

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2007 / 2019



House of the Pannonian Sea - newly renovated visitor centre

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 20 staffs (15 permanent, 5 on contract) including 3 geoscientists (2 permanent, 1 on contract)

Number of visitors: 41.800 visitors considering number of the sold tickets in the Jankovac valley. 3.525 visitors in the Campsite/Adventure Park "Duboka". 1035 visitors in the visitor centre House of the Pannonian Sea. There are numerous entrances to the Geopark without tickets, estimated number of visitors is 100.000

Number of Geopark events: 25

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 24

Number of Geopark press release: 20

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- In the headquarter building we renovated ground floor and turned it into visitor centre known as "The House of Pannonian Sea". Beside two rooms (presentation and exhibition) we also arranged the backyard as learning playground.

- We published new publication - "Papuk Geopark, geo-guide for kids". Book has 24 pages, designed as pocket-size handy book suitable for terrain work

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in GGN and EGN CC online meetings and contribution to EGN working groups.
- Participation of the Papuk Geopark in common projects - INTERREG Danube GeoTour
- Participation in the National Geopark Committee meetings
- Assisted aspiring Geopark Biokovo-Imotska jezera through workshops

Management and Financial Status

- Funding is secured by the Croatian Government, beside that there are our own income and funding through projects
- Management structure is stable reinforced with recruits hired on different projects
- Own income decreased due to COVID 19 travel restrictions

Geoconservation

- Regularly maintenance of some geosites was carried out by geopark rangers
- Organization of two cleaning actions with volunteers/corporate team-building groups

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- In preparation for the new 10-years Management Plan we organized workshops with Geopark partners in order to improve future cooperation
- Because of the impact of the pandemic we increased activities through social networks and managed to attract numerous new follower/viewers (future Geopark visitors)

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

- New educational programme in the House of Pannonian Sea - PPT presentation on Papuk Miocene fossils + work sheets + guided tour through "Maze of the Pannonian Sea"

Strategic partnership

- Continuous support and collaboration with different range of Geopark partners.
- New partnership with Croatia's aspiring Geopark Biokovo - Imotska jezera

Promotional activities

- Good local media coverage throughout whole year
- Online promotional activities, social media promotion, communication on the project achievements

4. CONTACTS

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