

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network.

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2015/2019



Travelling Exhibition “Underwater Treasures of Geological Interest”

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 7 staffs including 1 geoscientist

**Number of visitors:** The number of visitors counted by tickets on flights to Lanzarote airport 2,816,231. The visitors to the most outstanding geosite of the UGGp “Montañas del Fuego” were 607,490 and as for the Visitors Center, it’s in the remodeling phase, not receiving any visitors.

**Number of Geopark events:** The events held by management body were approximately 14 and the events cooperative organization were approximately 9.

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** Activities were carried out for 42 groups of different students. Special interest in the development of two innovative

activities “Geowomen” and “Get to know the Geopark through its colors”. In addition, the new informative educational program called “La GeoComunidad” began, which is beginning to be implemented in educational centers from infant and primary education and in secondary and high school centers (from 3 to 17 years old), a different activity for each year.

**Number of Geopark press release:** In addition to the information published on the UGGp Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Tik Tok) and the website ([www.geoparquelandzarote.org](http://www.geoparquelandzarote.org)), 83 press releases have been published about the activities of the UGGp.

### **3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

#### **Major achievements in 2022**

- As in many Geoparks and a large part of our society, the greatest achievement for 2022 has been the return to “normality” in the organization of events. We have had to hang the full sign at two of our events due to the success of the public. Yes, the best achievement is to have contact with the Geoparkers again.

#### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- Networking is a very important part of the UGGp, not only with all the activities and meetings carried out at the Spanish level (Spanish National Geoparks Committee, Spanish Geoparks Forum) and at the regional level, in the European Geoparks Network. As it can't be otherwise, the contribution towards GGN is also intensive and committed, among others: participation in the Working Group on islands and Coastal areas, water, ocean; contribution to the publication “Geoparks & Oceans”; participation in the “International course on Leadership in geological heritage conservation. Arab Region”, etc.

#### **Management and Financial Status**

- The financial status of the UGGp has been the same as in 2021, with the same budget. Regarding management, a person has been hired as an environmentalist.

#### **Geoconservation**

- Several studies have been carried out to determine the state of conservation of the geosites: Monitoring of marine and terrestrial geosites, technical project for the delimitation of parking in an area of dunes, Impact analysis on the “El Jable” geosite. On-site awareness campaigns in collaboration with Airport, Liquid Sounds, etc.

#### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- The new House of the Volcanoes is our best project. A renewed exhibition in which the visitor is introduced to the natural and cultural heritage of the UGGp and its planetary analogues.

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

- The new education program “La GeoComunidad” for all ages deals with issues of

geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction.

### **Strategic partnership**

- The UGGp has extended its agreement with European Space Agency for three more years.

### **Promotional activities**

- The UGGp promotes itself through its social media, website, dissemination activities, press releases and has also contracted the supply of merchandising material

## **4. CONTACTS**

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