

Resolutions and Recommendations Sheets

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Resolution 48. Valuing and conserving geoheritage within the IUCN Programme 2013–2016



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Year	Congress
2012	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	<p>Gobierno Vasco, Generalitat de Catalunya, Fundación Biodiversidad, CEIDA, Fundación Oxígeno, Ecologistas en Acción, The European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage, Diputación de Barcelona.</p>

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Petition	
<p>Calls on IUCN Members to use inclusive terms such as geodiversity and geological heritage in the IUCN Programme 2013-2016 Requests the Director General to initiate a discussion in the regions on the conservation and management of geodiversity and geological heritage. Urges IUCN's Commissions, and in particular the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), to: encourage and support local socio-economic development initiatives based on the sustainable use of geological heritage; encourage and support the development and expansion of the inventory for the Global Geosites Programme catalogue and other regional and international inventories of geological sites; and support the Secretariat in implementing the actions requested in item 2 above.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p>GEOSITES Global Project (2008-2013). This is the creation of an inventory of the elements that make up the International Geological Heritage. The final list of Spanish geological contexts of international relevance for 2014 can be found here.</p> <p>Sociedad Española para la Defensa del Patrimonio Geológico y Minero (SEDPGYM) considerations to the rural development program of the region of Murcia 2014-2020 and its selection criteria for funded operations.</p> <p>IUCN Quarterly Newsletter No. 24. Winter 2017. Includes: Geología 2017 (a field trip in each province to bring geology closer to the general public) and XII National Meeting of the Geological Heritage Commission.</p> <p>SGE, SEDPGYM and PROGEO initiatives: new contributions to promote geoconservation: Hawaii 2016 resolutions.</p> <p>Declaration of principles regarding the promotion of collecting and marketing of moveable geological features. (2012)</p> <p>Declaration of Geoparks since 2012: Sobrarbe (Huesca), 2015; Basque Coast (Guipúzcoa), 2010; Sierra Norte de Sevilla, 2011; Villuercas-Ibores-Jara (Cáceres), 2015; Central Catalonia, 2015; Molina and Alto Tajo (Guadalajara), 2015; El Hierro (Canary Islands), 2015; Lanzarote Island and Chinijo Archipelago, 2015; Las Loras (Castile and Leon), 2017; Orígens (Lerida), 2018; Montañas do Courel (Galicia), 2019.</p> <p>Spanish Geological and Mining Institute (IGME). With respect to geodiversity and the conservation of geological heritage, a series of activities and publications are carried out.</p> <p>Creation of a guide on Geodiversity, Geological Heritage and Geoconservation by the European Association for the Conservation of Geological Heritage (ProGEO). (2017).</p> <p>Congresses related to Nature Conservation-Geological Heritage (2015) