

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Vis Archipelago UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2019 / Since Geopark is in UNESCO from 2019. There hasn't been revalidation yet.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 3 staffs, including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors:

In the area of City of Vis, 179,022 overnight stays were realized in stationary tourism, while in the nautical tourism there were 146,202 overnight stays.

In the area of City of Komiža, 115.371 overnight stays were realized in stationary tourism, while in the nautical tourism there were 58.449 overnight stays.

Blue Cave had total of 178.661 visitors in 2019.

Green Cave had total of 21547 visitors in 2019.

Number of Geopark events:

Total of 42 organized Workshops/seminars/educations. 35 held and organized and held by Geopark Vis Archipelago, 7 coorganized with cooperative organizations.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: Total of 9 school classes.

- 3 Geocaching workshops – Elementary schools
- 2 Celebrating Biodiversity Day - Kindergardens
- 2 Workshops - Making Volcanoes - Geoparks Week – Kindergardens
- 1 Field Workshop – Geotrail Vis-Rukovac - Elementary school
- 1 Seminar – Eleonora hawk - Elementary school

Number of Geopark press release:

In 2019, there has been a major jump in media appearances from 42 media appearances in 2018, to 100 media appearances in 2019. Of the more important media appearances, I will highlight an appearance in the Forbes American Online Magazine, read by 5.4 million readers a month. Also worth mentioning are the series of appearances on Croatian national television and the national echo that made the entry of the Geopark Vis archipelago in UNESCO.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- In April 2019 Vis Archipelago entered UNESCO GGN

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Team of Geopark Vis Archipelago was part of EGN conference in Sevilla. Since this was first

ENG meeting as full members we were represented by geopark staff (3 employees) and representatives of Cities and City firms (Founders) and County.

- Representative of Geopark Vis archipelago was present on UNESCO Sustainable Development Academy workshops in Turin, Italy.

Management and Financial Status

- Geopark Vis archipelago Assembly on meeting in November decided that an annual membership fee for active members of the Geopark Vis Archipelago Association has been determined in the amount of 150.000,00 HRK per founder. Total of 600.000,00 HRK.
- Geopark Vis Archipelago has: Assembly as highest body (4 representatives of founders)> Board of directors (4 representatives)> Supervisory Board (3 representatives)> Advisory council (8 members)
- Geopark Vis Archipelago has 3 employees: Executive director, Scientific Adviser, Professional associate

Geoconservation

- Activities of yearly cleaning (Marrine litter) and maintenance of Blue Cave and Green Cave, are done in pre-season by Nautical center Komiža Ltd. and Gradina Vis Ltd. and in season on daily basis.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Promotion of walking tours on Vis and Biševo Geotrails in season,
- Participation of Geopark and collaboration with local organic producers on summer fairs
- Collaboration with local tourist agency and local travel guides who promote local cuisine, traditional fishing boat, and traditional knowledge and customs

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- Education of local travel guides, Plastic free workshop with children,

Strategic partnership

- No Strategic partnership

Promotional activities

- Geopark week, Promotions of Geopark named "Meet Geopark" as part of Summer in Komiža, Promotional free walking tours on Geotrails, Promotion on Goulash festival, Rota Palagruzona festival, and others.

4. CONTACTS

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