

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

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



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

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

Number of visitors: Estimated that 1 million people. Based only on the facilities: more than 300000. The number of visitors has not changed very much since 2018.

Number of Geopark events: 19

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 29

Number of Geopark press release: 7

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Revalidation mission in July 2019.
- Revalidation of the SPAMI figure during March 2019 with a special mention about the excellent management and conservation of the Marine Environment of the UGG.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Attendance to the 41th EGN/GGN meeting at Swabian Albs UGG , March 2019
- Attendance and participation at the coordination comitee, scientific comitee of the 42th

EGN /GGN meeting at Sierra Norte UGG,(Sevilla, Spain). September 2019.

- Spanish geoparks fora coordination meeting at the 42th EGN georpaks meeting.
- Direct collab, meetings and common work with the other 3 andalusian geoparks, the Public Use dept. & the Andalusian Regional Government.

Management and Financial Status

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

Geoconservation

- Placement of a new network of signals in every single geosite.
- Re -fencing of geosites as protection from damage (every year needs renovation)

- New regulations about sustainable tourism for conservation in coastal areas via participative processes

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Participation on Fundacion Biodiversidad project of Geological guide on Geoparks for unemployed (2nd edition)
- Winter Geopark. About geology in general and for the general public from February-Aprill (3rd edition) in collab with Sierras Subbéticas UGG

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

- Participation in the construction of a Volcanic Garden at the Scientific Collections Center of the University of Almería about the petrology of the Geopark
- Participation in the Geology Olimpics of Almería Province (January 2019)
- Development of a awareness campaing about waste reduction and marine litter impact (summer 2019 , Do you like beach? Protect it.)

Strategic partnership

- All types of education activities carried out by our partners at the Amoladeras Visitor's center framed in the educative programme 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.

Promotional activities

- Presentation at FITUR tourism fair in Madrid (January 2018) with the rest of the Spanish Geoparks and press release of the EGN week at National level.

4. CONTACTS

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