

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network.

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:**2015/2019/2023



Inauguration of the Casa de los Volcanes and Geopark Museum of Lanzarote, on March 18, 2023. Our geoscientist, with the scientific community participating in the museum.

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 7 staffs including 1 geoscientist

**Number of visitors:** The visitors to the most outstanding geosite of the UGGp “Montañas del Fuego” were 921.345 and as for the Visitors Center, was around 27.978 since January 2024 until April 2024. Before, in 2023 it was free entry.

**Number of Geopark events:** The events held by management body were approximately 9 and the events cooperative organization were approximately 10.

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** Activities were carried out for 2.600 students in the new informative educational program called “La GeoComunidad”, that has been implemented in educational centers from infant and primary education and in secondary and high school centers (from 3 to 17 years old), a different activity for each year.

**Number of Geopark press release:** In addition to the information published on the UGGp Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Tik Tok) and the website ([www.geoparquelandzarote.org](http://www.geoparquelandzarote.org)), press releases have been published about the activities of the UGGp.

### **3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

#### **Major achievements in 2023**

- The biggest challenge for the geopark was to complete the museography project for the new volcano house and geopark. From the geopark staff, all the scientific coordination of the museum contents was carried out and also from the tourism management part, everything related to furniture, technology, etc. The museum opened on March 18, 2023, with the presence of more than 300 prominent people from the world of science, politics, important institutions, etc.

#### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- Publication with the rest of the Spanish Geoparks of the book "The Caves and the Karst, a journey through the Spanish Geoparks"
- Sending lithic samples to the Azores Geopark.
- Participation in the Oki Islands Symposium
- Participation in the EGN Meetings and GGN Conference with two members and the Spanish Geoparks Forum.
- Participation in the Geopark Going Green.
- Participation in the AC
- Participation in working groups: EGN and GGN, Tourism groups, and Volcanic Group.-
- Organization of the webinar, 2nd virtual conference, "Let's talk about Geopark", registrations: 93 assistants.

#### **Management and Financial Status**

- The financial status of the UGGp has been the same as in 2022, with the same budget. Regarding management, several environmental agents have been hired, who collaborate with the environmental service in monitoring places of geological interest.
- Subsidy granted by the Government of the Canary Islands to the Geopark.
- The geopark headquarters has moved to an emblematic place on the island, located in one of the geopark's geosites. It is also a symbolic place of cultural heritage, Monumento al Campesino.

#### **Geoconservation**

- First Inventory of Geopark Caves.
- Geosite inventory update.
- Monitoring of marine and terrestrial Geosites.
- On-site awareness campaigns in collaboration with Airport, Liquid Sounds, etc.
- Publications in international scientific journals.
- Cleaning of caves and volcanic tube in collaboration with the speleologist association.

#### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- The new House of the Volcanoes and Geopark. Exhibition in which the visitor is introduced to the natural and cultural heritage of the UGGp and its planetary analogues.
- Participation in the FITUR Fair
- Participation in the Spanish Geoparks project "Experiences"
- Course aimed at tourist guides and active leisure companies, about the geopark.
- Cataloging the sample of Rosario Lunar collection of minerals, rocks and mineralizations of strategic interest for public display.
- Preparation of dissemination video about the Atlantis tunnel, one of the main LIGS of the Geopark, for public display.

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

- The new education program "La GeoComunidad" for all ages deals with issues of

- geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction.
- Course on geopark conservation, aimed at environmental auditors who verify that filming in the landscape meets conservation criteria.
  - Collaboration with regulated education, tutoring of “Education and Environmental Control Technician” students
  - Various talks to Geopark institutes and foreign exchanges.
  - Course on Geopark for teachers of formal education. 40 attendees.
  - Activities “The Geopark in colors”, the students make a video related to one of the colors of the Geopark, for example, white, recorded by the Geosite Las Salinas.

### **Strategic partnership**

- The UGGp has extended its agreement with the European Space Agency for three more years. Support in the organization with the ESA of Pangaea 2023.
- First Geodiversity Conference, in collaboration with the El Hierro Geopark and the Government of the Canary Islands. 150 registered.
- International Planetary Caves Conference: 105 attendees.

### **Promotional activities**

- The UGGp promotes itself through its social media, website, dissemination activities, press releases and has also contracted the supply of merchandising material, we can stand out:
  - National Television Program on Lanzarote Geopark
  - Interviews on the radio about new museum Volcano house and Geopark
  - Geopark logo at bus stations
  - QR installation in the most visited LIGs of the Geopark, Montañas del Fuego and Jameos del Agua.
- Participation in the Lanzarote Airport Fair on Environment Day.
- Event To you woman, in the development of Women's Day
- Interpreted Trail
- Publication Tale of Vera and the Volcano. (Youth audience)
- Collaboration in carrying out a sports activity Haría TITAN 23.
- Participation in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Fair 2023
- Participation in Liquid Sounds

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