

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

## 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



Total renovation of The House of the Volcanoes Ecomuseum finished

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 28 staffs including, 1 geologist. (full time)

**Number of visitors:** More than 1 million (estimate). Based only on the facilities: circa 40000 visitors, ecomuseum partially closed due to renovation.

**Number of Geopark events:** Scientific session of the Geological Society of Spain, webinars jointly with the rest of Spanish Geoparks all along 2022, informative activities during the whole summer for geosites protection, National geology Olympics celebrated in Almería in 2022.

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs:** information not available yet.

**Number of Geopark press release:** 3

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2022

- Ecomuseum House of the Volcanoes Renovation and new geology signals network , with improved info.

**Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- Joint work with Spanish Geoparks Fora, participation in the project "NATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECT BETWEEN GEOPARKS: GMU Villuercas-Ibores-Jara, GMU Las Loras, GMU Sierras Subbéticas and GMU Cabo de Gata-Níjar", e-book developed by the Volcanic Areas Geoparks of the EGN.

### **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. Inversion during 2021 ( 2022 is still to be quantified) shows an amount of 1.116.842,79 €

### **Geoconservation**

- Publication of a paper about Messinian coral reefs on the Geopark on Geoconservation Research, on a special volume about geoparks.
- Beaconing 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- January 2023)

### **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 (March 2020-June 2022). The Regional Ministry of Tourism works jointly with the management staff, public tenders launched for the management of facilities of the geoparks, including House of the Volcanoes with a specific program aligned with the UNESCO, GGN and EGN values, focused on ODS and IGCP objectives.

### **New education programs on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction**

- Organization of the regional and national Geology Olympics.

### **Strategic partnership**

- 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 Awareness and Environmental Participation program at Cabo de Gata-Níjar UGG by partners.

### **Promotional activities**

- Regional TV appearance of the scientific adviser, in prime time, promoting the knowledge about the mining history of Rodalquilar.

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