

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2024

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Molina Alto Tajo UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2014 / 2022

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



Primary school students of Geopark celebrating the 10th anniversary of Molina Alto Tajo UGGP in Saelices de la Sal.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 5 staffs including 1 geoscientist

Number of visitors: 9.122 visitors to Alto Tajo Natural Park visitors centers

Number of Geopark events: EGN week (fieldtrips, lectures and other activities).

Educational program. Visiting programs (14 fieldtrips 10 Infant workshops.

Colaborator intitutions:

6 local products markets. New panels and sings in new routes and collaborating centers and entities.

10 Geopark heritage talks.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: Over 25 including sessions for primary, secondary and teachers and others like Geopark Rangers, Geopark Police Body, tourist companies and collaborating universities.

Number of Geopark press release: 20 papers (and many others through articles related to the territory where the Geopark is mentioned), 3 TV programs, 2 Radio programs. Over 160 posts in FB

and Instagram. Publication of articles in specialized magazines and research ones.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2024

- Celebration of X Geopark anniversary on event with Several talks, presentations and fieldtrip.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- In charge of managing the social networks of the Spanish Geoparks Network.
- Sending of articles for EGN News Letters, EGN Magazine and GGN Geoparks Going Green.
- Coordination of team for Spanish and Latin America FITUR Fair stand.
- Member of Education Working Group
- Attendance EGN CC digital Meeting
- Attending 17th European Geoparks Conference, in Reykjanes Geopark, Island
- Talk about social involvement in geoconservation in European Geoparks Conference, in Reykjanes Geopark, Island.
- Application for GGN Evaluators Roster
- Participation on meeting of Spanish Geoparks National Commission.
- Contribution for GGN FaceBook.
- Celebrating Mother Earth Day by organizing field trips about the Geopark for the students of the Molina de Aragón Secondary School College.
- Celebrating Water International Day by organizing Guadalajara Hidrogeoday field trip.

Management and Financial Status

- - Maintaining the economic agreement with the regional government of Castilla-La Mancha.
- Increasing the economic agreement with the Provincial Government of Guadalajara province.
- Increasing the European LEADER funds managed by the Local Action Group for Sustainable Development Projects and the Promotion of Geological Heritage.

Geoconservation

- Progress on the application for the Sierra de Aragoncillo Fossil Forest to be declared a protected heritage site.
- Continuation of workshops on heritage conservation with Rangers environmental agents.
- Organization of workshops on the conservation of the Geopark's heritage with the Geopark's police force.
- Numerous talks in the Geopark's villages to engage the local population in the conservation of geological heritage.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Participation in the Working Group for the setup of the Spanish Geopark Network stand at the FITUR International Tourism Fair.
- Monitoring and teaching companies adhered to the Natura 2000 Network for Sustainable Tourism Quality. Technical advising for tourism companies in the territory committed to the development of sustainable tourism.
- Expansion of the Geopark's partner companies.
- Destination Manager and member of the Director's Board of the Spanish Ecotourism Association.
- Coordinator of the Tourism Board for the Molina-Alto Tajo Region.

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

- Geopark Educational Program that includes the incorporation of the Geopark into the educational project of the Geopark educational centers, talks and field trips for teachers and students, as well as the support of the Geopark for gathering of funding for improve field trips program. Support for extension of Geoparks Talks and Fieldtrips Program to Primary and Rural Grouped Schools achieving the whole Geoparks students.
- Organization of the Training Course for Geopark Tourism Companies.
- Workshops on heritage and marketing for students of the Tourism Degree at the University of Alcalá de Henares.
- Including Geopark Sustainable development programs in budget from LEADER European funds managed by Local Action Group.

Strategic partnership

- Renovation of founding and collaboration agreements with Provincial and Regional Governments.
- Keep collaboration with educational centers Santo Tomás de Aquino Secondary School and Virgen de la Hoz Primary School College.
- Collaboration with Alto Tajo Natural Park for Geopark signaling, educative and promotional activities.
- Collaboration with cultural associations from municipalities in order to carry cultural, outreach activities and signaling.
- Collaboration with Tajo River Hidrographic Confederation for educative activities.
- Signing of agreement with Alcalá de Henares University for collaboration in practice formation of students.

Promotional activities

- Guadalajara province Hidrogeoday 2024, celebrating the International Water day. Field trip and talk

for awareness of water importance and its paper for environment and human development.

- Promotion of the geotourism heritage of the Geopark through social networks such as the website, - Instagram and Facebook.
- Advances for new geopark website.
- Promotion of the Geopark's geotourism heritage through the Molina Museum, Molina de Aragon, Municipality Tourist Office and Alto Tajo Natural Park visitor's centers.
- Promotion of the geotourism heritage of the Geopark through the participation in regional television programs.
- Recovery and updating of the interpretative displays of Valle del Río Mesa Geo-trail with new texts and digital formats.
- Geopark Fair Program to promote crafts and local products. We highlight: Truffle Fair, Gift Fair, Medieval Fair, among others.
- promotion of Geopark in cinema's and metro stations of Madrid downtown.

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