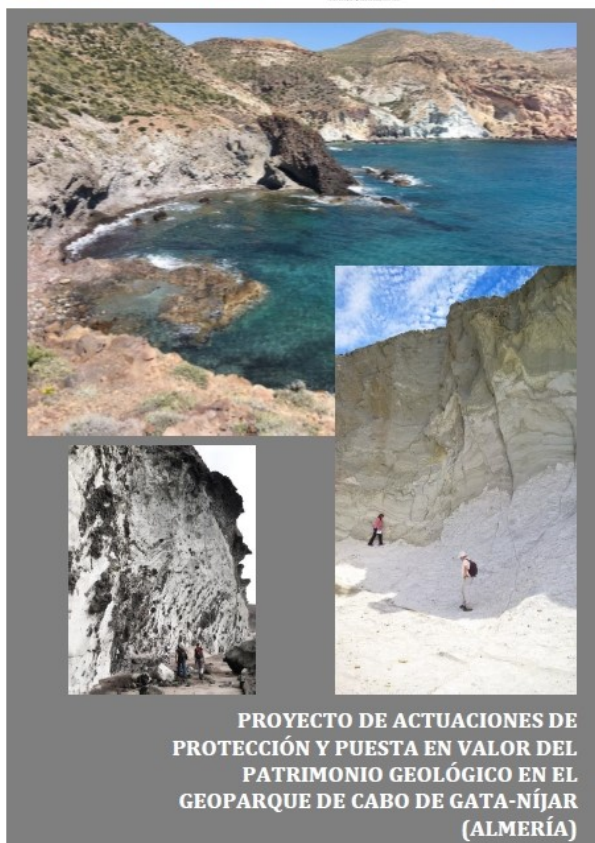


GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

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



Protection and enhancement of the Geological Heritage at Cabo de Gata-Níjar geopark project (kick-off, October 2021)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 28 staffs including , 1 geologist

Number of visitors: More than 1 million (estimate).Based only on the facilities:

Number of Geopark events: European Geoparks Week (June-July). The Winter geopark program was canceled last year due to covid.19

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs: none

Number of Geopark press release: placeholder text

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Placeholder text

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 at three of the Jornadas Virtuales de los Geoparques Españoles “ Hablemos de Geoparques “ (Let’s talk about Geoparks)
- Contribution to the Spanish Fora Web with info and materials of the Geopark.
- Contribution to the work developed by Catalunya central Geopark about mineralizations on geoparks.
- Publication of a paper with the University of Granada included on the European geoparks Special Volume of Geoconservation magazine about the Miocene fossil Reefs of the Geopark.

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

- A geoconservation program, about the protection and geoconservation of geosite was launched during the summer, with on site information to visitors about good practices and restrictions.
- Publication of a paper about Volcanic Structures on the Geopark on a national magazine.
- Beacons and restriction of access to cliffs and geological geosites during the summer season with geoconservation purposes.
- Geoconservation and enhancement of the geological heritage of the geopark by EU funded project, which includes the renovation of the geological museum of the Geopark “ House of the Volcanoes”, and a new geological guide among other measures, (kick-off October 2021-August 2022)

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.

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster

risk reduction

- 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.

Strategic partnership

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Promotional activities

- Regional TV appearance of the Manager of the Geopark, Lucía Tejero in prime time to promote geoconservation at the geopark and geosites.
- National TV appearance of the scientific adviser, in prime time, promoting the knowledge about the volcanic origin of the geopark.

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