

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2015 / 2019



Workshop on Volcanic Caves of the Geopark. The first event face to face after the Covid situation.
Photo: Laurens Smets

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 4 including 1 geoscientist.

Number of visitors: The number of the visitors to the major geosite, Montañas del Fuego in 2021 was 457,698.

Number of Geopark events: The management body held 11 events with 700 participants, 3 more held by cooperative organization.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: Due to the situation of the covid pandemic, access to educational centers and outdoors were suspended by the health authorities. We can develop only 5 school classes,

Number of Geopark press release: Seventy-nine.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Technical Secretariat of the Virtual Conference “ Let’s talk about Geoparks” of the Spanish Forum Geoparks.
- I Workshop of Geopark Volcanic Caves.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in all the virtual meeting of the EGN and GGN Assembly. A member of the Geopark team participated as an evaluator in two revalidation missions. Technical secretariat of conferences on geoparks together with the Spanish Forum of Geoparks. Celebration of the "Day of the Volcano", with El Hierro UGGp. One member of the Geopark staff attended the Intensive course of Lesbos. Contribution with a poster in 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, organised by Jeju UGGp.

Management and Financial Status

- In the month of July the offices of the Geopark moved to a new headquarters in an 18th century building.

Geoconservation

- For the first time, the Geopark carried out the Monitoring of Underwater Geosites.
- Search for solutions to the great problem of coastal erosion in an area of tourist use.
- Study on the effects of the uncontrolled use of vehicles in a geosite characterized by the presence of wind sands.
- Workshop on Paleontological geosites and measures for their conservation.
- Workshop on Geoparks caves and measures for their conservation.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- The Geopark has participated in the organization of several events led by closely related organizations and with sustainable tourism projects linked to sports events and gastronomy.

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

- The first steps have been started for the creation of the Network of GeoCenters of the Geopark, which will include new education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction.

Strategic partnership

- Due to the pathetic situation of the Geopark because of the Covid pandemic and the closure for borders for healthy reasons of countries that traditionally carry visitors, strategic partnership has not been improved.

Promotional activities

- The Geopark has taken advantage of the existing situation related to the pandemic to reinforce online promotional activities such as workshops, cartoons, newsletter, the Geopark magazine, publications, etc.

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