

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

M'Goun UNESCO Global Geopark.
Morocco.
Year of inscription: October 2014.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 1 (Who is supposed to be the manager but has never been officially appointed. Just like any ordinary civil servant with no financial means, no status, no assistants.....)

Number of Visitors: more than 100 000, visitors including nearly 20% of international tourists.

Number of Geopark events: None

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes ; None

Number of Geopark press release : None

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016: Nothing

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation.

Management and Financial status : No status and no financial means : 00 dhs (except the museum. For local deciders Geopark concept is reduced 100% to the Museum)

Brief history about M'Goun Geopark status:

- In 2005 an association was set up to manage the Geopark project "M'Goun Geopark Association".
- In september 2011, regarding the huge problems related to that "Association staus", the regional council, the main stakeholder and main funder, has decided in the Ordinary assembly to integrate the Geopark as a department in its internal structures with regular annual budget and dedicated staff
- In January 2016 It was decided to create a Private company dedicated to M'Goun Geopark management. The decision was unanimously adopted by the regional council in March ordinary assembly. A Strategy of M'Goun UGG with a three year action plan (2016-2018) that goes in line with the recommendations letter of UNESCO, was set up by the manager and submitted to all local deciders.
- In June 2016, The decision of creating a private company was rejected and it was decided to go back to the "Association formula", ?

Geoconservation

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism) : Nothing was done

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction : nothing

Strategic Partnership : None

Promotional activities: None

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Here attached the M'Goun UNESCO Global Geopark strategy and the three year action plan set up by the manager in 2015 and submitted to local authorities for funding and adoption.