

CABO DE GATA-NÍJAR GEOPARK ACTIVITIES REPORT: October 2007 - March 2008

1) Activities of Environmental Education

- Geoenvironmental Program: "Learning to Read the Stones". The program consists in a guided visit by the Geotourist center "the House of Volcanoes" and a Geoambiental guided route through the Geopark.
- Travelling Classrooms and Travelling Schools Program. In these programs the students learn concepts as Geodiversity, Geoconservation or the European Geopark Network.
- Workshop of scientific experiences at the Geopark. This program shows, through plain and didactic examples, the geoenvironmental values of the Geopark.
- Environmental interpretation itineraries during course.

2) Activities of Communication, Diffusion and Promotion of the Geopark

EUROPEAN GEOPARKS WEEK ON THE CABO DE GATA-NÍJAR GEOPARK

They were organized together with RENPySA and the Environment Department of Andalusia Government. The activities consisted on the following events:

- Technical Journals realized in the locality of Rodalquilar.
- "House of the Volcanoes" inauguration. The first geotourist center of Andalusia.
- Presentations of the several European Geoparks, which illustrated over the educational activities, regional development and geotourism in its territories: Cabo de Gata – Níjar Geopark, (Spain). Parque Cultural del Maestrazgo Geopark (Spain), Naturtejo Geopark (Portugal), Vulkaneifel Geopark (Alemania), Marble Arch Caves (North Ireland, UK).
- Interpretation course for geological tourism. Addressed to environmental professionals and guides. Several conferences, a workshop and a geological route formed this course.

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION "THE MEMORY OF THE CAPE"

Traveling exhibition focus in Geodiversity, GGN and EGN. This exhibition is travelling through the entire Almería province.

- MATERIAL EDITION:

- “Geology of Almeria’s desert environments. A field guide”.
- Several leaflets, maps and guides about the geopark.
- The book “The wind and the water in the construction of a landscape”.
- Quercus’s monographic article about the Geopark in its XX anniversary

DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITION IN THE NATIONAL TELEVISION (TVE2):

This documentary programme tries to present the Geopark in Spain and its importance.

-DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITION IN PRIVATE TELEVISION (Channel +)

This documentary programme presents the outstanding natural and geological values of the Geopark.

- ATTENDANCE TO FITUR 2008.

Fitur is one of the major International Fair on Tourism.

- AUDIOVISUAL PRODUCTION OF GEOPARK WEEK

Production of an audiovisual on the Geopark week of the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Geopark.

3) Activities of Conservation, Investigation and Development in the Geopark

- EUROPEAN CHART OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM.

Dossier preparation for the adhesion to the chart: the main developing subject is the geotourism in the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Geopark.

- XV BARCELONA AGREEMENT ON CLIMATIC CHANGE MEETING IN ALMERIA

The Cabo de Gata-Níjar Geopark organized guided visits for the meeting’s participant.

-COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITY

Investigating and teaching activities from Spanish, European and American universities.

PRIVATED LANDS ACQUISITION OF HIGH ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE

Andalusia's Government bought several privated properties of high

Geodiversity and biodiversity value, like the famous Monsul beach.

4) Activities related with the European Geoparks Network

- Contribution on the European Geoparks Network (EGN) magazine, num. 5.
- Meeting of the Iberian Geoparks, for the preparation of a common project to the Interreg SUDOE program.
- Contribution to the Interreg IVc program.
- Contribution to the European Geoparks Network Table Coffee book.