

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Terras de Cavaleiros

UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal.

European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2014 /2018/2022



Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark Revalidation 2022

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 7 staffs including 3 geoscientists

Number of visitors: 4944 Visitors who carried out educational and tourist programs and other activities.

Number of Geopark events: 104

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 47

Number of Geopark press release: 10

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- Reevaluation of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark
- Creation and presentation of the Geopark Terras de Cavaleiros' mascot, Martim
- Monitoring of students, the Master in Geology, Universidade do Minho
- Monitoring of students, Degree in Environmental Education, Instituto Politécnico de Bragança
- Monitoring of students, Degree in Languages for International Relations – Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
- Monitoring of students, Degree in Languages for International Relations Instituto Politécnico de Bragança
- Monitoring of student, volunteer research about Geofood products, Instituto Politécnico de Castelo Branco
- Monitoring of students, Degree in Communication, Instituto Politécnico de Bragança
- Information session for the restaurants “The importance of local products”
- Boost of the Gastronomic Weekends to promote the products and the local restaurants.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GGN - NETWORKING AND PARTICIPATION

- Participation in the 2nd Geoparques UNESCO Portugal, in Arouca.
- Participation in the 13th annual meeting of the “Partners of the Mines and Sites of Geological Interest Roadmap”.
- Technical visit to the Aspiring Geopark Oeste
- 16th European Geoparks Conference and 46th EGN Coordination Committee meeting in Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, in Italy.
- Participatory workshop in “Services of the ecosystem key in the Reserva da Biosfera Transfronteiriça Meseta Ibérica” (Geopark Participation)
- Celebration of the European Geopark week (428 participants).
- Participation with a text for the EGN and GGN newsletters.
- Monthly meetings with Turismo de Portugal to debate existing problems.
- Project “Climate Action Biennium” in partnership with National UNESCO Commission
- GEOfood Project
- Educational Program: GEOfood: Sustainable food in Geoparks.
- Scientific Research Catalogue
- 100% Responsible Programs by Geoparks
- Communication and management of the social networks of the 5 portuguese Geoparks
- Sending Rocks for the “Parede dos Geoparques” exhibition in Natur-& Geopark Mellerdall, in Luxemburgo.

MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL STATUS

- Participation in the national programme “Life Science in summer”, in partnership with the Centre of Life Science of Bragança, with 4 activities, July-September 2023.
- General Assembly of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark Advisory Board, where activities and financial plan for 2023 were approved.
- Conclusion of a protocol between the National Commission for UNESCO and the management structures
- Application to Valorizar Program, the responsibility of Portugal Tourism. "Appreciation of the tourist visitation of the Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark territory", whose main objectives are the improvement of communication and promotion of the territory and the intervention in 4 geosites. It is the name of the

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GEOCONSERVATION

- Cleaning, replacement, updating of panels in several geosites.
- Application made for intervention in 4 geosites.
- Monitoring of the geosites and regular conservation.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM (GEOTOURISM)

- Participation in national and international fairs in the field of tourism, for promotion of the territory (BTL, 3rd edition of Science Festival Vale do Coa in Pinhel; Health Fair Nordeste Transmontano, S.Pedro Fair, among others).
- Visits and promotion of artisanal food factories located in the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark territory, in the context of the tourism and educational programmes.

NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON GEOCONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Educational programmes (4177 participants), guided geotours (332 participants) and pedestrian trails (202 participants), organized by the Terras de Cavaleiros Unesco Global Geopark.
- Realização de ações de formação para professores.
- Workshop on “Recycling”, with the participation of students from the schools of Macedo de Cavaleiros, in a total of 262 students.
- "Geology teacher training course in the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- Participation in the Blue Flag Programme and Eco-Schools programme promoted by the ABAE (European Blue Flag Association).
- Implementation of activities in the Azibo's Protected Landscape, in partnership with Macedo de Cavaleiros Municipality and CERCIMAC (Association for the protection of disabled people), under the Blue Flag program.
- Implementation of training actions in partnership with the company “Resíduos do Nordeste”.
- Creation of the “100% GEOfood hampers' ", an initiative of the partner “Frutaria 93” with Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geoapark
- Implementation of training actions in partnership with the company “Águas do Norte”
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PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Participation in 3rd edition of Science Festival Vale do Coa in Pinhel
- Participation in Health Fair Nordeste Transmontano,
- Participation in S.Pedro Fair

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