

European Geoparks Week 2008  
Report

Name of Geopark: **Lesvos Petrified Geopark**

Dates of geoparks week: **Lesvos Petrified Geopark**

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1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events held in geoparks week	26
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events	3
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters	2.650
- total number of visitors/participants	1.239

2. Describe the Geoparks Week 2008:

This year's celebration of the EGN Week had three main themes. The first was the presentation from the inside of the Lesvos Petrified Forest to school classes. They had the chance to participate in real excavations and to simulate conservation works, in order to familiarise themselves with the procedures that are followed for the conservation of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos. The programme was called "Adopting and protecting the Petrified Forest: taking part in fossils cleaning and conservation activities" and in this participated besides the school classes from schools of Lesvos also 8 school classes coming from other islands or mainland of Greece.

The second theme was dedicated to "Earthquakes and Seismic Danger in the North Aegean" and was organized in parallel with an exhibition on this topic. The participants had the chance to get informed about the seismic activity in the North Aegean, to observe live earthquake recordings by the Museum's seismograph and to participate in a game aiming to create their own earthquake.

The third main theme of this years EGN week was global warming and things to do for reducing an individual's carbon footprints.

Besides these main themes several other events took place like:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME:

"Adopting and protecting the Petrified Forest: taking part in fossils cleaning and conservation activities"

PRESENTATION :

"The Lesvos Petrified Forest Geopark: the excavations results of the years: 2007 - 2008".

"European Geoparks Network"

"Petrified Forest – The Pompeii of Plants"

DOCUMENTARY film presentation:

"Lesvos Petrified Forest: a unique Natural Monument".  
"Travelling to Western Lesvos and the Petrified Forest"

3. Photos:

