

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Cabo Ortegal UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network.

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2023



*The photograph was taken in the emblematic Cape Ortegal on May 24, 2023. This day Cabo Ortegal was officially approved as a UNESCO Global Geopark.*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

- **Number of Geopark staffs:**

Three direct staff members, including technical and coordination assistance and the geologist. Nevertheless, the main administrative body is composed by seven members (mayors of the town councils of Cariño, Cedeira, Cerdido, Moeche, Ortigueira, San Sadurniño and Valdoviño)

- **Number of visitors:** 22.213 visitors.

The number of visitors is estimated taking into account the data from the tourism offices, tourist attractions, interpretation centers and museums located in the geopark.

- Tourism Office in Cedeira: 5.329 visitors
- Concepción Castle (Cedeira): 4.036 visitors
- Vía Ferrata (Cedeira): 3.000 visitors

- Irmandiños Castle (Moeche): 4.958 visitors
- Tourism Office in Valdoviño: 1.481 visitors
- Tourism Office in Ortigueira: 3.409 visitors

According to experimental statistics from the Spanish National Statistics Institute ([https://www.ine.es/experimental/turismo\\_moviles/experimental\\_turismo\\_moviles\\_infoanual.htm](https://www.ine.es/experimental/turismo_moviles/experimental_turismo_moviles_infoanual.htm)) , by measuring visitors from mobile phones, the data for the year 2023 for the Geopark area was **73.738 visitors**.

- **Number of Geopark events**

- Geolodía 2023 A Coruña (Geology Day), 6th May, 2023. (<https://geolodia.es/geolodia-2023/a-coruna-2023/>)
- XII Xornadas dos Solos do Xeoparque Cabo Ortegal (Soils Conference of the Cabo Ortegal Geopark), 9-11th June 2023 (<https://cetus.usc.es/12725/jornadas-secs-geoparque-cabo-ortegal/>)

- **Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:**

Classes were held in 10 educational centers of the geopark territory, involving around 703 students from primary and secondary grade.

- Investigation programme for primary schools and for secondary schools
  - Investigation programme for Primary schools: [https://xeoparquecabootegal.gal/edu/PRIM\\_PI/index\\_prof.html](https://xeoparquecabootegal.gal/edu/PRIM_PI/index_prof.html)
  - Investigation programme for High schools (1-2 ESO): [https://xeoparquecabootegal.gal/edu/ESO1\\_PI/index\\_prof.html](https://xeoparquecabootegal.gal/edu/ESO1_PI/index_prof.html)
  - Investigation programme for High schools (3-4 ESO): [https://xeoparquecabootegal.gal/edu/ESO2\\_PI/index\\_prof.html](https://xeoparquecabootegal.gal/edu/ESO2_PI/index_prof.html)

Also, as every year, is remarkable the study visits of fourth-year Geology students of the Complutense University of Madrid with PhD Ricardo Arenas, member of the Geopark Scientific Committee, October 2023. (<https://www.diariodeferrol.com/articulo/comarcas/alumnado-cuarto-geologia-complutense-visita-xeoparque-cabo-ortegal-4460205>)

- **Number of Geopark press release:** 90 press releases in 2023, including several radio and TV appearances.

### 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

- **Major achievements in 2023:** The creation of the educational program and ratification as Global Geopark.
- **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**
  - Attendance at 4th GGN Ordinary General Assembly, 8 September 2023, M'Goun UNESCO Global Geopark (Morocco).
  - Attendance at "II Jornadas virtuales Hablemos de Geoparques, mesa redonda Madre Tierra", 20 April 2023.
  - Attendance at "Welcome Digital Event for the new UNESCO Global Geoparks, 6 June 2023".
  - Attendance at "VIII Jornadas Abiertas del Foro Español de Geoparques", 24-26 October, 2023.
  - Attendance at European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee Meeting, 8-9 November 2023.
- **Management and Financial Status**
  - Geopark direct funds: 83.136,00€ (fees of the associated entities – councils of Cariño, Cedeira, Cerdido, Moeche, Ortigueira, San Sadurniño and Valdoviño – 3€ per inhabitant).
  - Collaboration agreement with the Provincial Council of A Coruña. Nominative subsidy for the co-financing of the project "Activities of the Cabo Ortegal Geopark Project": 239.943,00€.
  - Subsidy for the improvement of quality, competitiveness and tourist activity of entities in the province of A Coruña: 134.000,00€.
  - Tourism sustainability plan in destinations: 1,5M €

- **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism):**

- Renovation and creation of a room dedicated to the Geopark in the Moeche Castle - Interpretation Center of the Irmandiñas Revolts, March 2023. (<https://www.diariodeferrol.com/articulo/comarcas/moeche-abre-puertas-centro-interpretacion-revoltas-irmandinas-4219711>)
- Attendance at Participatory panel diagnosis of the Galician tourism sector (Clúster de Turismo de Galicia), November 2023.
- GeoRoutes programme (Holy Week and summer 2023) (<https://proxecto.xeoparquecabootegal.gal/regresan-las-xeorutas-esta-semana-santa/>)

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

Expansion of the A Fusquenlla agri-food processing center and training courses for users (<https://sites.google.com/view/afusquenlla/portada>)

- **Strategic partnership**

- Collaboration with Provincial Council of A Coruña.
- Collaboration with the Foro Español de Geoparques.
- Collaboration with researchers from different universities and institutions in Galicia.

- **Promotional activities**

- UNESCO Global Geoparks outdoor exhibition at large events in the territory: Rural Fair in San Sadurniño; Pantin Classic Surf Pro in Valdoviño; Catted Fair in Cedeira, popular Festivities in Cariño, Irmandiño Festival in Moeche, Honey Festival in Ortigueira, Castro River Festival, etc.
- Organization and collaboration in multiple sport events in the territory: Popular races, Bicycle Day Races, Surfing Adaptative Event, European Parasurfing Championship, Equestrian Show Jumping, Route programmes, Soapbox descent race or Galician beach volleyball championship.

- 7º Chanfaina Lab (Collective audiovisual creation experience) in San Sadurniño.
- Cultural activities: Día das Letras Galegas (Day of the Galician language), Samhain; Ortigueira's Festival of Celtic World.
- Gastronomy and local products faires (Bean Fair, Cheese Fair, Honey Fair, Farming fair, Cattle Fairs, Rural Fairs...)
- Some examples of events or acts organized by or with the collaboration of the Geopark:
  - Conference Underwater archeology.
  - Bobblin lace events.
  - Conference about the oceanographer Ángeles Alvariño.
  - Sample of Galician Theater.
  - Universidad Complutense de Madrid of Geology visit.
  - Educational programme presentation in CEIP A Barqueira, Cerdido.
  - Participation of students from Cedeira and Moeche in the Child forum in Galician Parliament.
  - International Children's Day Celebration in Moeche with the recognition as a Child-friendly city.
  - Inauguration of the new Geopark permanent exposition in the Revoltas Irmandiñas Center, at Moeche's castle.
  - III Ecological Autumn Conferences
  - "Vilas en Flor" award for San Sadurniño council.
  - Rural women day celebration.
  - Simultaneous campaign cleaning day in the rivers and the beaches of the Geopark
  - Agroalimentary transformation course in A Fusquenlla
  - Ecological trade market
  - World Conference Surfing Medicine in Valdoviño.

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