

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:

TUSCAN MINING GEOPARK, ITALY, EUROPEAN GEOPARKS NETWORK

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2010/2018



Presentation of the Maremma Mia Project at the UNICOOP store. Short chain GEOfood products on sale

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: : 9 staffs including 2 geoscientists (+ 4 geoscientists of University of Siena, + 7 responsables of the Gateways to the Park managed by municipalities of the Geopark)

Number of visitors: 69.345 (number of visitors who have visited museums, visitor centers and Gateways to the park); who took part in the excursions organized by the park and the events of music, theater and tasting of typical products).

Number of Geopark events: 70 (The events - festivals, guided tours, music, performing arts, tastings, conferences – are all organized in collaboration with the Municipalities and the operators of the Gateways to the Park).

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 56

Number of Geopark press release: 30.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- January / December Project “Gateways of the Park” - The Park Gates were opened in short period during the period of the COVID - 19 pandemic and they have made videos, webinars, digital contents.
- January - December – Start of the works for the Via delle Città Etrusche Cultural Itinerary Project within the Path System of the Tuscany Region in partnership with seven municipalities of the Geopark and won the tender of the Tuscany Region for a financing of Euro 80,000.00 (+ Euro 20,000.00 of the co-financing by the Geopark).
- January - December - Educational activities and start of elaboration of strategic plan related to “Towards a river contract for the Val di Pecora” with the Geopark as partner and responsible for the participation process.
- January - December - Renewal of the agreement with the Tuscany Region and the Municipality of Montieri for the management of the Cornate and Fosini Regional Reserve and

enhancement of the Cornate and Fosini Regional Nature Reserve. Project the Songs of the Earth.

- Participation as speaker at the day on tourism at the webinar "Talking about ... pandemic and resilience in the biosphere reserves and in the unesco world geoparks in Italy". Cycle of webinars organized by the unesco regional office for science and culture in europe "
<https://www.unesco.it/it/News/Detail/1055>

- August Participation in the national Festambiente event with workshops organized in the Scienzambiente space and participation in seminars on protected areas.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation as a guest from the Hong Kong Geopark to the APG Assembly to expose the issues related to the pandemic situation in the TMG (videoconference).
- Improvement of the GEOfood Project.
- Participation in the EGN Digital Forum

Management and Financial Status

- The Park has an independent budget. The Park financial sources are mainly from Ministry of Environment. Annual Budget is approved by the Management Committee. The Gateways to the Park are managed by municipalities and they are funded by the Park.

Geoconservation

- Control and monitoring of geosites related to the territory. Cleaning and arrangement of the paths.
- Experimentation project of the new mining site cataloging card with the Central Institute for Catalog and Documentation of the Ministry of Culture and the National Network of Museums and Mining Parks.
- Participation in a national table for the identification of the criteria for the definition of geosites of national importance.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Development of the portal on geotourism by the Park Tour Operator www.visitmaremma.net
- Support for the organization of the Festival The Places of Time (music, theater, environment).
- September - FORUM of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (mixed mode - videoconference and frontal)

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

- Agreement with the Natural Science Museum of Grosseto for activities related to the biodiversity of the Geopark and Citizen Science
- Launch of the BIOTA scientific project for the study of the biodiversity of the Biancane geothermal geosite.
- Production and sale of products from the Drago Short Chain with the GEOfood logo in 18 UNICOOP sales points throughout Tuscany.
- Launch of the second phase of the Green Economy Plan in partnership with the Foundation for Sustainable Development of Rome
- Participation in the round table on Agriculture of the General States of the Green Economy in Rimini

Strategic partnership

- River Contract (River Pecora) has been activated with a financing from the Tuscany Region in collaboration with the Municipalities of Gavorrano, Follonica and Scarlino and the Consorzio di Bonifica Toscana Costa (Bonification Consortium)
- Agreement with the Department of Earth Sciences of the University of Bari and the University of Florence Agreement with the Department of Earth Sciences of the University of Bari and the University of Florence

Promotional activities

- Collaboration with the Tour Operator of the Geopark for the creation of eco-sustainable packages.
- Organization of new webinars to illustrate the new portal of the geopark's Tour Operator www.visitmaremma.net aimed at local economic operators
- Service on the Effetto Farfalla (Butterfly Effect) program RaiNews24 (national TV)

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