

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Mixteca Alta UNESCO Global Geopark, Mexico, Latinamerican and Caribbean Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 05/05 /2017

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



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 13

Number of visitors: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, number of visitors during 2021 was limited to around 500. Most of them were groups of both international and national university students.

Number of Geopark events: Twenty online events and five in presence.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: Local workshops with children in relation to "The colors of the earth", a course of Mixteco Language, participation in Science outreach events (Terra Fest and Geopolis 2.0).

Number of Geopark press release: Around five notes regarding the designation of the Geopark as part of the cultural heritage of the State of Oaxaca, inclusion of the Mixteca Alta Geopark in the Tourism Law of the State of Oaxaca.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Two new Interpretation centers organized by local communities were established in one

municipality in the Geopark.

- Incorporation of the Geopark in biocultural tourism networks

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

Mixteca Alta UGG participated in a number of on-line events together with geoparks of the Latin American Network, the Spanish Forum of Geoparks and the 2nd GGN Digital Forum.

- "La Casa de la Tierra" The House of the Earth; 2nd GGN Digital Forum, Global Geoparks Network, February 24 2021 (online).
- Geopatrimonio y Geoparques; El caso del Geoparque Mundial UNESCO Mixteca Alta, Oaxaca, México, Heritage, memories and landscapes, UNAM-Francia, Sorbonn University March 4 2021 (online).
- La revalidación del nombramiento de la UNESCO; importancia del trabajo realizado y retos, 4º Aniversario del Geoparque Mundial UNESCO Mixteca Alta, Geoparque Mundial UNESCO Mixteca Alta, May 6 2021 (online).
- El Jardín Geobotánico del Geoparque, 4º Aniversario del Geoparque Mundial UNESCO Mixteca Alta, Geoparque Mundial UNESCO Mixteca Alta, 6 de mayo de 2021 (online).
- "Redes afectivas y efectivas: El trabajo en Red de los Geoparques UNESCO", Jornadas virtuales, Hablemos de geoparques, Foro de los Geoparques Mundiales de la UNESCO en España, 25 de mayo de 2021.
- UNESCO Global Geoparks in Mexico: Engaging Indigenous Communities, International Course on Geoparks 2021 "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability", UNESCO, Global Geoparks Network. June 14 de junio 2021 (online).
- Los Geoparques en la legislación mexicana: avances y perspectivas, "Geoparques mundiales de la UNESCO en el Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia: un nuevo concepto de patrimonio, desarrollo sostenible y museo a cielo abierto" 18 de agosto de 2021(online).
- Geoconservação na América Latina e Caribe; Experiências no México, Asossiacao Geologica Brasileira, 14 de septiembre de 2021 (online).
- Geoparques e desenvolvimento territorial e humano; Experiencias en el Geoparque Mundial UNESCO Mixteca Alta, México, 39º Seminario de extensão Universitária de Regiao Sul, 16 de septiembre de 2021 (online).

Management and Financial Status

- Income from visitor was restricted to about U\$D 25000. Other income for research activities reached U\$D 10000.

Geoconservation

- Signalizing in the Geopark was totally renewed in all geosites.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Restricted due to pandemics.

Strategic partnership

- During 2021 Mixteca Alta acted as a member of the GeoLAC Executive Committee.

Promotional activities

- Restricted to on.line events due to pandemics.

4. CONTACTS

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