

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

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

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 2 staffs including 2 geoscientist(s), 1 technician (geographer)

Number of visitors: Oil Museum 2.200. Cave of French 1.075. General tourism, no numbers but, because the pandemic, a lot of tourism in our villages and natural areas, much more than other years.

Number of Geopark events: Management body: Anniversary celebration with a digital competition. EGN week on line 7 days (activities, videos, photos, lectures). Educational program with the new Geopark notebook. Only one group fieldtrip. Assistance to researchers on the territory Master and thesis students (Documentation, correction of works). Meetings with the working groups (Online after march). 2 Volunteering outdoor activities recovering places of interest. 1 outdoor workshop about dry stone construction. Presentation new leaflet series: The Geology of things. First research grants and other research activities (biology and geography). Cooperative organization: Geopark exhibition in 2 big cities of the province. Online talks for other entities (10). Support and dissemination of cultural and sporting initiatives and projects- bike races, archaeological activities.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: one before covid and after only 3 classes because they were very small groups in a very big room.

Number of Geopark press release: 45 paper and online platforms (and many others through articles related to the territory where the Geopark is mentioned) and 363 in Facebook and 284 in Instagram.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- Be able to develop activities even during the pandemic, online and in small groups. Agroecology project (interviews, surveys, diagnosis). Signaling works for resources, routes, viewpoint. Translate in English many panels and information, also the website.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Edit the annual Spanish Geopark magazine and its presentation in FITUR. One article for the EGN newsletter, one for the EGN magazine, one for the Geoconservation Research, one for Europarc magazine and one for European Geoparks Book. Member of working group on Tourism and on Education. EGN Week and GGN and EGN meetings and Digital forums attendance. 2 Staff attending the Digital course on UNESCO Geopark.

Management and Financial Status

- Meeting of the Executive Committee for review 2020 action plan and approval the 2021, also the meetings of 3 working groups. Two collaboration agreement with the two-provincial government (90.000€). European Cooperation project from the 3 Local Development group of the territory (34.420€), Collaboration agreement with other foundations (41.306€). Other investments of local and regional administrations: investments of the council of Burgos in their municipalities: arrangement of buildings, sports facilities and solar panels (406.525€), Natural Protected areas-Regional government (147.700€, forestry work and signaling maintenance), investments of the council of Palencia in their municipalities (139.170€)

Geoconservation

- Support and report writing for the declaration of the Ayoluengo oil field as an Asset of Cultural Interest, for the conservation of geological and industrial heritage.
- Get on with the collaboration with the Spanish Geological Survey for the systematic methodology for the inventory of the Geosites that has been designed specifically to the scale of this Geopark. In this way, the inventory can be used for direct application in the management of this heritage, as an effective tool to guarantee geoconservation

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- We have become part of the National and Regional Ecotourism Club to develop sustainable tourism products.
- Developing the Geotourism product, guides geo-routes, on foot, car, bus and BTT. Working with local travel agencies, signposting routes, Geosites and roads.

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

- New student notebook for class and fieldtrip with different activities to understand the territory, geology, biology and cultural heritage. Also preparing online activities and games to apply the notebook because it is no possible to go inside the schools now.

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

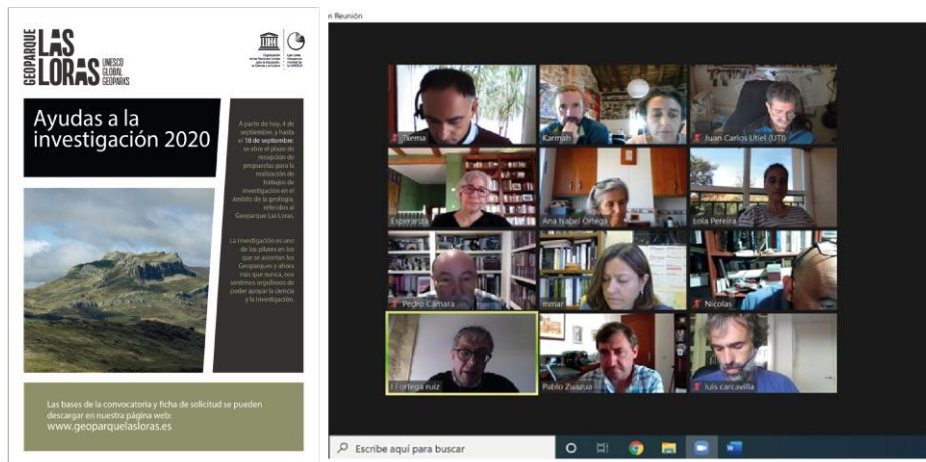
Promotional activities

- Edit new leaflets relating geology and cultural heritage: The Geology of things
- Geopark Exhibition in 2 cities of the province
- Presentation in FITUR- Discovering Spanish Geoparks Magazine (design and edition).

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First research grants with the scientific committee



Geovolunteer activities