

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Maiella UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy, European Geoparks Network

**Year of inscription:** 2021



***Grotta Sant'Angelo – Palombaro, one of the ninety-five geosite of Maiella Geopark - EVENT “ONE YEAR OF MAIELLA GEOPARK”***

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 8 staff members, including 2 geoscientists

**Number of visitors:** about 20,000 visitors

**Number of Geopark events:** The main activities organized both by the Geopark and Geopark in collaboration with other parties, e.g. cooperatives (see below at point 3).

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 12 classes (135 students)** of a secondary school of the Geopark's territory on the occasion of the Settimana del Pianeta Terra 2022 (Week of Planet Earth 2022). The initiative was organized in collaboration with the Ordine dei Geologi della Regione Abruzzo (Region Abruzzo professional corporation of geologists) to celebrate the 1<sup>th</sup> International Geodiversity Day.

#### **Number of Geopark press release:**

These are the links of the main press news:

[https://www.ansa.it/abruzzo/notizie/2022/07/05/storia-biodiversita-e-geoparco-la-giornata-della-maiella\\_c03afe18-1d15-492f-8dbb-3f4356be07e4.html](https://www.ansa.it/abruzzo/notizie/2022/07/05/storia-biodiversita-e-geoparco-la-giornata-della-maiella_c03afe18-1d15-492f-8dbb-3f4356be07e4.html)

[https://www.ansa.it/abruzzo/notizie/obiettivo\\_parco\\_maiella/2022/09/28/geoparco-maiella-alla-conferenza-europea-geoparchi-unesco\\_a542e854-388b-423d-93ae-022d84d39fc8.html](https://www.ansa.it/abruzzo/notizie/obiettivo_parco_maiella/2022/09/28/geoparco-maiella-alla-conferenza-europea-geoparchi-unesco_a542e854-388b-423d-93ae-022d84d39fc8.html)

<https://www.parcomaiella.it/geoparco-maiella-un-anno-di-unesco.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/parcomaiella/posts/10158404344821889>

<https://www.parcomajella.it/il-giorno-della-maiella.htm>

*(There are also all the posts published on the Maiella National Park's Facebook page with the hashtag #maiellageopark #maiellaglobalgeopark)*

### **3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

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

- **free activity, open to all, to raise awareness of energy saving and the culture of "no waste":** symbolic switching off of lights, walk in San Valentino's village in the light of front lamps and LED torches and guided tour of the "Museo delle Ambre e dei Fossili" (Amber and Fossils Museum), always with lights off, to better know the section dedicated to Valle Giumentina, important geosite of the Geopark. The initiative was organized in collaboration with the San Valentino in A. C. Municipality on the occasion of the initiative "M'illumino di meno" launched by a national radio broadcast (March 11);
- **activities for students:** guided tour to the „Daniela Brescia“ Botanical Garden with a focus on Maiella UGGp, traditional and modern uses of wild plants (intangible heritage) and the importance of pollinators for the biodiversity and the life on the Planet. This initiative was organized during the EGN Week 2022 (May 24);
- **educational and recreational activity for children about the cave fauna:** tales, experiences and games on bats (within the Adriaticaves plus Project stakeholders workshop for the promotion of underground tourism). This initiative was organized during the EGN Week 2022 (May 27);

- **exhibition "The Maiella mountain 16 million years ago: dolphins, seals, sharks and crocodiles"**: open to the public from 5 April to 30 June;

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

EGN Meeting in Sesia Valgrande UGGp

4° workshop regional for Europe "The Role of Visitor Centers in UNESCO designated Sites in Buzau (Romania)

### **Management and Financial Status**

Expenses for information material and creation of gadgets dedicated to the Maiella Geopark, meeting participation (*about 65.000 euros*)

### **Geoconservation**

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

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**New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction** During 2022 an educational project of cultural exchange with schools of other UNESCO geoparks was developed. The activity, which will involve teachers and pupils of the Lesvos Island Geopark's schools, will begin in March and will end in May.

### **Strategic partnership**

Agreement with Region Abruzzo professional corporation of geologists

### **Promotional activities**

Creation of informative material and gadgets, organization of local events

## **4. CONTACTS**

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