

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Las Loras UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 05-2017 / 10-2021

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 3 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s),

Number of visitors: Petroleum Museum 4.400. Cave of French 15.967.

Number of Geopark events: EGN week (fieldtrips, exhibitions, activities, videos, photos, lectures). Educational program. Visiting programs: Discovering the Geopark (every month). 4 Volunteering outdoor activities recovering places of interest. 3rd research grants and other research activities (biology and paleontology). 2nd year of the Test Field of organic potatoes seeds. 1st Conference on Organic farming and tasting of organic potatoes in 11 collaborating entities. 3 local products markets. Training courses for local tourism companies. New panel and signs in new routes and collaborating centers and entities. Research grants, collaboration with Salamanca, Basque Country and Boudreaux Universities, CENIEH and Salas de los Infantes. One month Radio Program. Las Loras Magazine (every 4 months). Talks for other entities (10). Support and dissemination of cultural and sporting initiatives and projects- bike races, archaeological and cultural activities.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: school year 2021-2022, 23 centers some of them with not only one class (2 or 3)- 2 activities in each one, talks at the school and fieldtrip. Also work with students in vocational training and interchange with schools of other Spanish and European geoparks. 5 workshops with students in other events.

Number of Geopark press release: 90 paper and online platforms (and many others through articles related to the territory where the Geopark is mentioned), 2 TV programs, 4 Radio programs. 400 posts in FB and Instagram. Publication of articles in specialized magazines and research ones.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

Celebration of the green card, activities related to the agroecology project, recovery of fossils from the Aguilar swamp, completion of the works on the new Aguilar Visitor Center, Radio program and Las Loras Magazine.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

EGN Newsletter 22, GGN newsletter 22 sent. Participation in IGCP programs: 726,730, 746. Participation in the EGN meetings and conferences of 2022. Participation in the WG Youth forum and Tourism and Education. Talk in the Intensive course: Leadership in Geological Heritage Conservation - Arab Region Regional Edition I – Cairo. Received the visit of 3 people from 3 countries

of the Pacific area for a training in our Geopark. Vice coordination of the National Fora. Participation in the activities and projects of the National Fora (meetings, Open days, etc.). Helping new national and international candidacies

Management and Financial Status

Executive Committee: 2022 action plan, meetings of 3 working groups. Two collaboration agreement with the two-provincial government (102.000€). Collaboration agreement with other foundations (31.126,23€). Other investments of local and regional administrations: council of Burgos and Palencia in their municipalities. Natural Protected Areas-Regional government (forestry work and signaling maintenance), Potatoes test field (9.700), Gullon research grant (4.000), local development groups (20.000), research agreement Salamanca University (6000€, Palencia and Burgos councils).

Geoconservation

Recovery of fossils of cicadae and dinosaur footprints from the Aguilar swamp. Public use Plan of the Natural Monument of Las Tuerces. Hydrogeological project. Tuffas building for its conservation and protection. Paleontological work: cataloguing fossils and collecting dinosaur bones for their protection.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

We belong to the National and Regional Ecotourism Club to develop sustainable tourism products. Also, to the European Chard of Sustainable tourism. Developing the Geotourism product, guides geo-routes, on foot, car, bus and BTT. Working with local travel agencies, signposting routes, Geosites and roads. Participation in the National Ecotourism seminar

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

Development of the educational program for primary, secondary and Bach. Agreement with Salas de los Infantes Paleontological Museum for the conservation of the fossils. On Sustainable development: First Conference on Organic farming, Organic potatoes test field (5 years Proyecto for research and training)

Strategic partnership

Collaboration agreements with foundations and associations, local and regional, for developing environmental and participation projects and also projects for the protection of the cultural heritage. Collaboration agreements with local tourism companies for their promotion, artis and artisan. Collaboration agreement with Gullon biscuit company for an annual research grant.

Promotional activities: Naturcyl national Fair of Ecotourism, FITUR, Program Discovering the Geopark

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