

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: EL HIERRO UNESCO Global Geopark, SPAIN (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2014 / 2018



We have chosen this picture, which is a screenshot of Geopark Twitter (it appears now as Biosphere Reserve because we shared Social Media for both accounts Biosphere Reserve and Geopark under the nick ElHierroRBGP, but now we have one account for each; we have created a new one for Geopark and old news remain in Biosphere Reserve one) because during the months of the lockdown a geologist started a contest in twitter involving Geoparks and National Parks. Each place had to defend why they had to win the “Trophy of Geodiversity” and the most important thing was that the population of El Hierro got involved sharing every post we published in our Twitter and also encouraged people in Facebook and Instagram to go to Twitter to vote. That was so important for Geopark El Hierro, because it became a way to bring the Geopark closer to the population and everyone in the island felt that they belong to this big figure called Geopark.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 3 staff including geoscientist

Number of visitors: As the total number of the visitors to the geopark is difficult to estimate, because the whole island is a Geopark, we show the number of the visitors to Geopark visitor center: 2444 in total.

Number of Geopark events:

Geoloday

- 9th May “When the lava flows arrive to the sea”. A virtual Geoloday.

Geoparks European Week

- ❖ VI European Week. June 5th to June 22th
- June 5th. WEBINAR: VII Conference about Geological Heritage of the Canary Islands. By Juana Vegas, Inés Galindo y Ramón Casillas.
- June 8th. WEBINAR: “Apadrina a una Roca” presentation (“Sponsor a rock”). By Juana Vegas.
- June 22nd. WEBINAR: La Maceta hiking path Geotur “on line”. By Carmen Romero.

Other events:

- From the end February 2020 we couldn't do any of the activities or events we have programmed due to COVID-19.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

- 1 primary school (El Pinar 96 students). We couldn't do any more events with students due to COVID 19. We tried to do them online, but it wasn't possible because they were hardly arriving to have online classes (not every house has internet and not every student has a PC, laptop or tablet at home) and also teachers needed all the time to do their best with the classes online so they didn't manage to give us some time to do online activities with the students.

Number of Geopark press release: 6

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- Young Ambassadors Programm. (Only the students from Molina Alto Tajo Geopark came to El Hierro. Our students couldn't travel to Molina, due to COVID 19.
- From the end February 2020 we couldn't do any of the activities we have programmed due to COVOD-19.
- Taking part in the first workshop online about Geology Heritage in Volcanic Islands

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- January23rd, El Hierro President attend to Spanish Geoparks Network Meeting which took place in FITUR (International Tourism Fair) in Madrid.
- October16th: participation in the first workshop on line about Geology Heritage in Volcanic Islands organized by Tenerife Museum of Natural Sciences

Management and Financial Status

- Canarian Government grant: 20.000 €

Geoconservation

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- September 2nd International Coastal Clean-up, which European Geoparks Network and Spanish Geoparks Network joined this year.

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

2019

First contact with the Geological and Miner Spanish Institute (CSIC) to collaborate with AGEO Project (Platform for Atlantic Geohazard Risk Management)

Strategic partnership

- LIC Canarias (Canarian Geological Heritage Investigation)

- Collaboration with AGEO Project (Platform for Atlantic Geohazard Risk Management) led by Geological and Miner Spanish Institute (CSIC)
- Canarian Agency for Investigation, Innovation and Information Society (ACIISI) y School of Telecommunications and Electronics Engineering from Las Palmas University and the Canarian Professional School of Telecommunications Engineering giving some workshops to celebrate the Day of Woman and Girls in Science.
- Physics department GEOVOL from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria University giving some workshops about the Project “Geo chronology and petrogenetic of Holocene volcanism in El Hierro Canary Island – LAJIAL”.
- Collaboration with the Spanish Oceanographic Institute to give conference about Tagoro volcano in La Restinga.

Promotional activities

- Participation in I Geodiversity Cup celebrated in Twitter by a geologist (@ingeododo) during nearly three months giving to know different aspects from El Hierro Geology in that Social Media Platform and wining that “cup” on 12th july.
- Geopark promotion during FITUR (International Tourism Fair) in Madrid.

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