreements for the management of the Picacho de Cabra geosite.

Promotional activities

- FITUR 2023, EGN Week 2023, II Ecotourism Fair in Doña Mencía, Mycological Priego 2023, radio, press and TV (local, regional and national) programmes on Sierras Subbéticas UGG. Social networks (Twitter (geoparksubbeticas) @subbeticasweek / Facebook: GeoparqueSubbetica).

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