

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2007 / 2023



Earthquakes & Volcanoes Workshop

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 22 staffs including 2 geoscientists

Number of visitors: 85.379 visitors considering number of the sold tickets. At the Eco point Jankovac 56.079 visitors, visitor centre “Geo Info Centre” 15.553 visitors, visitor centre “House of the Pannonian Sea” 5.152 visitors and at the Campsite/Adventure Park “Duboka” 8.595 visitors. There are numerous entrances to the Geopark without tickets, estimated number of visitors is 130.000

Number of Geopark events: 27

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 51

Number of Geopark press release: 28

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2023

- The Management Plan for the next 10-year period (2023 - 2033) has been officially adopted – the fundamental document for managing the Nature Park, Geopark, and Natura 2000 areas. The Management Plan was developed within the framework of the project "Development of a Framework for the Management of the Natura 2000 Ecological Network," co-financed by the European Cohesion Fund through the Operational Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in the 47th Coordination Committee Meeting Hateg Country UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania
- Participation in the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Marrakech
- Participation in the autumn EGN CC Online Meeting
- GGN revalidation missions carried out by Goran Radonić (Azores UNESCO Global Geopark) and Goran Pavić (Apuan Alps UNESCO Global Geopark)
- Contributions to the EGN magazine, EGN Newsletter, Geoparks Going Green publication
- Participation in 2nd GGN Film Festival

Management and Financial Status

- newly adopted Management Plan for the next 10 years
- funding is secured by the Croatian Government, beside that there are our own income and funding through projects

Geoconservation

- regularly maintenance of some geosites was carried out by geopark rangers
- in the Park Forest Jankovac, we have restored the old signs with rules of conduct and placed several new ones in the areas where tourists move the most

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- several meetings were held with the winemakers' association (in the Kutjevo area) to improve cooperation and prepare for the creation of a common promotional brochure about the Kutjevo wine region

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

- In cooperation with 'Croatian Waters' (the national authority responsible for water management), we organized several workshops in local schools to educate children about the importance of water conservation and protection.

Strategic partnership

- Museum of Bećarac (Bećarac singing and playing - UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity), Archaeological Museum Osijek
- we actively participated in designing the permanent exhibit on natural heritage (geology) in the renovated Požega City Museum

Promotional activities

- An interesting monograph on the speleological features of the Slavonian Mountains (which includes Papuk) has been published. The book provides a detailed overview of the speleological sites, along with descriptions of the geological and biological characteristics of the area.

4. CONTACTS

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