

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Maestrazgo Cultural Park UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2000 / 2020



Maestrazgo Cultural Park, UNESCO Global Geopark (Teruel, Aragón) presented the Spanish Geoparks website www.geoparques.es (5 languages) at the Aragon stand at the International Tourism Fair, FITUR 2022.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 2 staffs including 1 geoscientist (+ 18 Scientific Committee + collaborators).

Number of visitors: Pitarque Geosite Natural Monument (20,000); Montoro de Mezquita trail (20,000); Ejulve Interpretation Centre Maestrazgo Cultural Park (6,000), Alcorisa Tourist Office (4,000).

Number of Geopark events: Clarify the events held by management body and cooperative organization

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 5 School Centers within

the Educational program.

Number of Geopark press release: 30 paper and online platforms (and many others through articles related to the territory where the Geopark is mentioned), 4 TV programs, 4 Radio programs, 10 articles in tourism papers, 60 posts in Facebook, 60 in Instagram, 60 Twitter.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- Maestrazgo UGGp coordinated the presentation of the Spanish Geoparks website (www.geoparques.es) (5 languages) of the Spanish National Forum at FITUR, Madrid (2022) in the Stand of Aragón. [International Impact]
- *Maestrazgo Geopark Trail Running Centre* accredited by the Royal Spanish Athletics Federation and one of three Trail Running Centers in Spain (the only within a Spanish UNESCO Global Geopark). [National Impact]
- Touring exhibition “*UGGps in Aragón*” (Maestrazgo Cultural Park & Sobrarbe-Pyrenees), promoted and financed by Government of Aragon) [National Impact]

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- International Geodiversity Day (6th October, 2022). Contribution with the 5 most important Geological Heritage Sites of the Maestrazgo UGGp in the framework of GGN initiative + Participation in the common promotional video “*Geodiversity in the UNESCO Spanish Geoparks*” (Spanish National Forum).
- Maestrazgo Cultural Park UGGp, Spain – Europe. *Singular Geological Elements of the Maestrazgo Geopark*. In: Ramsay, T., Bentana, K., Zouros, N. (editors). *Geodiversity in UNESCO Global Geoparks*, p. 30.
- Celebration of International Mountain Day (11 December). With activities to all audiences and a photo contest.
- Maestrazgo UNESCO Global Geopark (Spain): Geo-Solidarity, together we transform the Geopark. *European Geopark Network Newsletter*, 20 (2022).
- Maestrazgo UNESCO Global Geopark (Spain): Maestrazgo UNESCO Global Geopark (Spain): Cooperation and exchange across the Geoparks. All together! *European Geopark Network Newsletter*, 21 (2022).
- Maestrazgo UNESCO Global Geopark (Spain): Learning from the past, creating the present and serving for the future: How the UNESCO Global Geoparks in Europe integrate the Global Agenda 2030 into their holistic approach. *European Geopark Network Newsletter*, 22 (2022).
- Participation in the Spanish Geoparks Magazine, FITUR 2023. The contents of the magazine

are available through the portal of the Spanish Geoparks Forum:
<https://www.geoparquemaestrazgo.com/noticias/revista-descubrir-los-geoparques-de-espa%C3%B1a/>

- INTERREG MED GR Project. Maestrazgo UGGp (LEADER). Development of an exchange of experiences in GEOTURISM project with different European actors involved (Geoparks).
- Evaluation of the Quarta Colônia Geopark (Brazil) Project Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Sending material of the Maestrazgo UGGp for the new visitor center of Karavanke-Karawanken UGGp (2022).
- Sending of material about the Maestrazgo UGGp for the Lanzarote & Chinijo Islands UGGp “Corner of Geoparks” Initiative (2022).
- Attendance to the 45th Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the European Geoparks Network (EGN). De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark, The Netherlands 27-29th (2022)/Education (WG on Education).
- Attendance to the 16th European Geoparks Network Conference and 46th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark (Italy) 27-30 September 2022.
- Participation and presentation of the Maestrazgo Geopark in the VII Open Days of the Spanish Geoparks Forum in the UNESCO Global Geopark Origenes (Lérida). 2-3 November 2022.
- Participation in 2022 scheduled Meetings of the Spanish Geoparks Forum.
- Participation in 2022 scheduled Meetings of the Aragón UGGps (Sobrarbe-Pyrenees and Maestrazgo Cultural Park).

