

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:

Rocca di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2008 / 2021

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



School group in Floristella;



Environmental interpretation activities during the training course for geoguides:



The Coordinator of archaeological research activities, Prof. Carlo Citter, presents the activities at the Royal Castle of Enna



Development of the new geopark Center at the "Coralli di Cacchiamo" geosite

2. GEOPARK FIGURES;

Number of Geopark staffs: 6 internal staff including 2 geoscientist. The company relies on the collaboration of the partners' staff through the "Steering Committee" and the Geopark staff.

Number of visitors:

From April to September the Pergusa Visitor Center received about 2,500 visitors. Likewise in the short summer opening it was possible to make use of the sites with free admission

Number of Geopark events: 23

The events are always organized by the Global geopark network with one or more partner entities as organizers and the supervision and sponsorship by the Geopark.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

During the school year, Italian schools remained closed and worked online, preventing any possible external intervention for prophylaxis.

At the beginning of the 2022/23 school year, the geopark resumed discussion activities with the institutes.

In any case, in the spring of 2022, several institutes requested and obtained outdoor guided tour activities at the Geopark sites.

Number of Geopark press release:

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- Drafting and publication of the new Strategic Management Plan of the UGG Rocca di Cerere Geopark with the close collaboration of the University of Catania.

- New educational panels at various key locations in the area created in collaboration with the Department of Earth Sciences of the University of Catania.
- Collaboration with the archaeological research mission of the University of Siena at the acropolis of the city of Enna, the eponymous site of the Geopark.
- Public presentation of archaeological research results in partnership with the University of Siena, the City of Enna and the Superintendence of BB CC and AA of Enna.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Cooperation with GeoFOOD working group
- we attended at the follows meeting:
 - ◆ EGN spring Meeting 26th to 30th April 2022 organized by De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark (Netherlands) in collaboration with TERRA.vita UNESCO Global Geopark (Germany).
 - ◆ 16th European Geoparks Conference 26-30 September 2022 and 46 th EGN Coordination committee meeting, Sesia Val Grande Geopark

Management and Financial Status

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Geoconservation

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Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- During the summer of 2022, in collaboration with the Pantelleria National Park and Legambiente, a meeting was held in mixed mode (presence and online) on geotourism and the sustainability of geotourism practices as part of the Pant-Aid project (June 29).
- To increase the area's supply of naturalistic guides specialized in presenting the Geopark's heritage, a professional training course was created for environmental hiking guides managed by ENPACS (accredited training body), by Assoguide, the national association of guides, of Legambiente and the Alexander Von Humboldt Center for Environmental Education.
- The 400-hour course ended in February 2023 with the qualification of 13 new guides.

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

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Strategic partnership

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Promotional activities

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