GEOLAC REPORT YEAR 2020

... strengthening the construction of pathways for sustainability and inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean....
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I. INTRODUCCION
The GEOLAC NETWORK, as of March 2020, the date on which most countries face the beginnings of the pandemic, begins the development of an active work agenda through digital platforms. This mechanism has allowed for permanent coordination and has strengthened the articulation between the members of the Network and the Network with many aspiring projects and new initiatives of Geoparks in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In this period the GMU of LAC adapt to the modality of virtual work, actively collaborate in their territories in the health emergency. Communication initiatives are generated in the care of people and their communities. In the same way, the teams are reorganized to maintain permanent contact with the inhabitants of the territory and advance in face-to-face activities as far as possible according to the indicators of each locality that is part of each of the Geoparks. Some with advances and setbacks in quarantine measures.

All the GCUs, as well as the aspiring geoparks and projects have stated that in this context of health emergency there has been a significant increase and with a positive evaluation the coordination in the execution of many activities that the Network and the PIGG have permanently supported, as well as the coordination that has occurred directly between Geoparks.
II. SYNTHESIS GEOLAC MILESTONES 2020

2.1 Sessions of the Coordination of the Red Geolac,
During the year, plenary activities are held among all the members of the RED as detailed below.
- 4 Plenaries (ordinary and extraordinary) with all the member members
- Monthly Sessions of the Network Coordination
- Sessions Working Groups (Gender and Indigenous Peoples)

2.2 Incorporation of Rio Coco Nicaragua World Geopark to the Network. First GMU in Central America
2.3 Working Groups:
During the year 2021, the operation of 2 working groups begins. Whose operation will be framed in the definitions of the GGN for its conformation.

2.3.1 Gender Working Group: Some actions
The Gender Group composed of the Geoparks of Araripe, Comarca Minera, Colca y Volcanes de Andagua, Imbabura, Küttrakura, Grutas del Palacio and Río Coco. The coordination is carried out by Río Coco.

Digital Training. Those that have had the participation of specialists from the different GMU that make up the working group.

2.3.2 Indigenous Peoples Working Group: Some Actions
During this period, the agenda for the formation of the Working Group is strengthened. 4 working sessions are held between the PIGG Unesco Montevideo (Ms. Denise Gorfinkiel) and the GMU to define contents of a Webinar Cycle Cosmovision of Indigenous Peoples for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the territories of Geoparks (August 28-29)

All the UGGs of LAC and representatives of native peoples of the GMU of Mixteca Alt a(Xotchil Ramirez, Tomasa Bautista), Imbabura (César Cotachi, Cristina Males), Colca Andagua and Volcanes, Araripe (Vanda Cariri), RíoCoco (Juan José Velazquez), Grutas de Palacio (Group of people of indigenous identity recovery group) and Küttrakura (Eddio Cariman – Ingrid Nahuelcura), the latter shares singing – a young Mapuche Pewenche. Activity that had more than 7,300 visits according to the statistics collected by the platform of the Geoheredness Seminar of the Unam/Sugeo

And as noted in the statement, with this activity "we also endorse one of the main mandates of unesco’s World Geoparks: to actively involve indigenous peoples, preserving and celebrating their culture to nourish and give a unique impact to our territories."
2.4 Geolac Network activities in coordination with PIGN

a) Third anniversary of the Geoparks Network of Latin America and the Caribbean (May 26)

b) Webinar Cycle Geoparks Territories of Resilience (May and June)

Activity carried out in conjunction with the International Program of Geosciences and Geoparks PIGG that programs it. Two sessions are held on May 13 and June 17.
Ciclo de webinars
Geoparques Mundiales de la UNESCO: territorios de resiliencia

Miércoles 17 de Junio
11:30 hs UY

Organizado por:
Programa Internacional de Gestión y Geoparques, UNESCO-Mabuseo
2.5 Activities in which Red Geolac shares experience and supports its development


b) UNESCO Transnational Geoparks Workshop: Tacaná Volcano Transnational Geopark Project, Mexico-Guatemala", 27-28-29 October

GMU Mixteca Alta and Comarca Minera from Mexico, GMU Rio Coco from Nicaragua, GMU Kütralkura from Chile participate.

Highlight this event and especially the participation of the Network in the panel, "Importance of UNESCO World Geoparks, the vision of indigenous peoples; Development of alliances within the Geoparks, how to involve local communities?;

In which together with Denise Gorfinkei, Red Geolac, Coordinator Patricio Melo Pereira and Unesco Mixteca Alta World Geopark and Unesco Kütralkura World Geopark participate.
This panel had the important participation of Ms. Rigoberta Menchu - Nobel Peace Prize 1992 and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.

In his conversation he relieves geoparks as sites for respect for the nature of Mother Earth and argues that Geoparks are historical memory. That the main challenge is "Preservation for the life of humanity" and emphasizes that indigenous peoples know how to listen to the "cry of the Earth". As a proposal it proposes to reinforce the thematic table of indigenous peoples and work with children's stories (children's stories) which is something that works for some time.

Listening and sharing in this panel for the GMU at the invitation of the PIGG of Montevideo has been a privilege and a great opportunity for the GMU members of the group of indigenous peoples to reinforce and reorient work pledges.

c) "Quarantine with Geosciences: The week of Unesco World Geoparks. June 22-28 . GMU Mixteca Alta, Kütralkura, Grutas de Palacio, Imbabura, Río Coco, Araripe participate. Projects Aspirant Serido Geopark of Brazil, Napo Sumaco Aspirant Project of Ecuador, Tungurahua Aspirant Project of Ecuador and Geoparks Project of Chile Cajón del Maipo and Petorca.

