



## Report from the Mexican UNESCO Global Geoparks 2024

In May 2017, two UNESCO Global Geoparks were designated: Comarca Minera UGG and Mixteca Alta UGG. Both geoparks were revalidated in September 2024 by the Geoparks Council and received the UNESCO official approval in 2025.

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### 1.0 Members

- **Mixteca Alta UGG:**

- Raúl Ruiz Ramos (President of the Mixteca UGG)
- José Luis Palacio-Prieto (Scientific Coordinator) Mixteca Alta UGG
- Emmaline Rosado González (Staff)
- José Luis Sánchez Cortez (Staff)
- Quetzalcóatl Orozco Ramírez (Staff)
- Xóchitl Ramírez Miguel (Staff, Liason to authorities)
- Norma López Castañeda (Staff)
- Selene Zaragoza (Zero Waste project)
- Bernardo Ortega Díaz (Staff, Website and Social Networks, designer)
- Francisco Gómez (Liason to authorities)
- Bernardo Hernández Miguel (Liason to authorities)
- Cristina Pérez Sarabia (Administration, Interpretation Center)
- Marta Cruz (Administration, Interpretation Center)
- Rubí Cruz Ramírez (Administration, Interpretation Center)
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- **Comarca Minera UGG:**

- Juan Carlos Mora Chaparro (Scientific Coordinator)
- María del Carmen Oviedo Parra (Manager)
- Nadime Jimena Avilés Ruiz (Institutional Image and Publications).
- Luz Pelcastre (Education and Children's Geopark).
- Raúl Guerrero Bustamante (Historical Heritage).
- María del Carmen Morales Olivo (Gender Equality).
- Socorro Fernanda García Trejo (Digital Strategy).
- Diana Gómez Pérez (Geotourism).
- Mario Ángel Morales Valencia (Geomatics).

- Other persons responsible for the management of the geosites can be consulted at:

<https://geoparquecomarcaminerahidalgo.com/unidad-de-gestion-del-geoparque-comarca-minera>

## 2.0 Aspiring Geoparks

The Geopark Project Muzquiz submitted the application dossier in January and the evaluation took place in June (evaluators: Patricio Melo and Helga Chulepin). The Mixteca Alta UGG provided support to this Project through field visits and online meetings. Promoters of this project also visited the Comarca Minera UGG to get relevant information in order to prepare the dossier.

The Global Geoparks Council recommended deferral for this application; the recommendation was adopted by UNESCO and was officially informed in April. The Muzquiz Geopark Projects continues to implement recommendations made by evaluators with the support of Mixteca Alta UGG.

Both geoparks provided advice to the Aspiring Huasteca Potosina Geopark for the preparation of its progress report, which was due in 2025. Unfortunately, the report was not submitted.

## 3.0 Events

Both UGG geoparks participated in the 8th international Summer Course of the UNESCO Chair at the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Portugal, July.

The 5th Mexican Symposium on Geoheritage and Geoparks took place from December 4th to 7th. The Mixteca Alta UGG, Comarca Minera UGG, and the aspiring Geoparks Huasteca Potosina and Muzquiz participated as organizers. 120 people attended and 125 papers were presented; an excursion to the Comarca Minera UGG was organized during the event.

Several online meetings organized by GeoLAC were attended.

