

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Djerdap UNESCO Global Geopark, Serbia, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2020 (inscription)



Visit to the Pleistocene Danube terrace geosite near Kladušnica village, by pupils from the Primary School "Vuk Karadžić", Kladovo (European Researchers' Night 2020 manifestation).



Electron micrograph of a single disc flower of cornflower (*Centaurea cyanus*); from the online celebration of the European Geoparks Week 2020.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 7 staffs including 2 geoscientists.

Number of visitors: Visitor Center of the Djerdap National Park – 1,100; Djerdap National Park hiking trails – 9,500; Visitor Center/Museum of Lepenski Vir – 28,703, Visitor Center of Golubac Fortress – 137,620.

Number of Geopark events: 3 events held by the management body: Celebration of the European Geoparks Week 2020 (online activities – videos, photos, presentations), Celebration of the World Cleanup Day (outdoor cleanup activities, posts on social networks), Celebration of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (working meeting). 2 events held by cooperative organizations: Celebration of the 4th International Landscape Day (presentations and field trip; cooperative organizations: Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia, the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia and the Faculty of Forestry of the University of Belgrade), European Researchers' Night 2020 (cooperative organization: Primary School "Vuk Karadžić", Kladovo).

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 2 (only in January and February 2020, because of COVID-19 restrictions afterwards).

Number of Geopark press release: 11 reports on national, regional and local TV stations; 4 radio broadcastings on national and regional stations; tens of press releases in newspapers at a national level.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- On the recommendation of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council, the Executive Board of UNESCO has designated Djerdap Geopark as a UNESCO Global Geopark, for a period of 10 July 2020 to 9 July 2024.
- New hiking/educational trail “Tabula Traiana”, which combines attractive landscape, rich biotic and cultural heritage (the first construction stage is completed in 2020).
- 15 new informative panels, depicting sites of geological, biotic and cultural heritage.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in all digital meetings of EGN and GGN.
- Participation in the Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2020 (10-26 June 2020).
- Contributions to the EGN Magazine 18 and EGN newsletter 18.

Management and Financial Status

- Two new employees (a geologist and a presentation specialist).
- Two new offices for geopark staff.

Geoconservation

- One geosite with the surrounding area is declared the Natural Monument “Prerast Tunel Cave in Zamna Gorge” (on a national level).
- The infrastructure damaged in a torrent flow at Boljetinska Reka Gorge geosite has been repaired.
- Local initiative for protection and geoconservation of Pleistocene Danube terrace geosite near Kladušnica village.
- Informing of geopark visitors about the importance of the geoconservation (in visitor centers, brochures, on guided tours).

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- The first stage of a new hiking trail “Tabula Traiana” has been completed in a very attractive area. The trail is equipped with 2 entrance panels, 21 informative panels, 2 lookout points and a rest area.
- 15 additional informative panels, depicting sites of geological, biotic and cultural heritage, have been set up in the geopark area.
- 4 new geo-rutes have been created, one per each municipality in our geopark.
- A number of no littering and protected area signs have been set up.
- Maintenance and landscaping of hiking trails, geosites and viewpoint areas.
- Promotion of geotourism by social media.

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

- We have ongoing educational programmes with two youth sections, “Little Rangers of the Djerdap National Park” (kindergartners) and “Young Rangers of the Djerdap National Park” (primary school age), organized in kindergartens and primary schools in Majdanpek, Donji Milanovac and Kladovo. An eco-classroom, with interactive digital equipment and modern teaching aids, has been set up in the Visitor Center of the Djerdap National Park and is used for various educational programs and creative workshops.

Strategic partnership

- Ongoing cooperation with municipal tourist organizations, Visitor Center/Museum of Lepenski Vir, Visitor Center of Golubac Fortress, Natural History Museum in Belgrade, national institutes for nature conservation and protection of cultural monuments, Geological Survey of Serbia, University of Belgrade, local kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia and local authorities.

Promotional activities

- Presentation of Djerdap UGGp at the Belgrade International Tourism Fair 2020.
- A new website of Djerdap UGGp has been launched, in English and Serbian versions (<https://geoparkdjerdap.rs/>).
- The promotional campaign of the National Tourism Organization of Serbia and the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications of the Republic of Serbia – "Choose your adventure! #seeserbia", started from the area of Djerdap UGGp.
- Five new 360° virtual tours have been created.
- Four new short promotional videos of Djerdap UGGp have been released.
- Djerdap Geopark calendar for 2020 and new leaflets have been printed.
- Social media promotion of sites of geological, biotic and cultural heritage, as well as of international initiatives, international days and common UGGps activities. Djerdap UGGp followers: Facebook – 1232, Instagram – 656.

4. CONTACTS

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