European Geoparks of Spain, GMU Basque Coast, Prof Brilha and Guy Martini participate,

Organized by: Sociedad Geológica Colombia, Sociedad Geológica de Chile, Escuela Nacional de Ciencias de la Tierra (Unam/Sugeo), Universidade Austral de Chile, Universidad EAFIT Colombia, GMU Mixteca Alta, Kütralkura, Proyecto Geoparque Volcán del Ruiz Colombia, Proyecto Geoparque Cajón del Maipo Chile and the important support of the UNAM.

The exchange of experience of the GMU in the panels called "Meet the Geolac Network" stands out.
d) Cycle of Geowebinars of working groups and GMU

1.- With the participation and support of the Geolac Network and the PIGG, different activities are carried out in the GMU during the year 2020 that will be informed by each of the Geoparks.

Webinar Cycle in Chile and Colombia
Cycle Webinar Geoparks Ecuador

GMU Mixteca Alta 5-7 de Mayo Anniversary Webinar Cycle: this is one of the first digital exchange activity.
2.6 GEOLAC Projects 2020 – PIGG Unesco Montevideo

a) **Registration Open Forum of Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean -CILAC Buenos Aires 2020 to Thematic** table. Proposed theme: UNESCO World Geoparks in Latin America and the Caribbean; challenges in educational programs in contexts of multiculturalism, agenda 2030 for inclusive and sustainable development.

Area: Citizen Science

Modality: commented exhibition with the participation of GMU professors and representatives of the Technical and Scientific Committee (at least 3 representatives for Geoparks)
2.7 Networkcommunication is Social

The activities of the GMU and LAC projects are disseminated in red Geolac social networks and also in watsap of LAC initiatives where more than 100 people participate who share their experiences on a permanent basis.

In our networks we also remember and make visible activities on important days linked to the 3 pillars of the Geoparks.
2.7 Geolac Network in GGN  Digital Forums, working groups and other activities

1. Digital Course of Unesco Geoparks between the days of 10 to 26 June. Members of the Network and aspiring projects and projects from different countries participate in this course. Follow-up sessions have been held the last of them on November 2.

2. Call 1st Digital Forum  GGN 17 -18 November 2020

3. Participation in the Annual Account of unesco Montevideo Office (3 Dec 2020)

4. Technical Advisory Group—Climate Change, Risk and Resilience Platform latin America and the Caribbean of UNESCO sites. GATEC in which the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and Geoparks sites participate, in the case of the Geoparks they postulated their participation in conjunction with the Geoparks of Araripe, Comarca Minera and Kütralkura. The first meeting is held between September 14 and 16 and the rest of the year sessions that have allowed progress in the definition of lines of action.
Annex Good Practices highlighting the GMU

Geoparques Mundiales Unesco: Territorios de Resiliencia

ACCIONES DE LOS GEOPARQUES DE AMERICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE AÑO 2020

Celebrando el patrimonio de la Tierra – Sosteniendo comunidades locales

PROJETO GEA-TERRA MÃE


O projeto tem como objetivo incentivar e estimular professores e estudantes e de forma indireta gestores públicos e a população em geral do território do Araripe a atuarem de forma cooperativa para o desenvolvimento das Geociências em beneficio da Sociedade.
• Roads, connectivity within the Geopark, Federal support.

Impulso al Grupo de Igualdad de Género de la Red GeoLAC.
“Apoyando el ODS 5”

Redacción de Plan Estratégico

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo2wAV-n22mx6X1u-KOKOuQ
Un viaje que mediante su recorrido logremos: Pasear + Aprender + Transformar

A trip that through its journey we achieve: Walk + Learn = Transform

- CIENCIAS DE LA TIERRA
- PATRIMONIO NATURAL
- NATURAL HERITAGE
- MEDIO AMBIENTE
- ENVIRONMENT
- PRODUCCION NATURAL Y RESPONSABLE
- NATURAL AND RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION
- ECONOMIA CIRCULAR
- circular economy

"Entramos siendo TURISTAS, Salimos siendo CONSERVACIONISTAS" "We enter being TOURISTS, we leave being CONSERVATIONISTS"

Presentación de la Guía Turística Educativa del Geoparque UNESCO “Grutas del Palacio” – 22 de Octubre de 2020

Presentation of the Educational Tourist Guide of the “Grutas del Palacio” UNESCO Global Geopark – October 22, 2020

Promoviendo la sostenibilidad ambiental en las diferentes georutas y geositios a través del turismo responsable, reconocido a nivel internacional a través del reconocimiento por Green Destination como “Destino Sostenible” y en el proceso de postulación para conseguir el sello de “Safe Travel” (Viaje seguro).

- Se realizaron campañas de limpieza en la georuta turística Cabañaconde – Oasis Sangalla, 27 de enero; y mantenimiento al Geositio Géiser de Pinchollo, 12 de enero. Teniendo la participación activa del personal de AUTOCOLCA.
Nombre – Protección del Patrimonio inmaterial
Fecha - Noviembre 2020
Descripción: Se realiza un evento para promover los saberes ancestrales de la comunidad de Icalupe, en la que los habitantes utilizando la tierra de colores con la que decoran sus casas, han concursado creando diseños vinculados a los geositios de su comunidad, para promocionar el Geopatrimonio.

Grupo de trabajo volcán Cubiche en una actividad realizada el 16 de octubre 2020 a 3.828 msnm.
Las mujeres en imagen son AMICAS del proceso Geoparque Imbabura.
Association of Municipalities of the Kütraikurs Geopark delivers 1500 compost bins and trains users

Contributing to food security in rural communities through the composting of organic waste.