

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Molina Alto Tajo UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain (European Geoparks Network)

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



One of the groups of Hidrogeoday Guadalajara province during field trip talk

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 3 staffs including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: 8.757 visitors to Alto Tajo Natural Park visitors centers.

Number of Geopark events: EGN week (fieldtrips, videos, lectures and other activities). Educational program. Visiting programs (10 fieldtrips). 4 Infant workshops.

Colaborator intitutions: 3 local products markets. Training courses for local tourism companies. New panel and sings in new routes and collaborating centers and entities. Research grants, collaboration with Salamanca, Basque Country and Boudreaux Universities, CENIEH and Salas de los Infantes. Talks for other entities (10). Support and dissemination of cultural and sporting initiatives and projects- bike races, archaeological and cultural activities.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: Over 20 including sessions for primary, secondary and teachers and others like Geopark rangers.

Number of Geopark press release: 20 papers (and many others through articles related to the territory where the Geopark is mentioned), 2 TV programs, 3 Radio programs. Over 150 posts in FB and Instagram. Publication of articles in specialized magazines and research ones.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2023

Guadalajara province Hidrogeoday, in the frame of national Hidrogeoday. Field trip and talk for awareness of water importance and its paper for environment and human development.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

EGN Newsletter 22, GGN newsletter 22 sent. Geoparks Going Green. Participation in the EGN Hateg and online meetings and GGN M'Goun conference of 2023 as well as GGN general assembly. Participation in the WG Youth Education. Poster presentation in the GGN M'Goun Conference Intensive course: Updating Program for Interpretative Displays I Geoparks. Participation in the activities and projects of the National Fora (meetings, Open days, etc.). Participation on meeting of Spanish Geoparks National Commission. Contribution for GGN FaceBook. Celebrating Mother Earth Day by organizing field trips about the Geopark for the students of the Molina de Aragón Secondary School College. Advantages are made in the foundation of Spanish Geoparks Forum Association.

Geoconservation

Training workshop for Environmental Agents on the Geopark's geological heritage.

Writing of report and sending for declaration of the figure of protection of Cultural Interest Item by the Department of Culture of the Regional Government for the Fossil Forest and reptile footprints site of the Sierra de Aragoncillo.

Several talks about best practices and importance of geological heritage

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

Monitoring and teaching companies adhered to the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism. Technical advising for tourism companies in the territory committed to the development of sustainable tourism.

Representative of territory in National and Regional Ecotourism Club as destination manager.

Launch of new program of collaborating companies of the Geopark and membership of the first 15 entities.

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

Geopark Educational Program that includes the incorporation of the Geopark into the educational project of the Geopark educational centers, talks and field trips for teachers and students, as well as the support of the Geopark for gathering of founding for improve field trips program. Support for extension of Geoparks Talks and Fieldtrips Program to Primary and Rural Grouped Schools achieving the whole Geoparks students.

Involvement of Civil Policy, and Forestry Rangers in geological heritage protection of sites outside protected areas.

Strategic partnership

Launch of Geopark Collaboration Companies Program.

Renovation of founding and collaboration agreements with Provincial and Regional Governments.

Keep collaboration with educational centres Santo Tomás de Aquino Secondary School and Virgen de la Hoz Primary School College.

Collaboration with Alto Tajo Natural Park for Geopark signaling and highlight.

Collaboration with cultural associations from municipalities in order to carry cultural and outreach activities.

Promotional activities

Promotion of the geotourism heritage of the Geopark through social networks such as the website, Instagram and Facebook. Advances for new geopark website. Promotion of the Geopark's geotourism heritage through the Molina Museum, Molina de Aragon Municipality Tourist Office and Alto Tajo Natural Park visitors centers. Promotion of the geotourism heritage of the Geopark through the participation in regional television programs (I like Castilla La Mancha). Study for recovery and updating of the interpretative displays of Valle del Río Mesa Geo-trail with new texts. Geopark Fair Program to promote crafts and local products. We highlight: Truffle Fair, Gift Fair, Medieval Fair, among others.

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