

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: MADONIE UNESCO Global Geopark, ITALY, (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2001/2019



Photo1 initiative "the 30th anniversary of the Life"



Photo2 initiative "Inauguration of the Scopa l'Acqua path"

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 1 staff coordinator + 4 administratives

Number of visitors: park information points, around: 68.892

Number of Geopark events: about 25

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: about 350

Number of Geopark press release: about 25 events on social media, municipal websites.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

May: Celebration in Polizzi Generosa of the 30th anniversary of the Life 4 fir project "Innovative Strategies for the in situ Conservation of Abies Nebrodensis" day dedicated to school groups of all levels, to Associations and to the community, with conferences, excursions, visits to the M.A.N..

May-June: Art, culture, history, landscape and environment are the protagonists of the 17th edition of Egn Wek 2022, thanks to the precious collaboration of local associations and municipalities of Madonie.

August/September: Participation and sponsorship of the artistic and cultural association "Cefalù city of Artists" for the realization of the 9th art symposium and laboratory;

September: Creation through an agency specialized in the sector of a Chinese-language WeChat account intended for a Chinese public, which in recent years has become one of the major users of our country A fundamental tool that aims to increase tourism in China and beyond

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

April: 45th Coordination committee meeting Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark the Netherlands;

September: EGNCC Meeting and the 16th European Geopark Network Conference Sesia Val Grande UGG in Piemonte

November: 4° workshop regional for Europe on visitor centers in UNESCO-designated sites, Buzau (Romania) .

Management and Financial Status

The main financial entrance is from Sicily which shall transfer amounts allocated to the budget to pay all expenses related to institutional activities, to the geo-park activity management and to the staff. The annual balance is approved by the Park Board, and it is subjected to the region control. Other sums came from private associations (Reteclima) for the implementation of activities and initiatives to enhance the environment and ecosystem services

Geoconservation

The Erasmus project entitled "photography and climate change" has been approved, whose partners are Lithuania, Turkey and Hungary as project leader. The Park Authority will organize a workshop and experiments on the effects of climate change also to the other geoparks present in the territory of the partner schools;

Activities of sustainable forestry planning of the surfaces belonging to public entities consortium in the AsFo "MARON" through the drafting of management plans and thematic maps;

Conference in Cefalù promoted by Federparchi and Parco delle Madonie in agreement with the Municipality of Cefalù entitled "Regional parks essential for the Italian network of nature but with scarce resources;

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

Inauguration of the Scopa l'Acqua path in Petralia Sottana.

Project "Let's color our future" promoted by the Comprehensive Institute "Castellana Sicula-Polizzi Generosa"; valorization of the educational function of the Park School;

Project: VR @ Geoparks; the Park Authority is the lead of a strategic partnership of 24 months in the school education environment; innovative resources' creation to assist teachers by the inclusion of geo-parks as education points in the most effective way possible. (Participating countries: Italy, Hungary, Turkey, Portugal, Poland and Croatia).

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

Ottobre: "International Geodiversity Day"- The Madonie Park celebrated this international event with the creation of a card showing one of the most representative geosites of the vast geological and naturalistic heritage: the Quacella amphitheater;

On the occasion of the international day of disaster risk reduction, the Park Authority organized in Polizzi Generosa in collaboration with the Regional Federation of Doctors of Agronomy and Forestry of Sicily - Order of Doctors of Agronomy and Forestry of Palermo - Regional Order of Geologists a theme conference called: The role of fire prevention in avoiding disasters.

Strategic partnership

Agreement between the Madonie Park Authority and the Municipalities of the Park for the implementation of projects aimed at the promotion, enhancement, and use of the Unesco Madonie Geopark.

Agreement between the Madonie Park Authority and the National Authority "Environmental Guards Command Italy" for collaboration with environmental supervision.

agreement between the Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria Department of Architecture and Territory _ DARTe and the Madonie Park Authority aimed at promoting and communicating the cultural heritage and enhancing architectural and landscape assets.

Cooperation Agreement between the Madonie Park Authority and the Center for Sicilian Philological and Linguistic Studies for the realization of the project: "Atlante DICTIONARY OF TOPONS MI ORALS IN Sicily - MADONIE SECTION";

Agreement between the Regional Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Mediterranean Fishing - Department of Rural and Territorial Development, the Command of the Forestry Corps of the Sicilian Region, the Union of "Madonie" Municipalities and the Madonie Park Authority for activities related to fire prevention.

Agreement between the Madonie Park Authority, the municipalities of: Polizzi Generosa, Isnello, Collesano, Petralia Sottana, the Metropolitan City of Palermo and Palermo Energia s.p.a. with the aim of elaborating the planning guidelines and development trajectories as well as structuring an organic and permanent coordination action for the use of the Piano Battaglia area and the services and functions located therein;

Agreement between the Madonie Park Authority and the municipality of Petralia Sottana for the setting up of a permanent photographic exhibition "The Madonie seen by Enzo Sellerio, Josip Giganovic and Leonard Freed"

Promotional activities

April The Parco delle Madonie Geopark Unesco participated in the Open Day of the Department of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences of the University of Palermo to introduce students to the LIFE4FIR project

October The Madonie Park participated in the BTE - Non-Hotel Tourism Exchange held in Capo d'Orlando (ME)

November: The Park Authority to promote the gastronomic excellence of the area involved the Hotel Institutes of Castellana Sicula and Cefalù in the preparation of typical dishes in the context of events promoted by the Park Authority

The conception and development of a communication strategy and information campaign concerning the 4 Sicilian Regional Parks, including graphic design and creation of audio-video and paper communication material, promotional website, commercials, brochures, institutional calendars, and video.

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