Management and Financial Status

- The management body is an Association formed by 43 municipalities and 6 county councils.
- Meeting of the Scientific Committee (Galve).
- Meeting of the Board of trustees (hybrid meeting) (Fortanete).

Geoconservation

- New proposed geosite (Geosites Government of Aragón catalogue and Global Geosite candidacy): “*Platform-to-basin transition of Las Mingachas*”.
- International Day on Disaster Risk Reduction. Presentation the fire statistics during summer and the importance to take care of our natural resources and formation.
- Paleontological Action Plan Project in Mosqueruela and Puertomingalvo municipalities (Scientific advisor: Dinópolis Foundation).

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Maestrail 2022. Organization of outdoor activities for the broad public developed by the

Maestrazgo UGGp close to Geological areas. <http://www.maestrail.com/> (200 participants+50 volunteers).

- Geological route from Gargallo to La Pintada Mine (Scientific advice from Dinópolis Foundation): *The Turtle of Gargallo* (2022). New touristic geo-route (declared as Aragón`s Touristic Path).
- Paseos por Berge [Walk through Berge]. Signposting of the traditional path from Berge to Seno.

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

- *Training Course for the enhancement and promotion of the immaterial technique of the UNESCO Dry Stone Walling*, knowledge and working within the Maestrazgo UGGp” in Mirambel, Mosqueruela and La Iglesuela del Cid.
- Maestrazgo UGGp Traveling exhibition [provincial impact],
- Travelling exhibition about The turtle of Gargallo [regional impact].
- Educational activity *What is a Geopark for you? 2022* (11th Edition): 100 participants.
- Awards ceremony *What is a Geopark for you? 2022* + Cultural event (music).
- Workshops about geological time scale and evolution of life on Earth related with climate changes. For schools (October 2022, former Bank of Spain headquarter, collaboration with IES (Insitute of Turolenes´ s studies) and schools.

Strategic partnership

- Collaborative project between Fundación Dinópolis (Research and Consulting), Comarca Gúdar-Javalambre and Maestrazgo UGGp for the evaluation and development of the paleontological potential of Mosqueruela municipality.
- Geocaching activity: collaboration agreements between Comarca de Teruel [Teruel County] the “Cultural Park of the Poplar of the High Alfambra” and the Maestrazgo UGGp.

Promotional activities

- Maestrazgo Cultural Park UGGp *XVII European Geoparks Week 2022* (from 22 May to 5 June 2023).
- Fortanete Agrotourism Festival (September 2022)
- Arts&Music. Collaboration with Maestrazgo Comarca activities “*A landscape of Music*” with geological interpretation of Maestrazgo UGGp Geosites and Clasical Music: (Geomorphology of “El Morrón”).
- La Mata Porc (agrotourism Festival in La Mata de los Olmos, october 2022).
- Co-organization and Cofounder of the Conferences for the dissemination and defense of the geological heritage of Teruel (in collaboration with APGT association) (2022).
- Promotional Videos of the Maestrazgo UGGp Natural Monument: Órganos de Montoro

Natural Monument (2022) Bird's eye view of a Natural Monument.

- Maestrazgo UGGp Newsletter: "Boletín Geoparque del Maestrazgo, Geoparque Mundial de la UNESCO" [Maestrazgo Unesco Global Geopark]: Newsletter 4, 2022 (I) and Newsletter 5 2022 (II).
- "*Geoparqueando, la memoria de los sentidos*" (2022) [Geopark-walking, memory of senses]. Activities in: Fortanete, Mirambel, La Mata de los Olmos, Molinos, La Ginebrosa.

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