

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: El Hierro UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, (European Geoparks Network)

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

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



Training for teachers of the different educational centers of the Geopark.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 5 people: Director, Manager, communication professional, Geologist and Scientific Coordinator.

Number of visitors: 4.813 people visited the Interpretation Center of the El Hierro Geopark.

Number of Geopark events: 6 events: Geoloday, European Week of Geoparks, Training for teachers of the different educational centers of the Geopark, Participation in "La Apañada", the most important agricultural and livestock fair on the island and Organization of "the 1st Canary Islands Geoparks Conference" together with the Geopark of Lanzarote and Archipiélago Chinijo of Lanzarote and the Government of the Canary Islands, Participation in Worldcanic Lanzarote is an International Congress on Volcanic Cooking and Ecosystems on the island of Lanzarote.

Number of school classes sharing Geopark educational programs: 3 elementary schools with 7+14+15, 2 middle schools, first and second high schools with 5 classes and 5 elementary schools, so ---classes in total.

Number of Geopark press releases: 10 in press and 2 in the program "Escapadas" from RadioTelevisión Canaria , RTVC, and "Buenos días Canarias" from RadioTelevisión Canaria, RTVC

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2023

- Presentation of the new Spanish Geoparks Magazine in FITUR
- Geoloday. "A coastline of magical forms".
- Collaboration agreement between the Geopark and Gorona del Viento.
- Elaboration of an informative guide together with the Geopark of Lanzarote and Archipiélago Chinijo of Lanzarote and the Government of the Canary Islands.
- Participation in the second edition of the Virtual Conference "Let's talk about Geoparks", organized by the Unesco Global Geopark of Lanzarote and Chinijo Archipelago.
- Organization of the webinar "International Mother Earth Day" in partnership with the Azores Geopark.
- "The 1st Canary Islands Geoparks Conference" together with the Geopark of Lanzarote and Archipiélago Chinijo of Lanzarote and the Government of the Canary Islands.
- Excursion with 8 members of the Scout group Ucanca de Tenerife
- Participation in the different camps held in the three municipalities of the island.
- Participation in the experiences and experiences organized by the interdisciplinary cultural circuit "LAVA CIRCULAR".
- Participation in the annual meeting between representatives of the Cabildo of El Hierro and the educational community of the island to present the 2023 Educational Contents Guide.
- Organization of different activities, workshops and excursions with students from different schools on the island.
- Collaboration with the Environment area within the VOLTURMAC project (Territorial Cooperation Program Interreg Madeira-Azores-Canary Islands (MAC) 2014-2020), in the organization and execution of different activities.
- Participation in the third edition of Worldcanic, held on the island of Lanzarote.
- Participation in the course "Geotourism in Volcanic Spaces of El Hierro".
- EGGn Week:
 - Activity with students of the IES Roques de Salmor in secondary school, including a visit to the Geopark Interpretation Center to know all the details of the submarine eruption of 2011. Then, In La Restinga, they visited the fish market and the Fishermen's Guild to learn directly from the fishermen the effects of the eruption in their activity and the artisanal and sustainable fishing traditions in our Geopark.
 - Meeting with the Geopark's Scientist Committee.
 - Meeting with the Geopark's Participation Committee.
 - Institutional presentation of the Mimar + project, in which RedPROMAR Gobcan collaborates and collaboration in the organization of the MIMAR+ El Hierro Conference.

- Collaboration and assistance to the on-line presentation of the book: "Caves and karst, a journey through the Spanish Geoparks".
- Participation in "La Apañada", the most important agricultural and livestock fair on the island.
- Meeting with the island's dive centers to organize some activities in common with the dive centers.
- Training for teachers of the different educational centers of the Geopark.
- Activity with students of the Geography and History of the ULLP.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Working together with Lanzarote and Archipelago Chinijo Geopark in the "the 1st Canary Islands Geoparks Conference"
- Organization of the webinar "International Mother Earth Day" in partnership with the Azores Geopark
- Participation in different activities with Gorona del Viento
- Participation in the second edition of the Virtual Conference "Let's talk about Geoparks" organized by the Unesco Global Geopark of Lanzarote and Chinijo Archipelago.
- Participation in Worldcanic Lanzarote is an International Congress on Volcanic Cooking and Ecosystems on the island of Lanzarote.
- EGGN Week with common activities with the other geoparks
- Attendance to the 17th European Geoparks Network Conference and 47th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Hateg Country UNESCO Global Geopark (Rumanía) 27-30 March 2023.
- Attendance to the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in M'Goun UNESCO Global Geopark, Morocco, 07-09 September 2023.
- Networking with Spanish Geoparks to edit a common Magazine, and presented in FITUR.
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Management and Financial Status

- Own budgets for Geopark
- Government of the Canary Islands

Geoconservation

- Guide to the most relevant LIGs of El Hierro in collaboration with Lanzarote Geopark and

edited by GOBCA.

- Webinars and conferences organized with other Geoparks for the dissemination of geology.
- Restoration of infrastructure, trails and information facilities in the Geopark Interpretation Center, through the "VOLTURMAC" Project a INTERREG subvention.
- "World Geopark of El Hierro, Diversity of volcanic heritage for geotourism" paper in collaboration with the Volcanological Institute of the Canary Islands.
- Collaboration with the Insular Water - Council through the issuance of compatibility reports for certain projects.
- Cooperation with research and science (ULL, ULPGC, IGME, CSIC, IEO).
- Cooperation with diving centers, training and elaboration of a guide to support and increase the knowledge of their dives and, therefore, the awareness about the care of the geology underwater.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Through the volturmac project, several actions related to geotourism have been carried out. Development of material necessary to strengthen the content of the volcano-tourist itineraries of the Canary Islands (topoguides, QR codes, panels, apps, etc.).
 - Design, creation and revaluation of volcano-tourism and landscape itineraries in El Hierro in both natural and urban areas.
 - Elaboration of a program that includes training and environmental dissemination actions of the natural and cultural heritage associated with the volcanoes of El Hierro, increasing the attractiveness of those areas with tourist interest".
- Geological billboards in the Geopark Interpretation Center, through the "VOLTURMAC" Project a INTERREG subvention, to provide an autoguide around the interpretation center.
- Billboard with information on the Tagoro submarine LIG in La Restinga, municipality of El Pinar
- New service in the Geological Interpretation Center, in the municipality of El Pinar, consisting in a computer where both the local population and the tourists can search for information and find different works, studies, researches, etc... by different entities such as: ULL (La Laguna University), ULPGC (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Universtiy) , IGN (National Geological Institute), etc...

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

- "Collaboration with AGEO (Platform for the management of Geological Risks in the Atlantic)
- Elaboration of a new list of activities to be developed with schools to raise awareness of the need for geoconservation.
- Course for middle school teacher about volcanology.
- Integration in the guide of the educational contents offered by the different areas of the Cabildo to the educational centers of the island (talks, excursions...).

Strategic partnership

- Lanzarote y Archipiélago Chinijo Geopark.
- Azores Geopark Association
- Collaboration in different projects with the hydro-wind power plant "Gorona del Viento".

Promotional activities

- Presence in all national and international fairs (FITUR) attended by the Ministry of Tourism with information material concerning the Geopark and Use of local food in the activities and events to show also a taste of the EL Hierro flavors.
- We cooperate with local companies such as, for example, with diving centers, in the elaboration of a guide to support and increase the content of their dives.
- Participation in “La Apañada” the most important agricultural and livestock fair on the island of El Hierro.
- Participation in Worldcanic Lanzarote is an International Congress on Volcanic Cooking and Ecosystems on the island of Lanzarote.
- Geopark Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

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