

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Name: Parque Natural Sierra Norte de Sevilla - UNESCO Global Geopark

Country: Spain

Regional Network: European Geoparks Network

Year of the last revalidation: 2015

Representative Photo:



Visit of the IUCN XXII International Forum on Nature Conservation

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 17 technicians and administrative (including 1 geoscientist) and 26 Environment Rangers.

Number of Visitors: At visitor centers: 11.565. The Geopark is widely open and the geosites are free without access control.

Number of Geopark events: 134. The majority was organized by diverse organizations, coordinated by the Geopark's staff: cities councils, tourism enterprises, environmental groups and civic associations. The Geopark's staff only organized directly 14 events.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 15

Number of Geopark press release: 6

Number of Geopark news in the media: 20

### 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

#### Major achievements in 2016:

- Celebration of the Geological Day 2016 of Seville (May, 15th), sponsored by the Geological Society of Spain.
- Visit of the IUCN XXII International Forum on Nature Conservation at the Botanical Garden and Visitors Center El Robledo and the Natural Monument Cerro del Hierro.
- V European Geoparks Week on Sierra Norte de Sevilla Global Geopark, with a total of 65 events and activities carried out by 44 entities.
- I Course of Geotourism Guides of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark. This course aims to train workers of tourism companies in the territory as well as future guides. Organized by Natures SCA in collaboration with Geopark team.

Networking and Participation: Secretary of the Spanish Geoparks Forum. Member of the EGN Fossils working group.

Geoconservation: Elaboration of the technical and normative reports for the declaration of a new Natural Monument: "Lower Cambrian jellyfish prints of Constantina".

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism): Installation of interpretive panels in several geosites. Edition of the "Guide of the Geosites of the Natural Park Sierra Norte de Sevilla - UNESCO Global Geopark".

Strategic Partnership: Creation of the "Geopark Working Group" of Sierra Norte de Sevilla integrated by regional administration, technicians, local authorities, social associations and tourism enterprises.

Promotional activities: Celebration of several Fairs in Seville city, in spring and autumn, of handicrafts and food products from the Geopark territory.

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