

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Cabo de Gata UNESCO Global Geopark (2006, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation 2006, 2017

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 27 staffs including 1 geoscientist

Number of Visitors: 296.185 including visitors centers , botanical garden, information points and other public use facilities.

Number of Geopark events: 32 events by the management body and 9 of cooperative organization.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: there are 2 educational programmes, one for kids of 10, 11 , 12 and from 16 to 18 years old and another one just for university students age.

Number of Geopark press release: 2

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2017

- Organization of the I Workshop “Ethic behaviour with marine environment: Solutions to the irregular anchoring over *Posidonia oceanica*.”
- Organization and participation as partner at the LIFE AdaptaMed Coordination Comitee meeting (March 2017) in Rodalquilar (Níjar)
- Participation as in the ACT4LITTER project by MedPan, to monitoring and raise awareness about the Marine Litter problematic in the Mediterranean.
- Attendance to the Mid-term Conference MPAs facing pollution in the Mediterranean: thinking beyond boundaries as part of the partners of the ACT4LITTER project at Izola, Slovenia 28Nov/1st Dec 2017.
- Organization attendance and participation with the other two andalusian geoparks and

the Andalusian Regional Government of the I International Seminar on Geoparks in Sevilla, Nov. 2017

- Participation in the edition of the leaflet "Spanish geoparks" by the Spanish Geopark working group and its presentation at FITUR 2017 in Madrid. (January 2017)

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Andalusian Geoparks coordination and collaboration: with Subbéticas Geopark and Sierra Norte de Seville Geopark.
- Constant coordination and collaboration between the Spanish geopark network.
- Participation with a sand sample in the exhibition at the Muskau arch UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Participation with photographs for exhibition at Reikjanes UNESCO Global Geopark.

Management and Financial status

The Geopark is the main authority in the territory. Geopark is managed through a stable structure, integrated into the Department of Environment and Spatial Planning, of the Regional Government (*Junta de Andalucía*). A Director-Curator is the person responsible for the management of the Natural Park / Geopark according to the guidelines derived from the Department of Environment.

One part of the budget, that regarding Staff, Environmental Education Programmes, Public Use and Fire Prevention Works, come from the Regional Government. Another part of the budget is variable, depending on projects in which the territory or the region is involved in (e.g. biodiversity & geodiversity conservation, infrastructure works, ethnographic elements restoration, etc.). The Geopark has an annual budget for various events: European Geopark Week, Journal of the Spanish Geoparks Forum, and tourism fairs. The Geopark works on a project basis and all day by day cost are secure by its structure.

Celebration of the Participation Body Ordinary Meetings (June & December 2017)

Geoconservation

- Monitoring and environmental compliance control, support and collaboration in the organization of sport events.
- Authorization, monitoring and environmental compliance control to audiovisual producers interested in the shooting of movies, documentaries and commercials.
- Authorization, monitoring and environmental compliance control to Universities and Research Centres: The Geopark manages all the administrative permits for their field trips and research projects activities and also provides assistance and guidance.
- Participation in local and regional media.
- Elaboration of the new Geosites map of the geopark, including all the geotrails, geosites, information points, view points and visitors centers. Free at the Information Points inside the geopark.
- Renovation of all the geological interpretative panels of the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Geopark .March- September 2017.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Geotours and workshops of our Geopark Partners
- Regulation of access of geotourism and active tourism enterprises as conservation measures in fragile georresources and special geological protection areas.
- Limitacion of the anchoring over the *Posidonia oceanica* meadows.
- New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction
- Guided visits addressed to schools under the Regional Programmes “ALDEA” and “ECOCAMPUS” at the House of the Volcanos.
- Collaboration with the Barcelona University and the Geological Survey of Spain (IGME) with its investigation about the Carboneras Fault and Seismic Hazard and Risk monitoring. August 2017.

Strategic Partnership

- Organization of the “Cabo de Gata Swin Project” in collaboration with Mojate por la Vida, and non profit organization for Fight against Cancer and research. August 2017.
- Collaboration with the Local Government of Níjar in the edition of diverse dissemination materials as brochures, triptychs , posters of diverse nature.
- Support to the Clean Ocean Project Association in the volunteering activities carried out in the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Coastal Area.

- Coordination, monitoring , evaluation, implementation and development of the LIFE AdaptaMED project.
- Colaboration with Nijar Council in the organization of the Night of the Candles at Rodalquilar. August 2017
- Collaboration and organization of the Classics in the park classical music festival at Rodalquilar. July 2017
- Collaboration and organizacion of the “Flamenco 340” flamenco festival (August 2018)

Promotional activities

- 2 press releases related to the EGN Week promotion and activities.
- Promotion at the I International Seminar on Geoparks in Sevilla, Nov. 2017

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