

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2018

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Mixteca Alta UNESCO Global Geopark, Mexico, founding member of the Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network.

Year of inscription: May 5th 2017

Important events



Recognition to the municipalities of the Mixteca Alta UGG by the Oaxaca State Congress

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: **Nine members, including three geoscientists. In 2018 three new staff members were hired**

Number of Visitors: **3,500 visitors**

Number of Geopark events: **16 events.**

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes; **52 groups of students attended the Interpretation Center followed by fieldtrips, from elementary to university. A course at university level is being taught since 2012.**

Number of Geopark press release: **Hundreds! Newspapers, radio and TV interviews.**

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Participation in events:

- **1st. Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network, 21-26**

January, Comarca Miñera UGG, Mexico.

- 1st National Forum on Geoparks, Mexican Congress, June 22nd , Mexico City.
- 8th. International Conference on Unesco Global Geoparks, Parco Naturale Adamello Brenta, Trentino, Italia, 8-14 September.
- 1st course on Geoparks; 26-30 November 2019, Grutas del Palacio UGG, Trinidad, Uruguay.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- “Latin American Geotourism Day” (led by Grutas del Palacio UGG).
- Course: Geoparks and Geoeducation, Javier López Caballero, Director of the Villuercas Ibores Jara, UGG, Oaxaca, Mexico, 26-27 November 2018

Management and Financial status

- Direct annual income: Euros 32244 (concept: geotours, geoproducts and other services).
- Research projects: Euros 9000 (applied to research).

Geoconservation

The concepts of Geodiversity and Geoparks were included in the environmental legislation of the State of Oaxaca, being the only one in the country considering these key issues.

Strategic Partnership

- Agreements with ministries of Tourism, Environment, Economy, Culture and Education of the State of Oaxaca and State universities.

Promotional activities

- Participation in fairs, interviews in radio, newspapers and TV, new design of flyers and interpretative panels. Web page and Facebook (5303 followers).

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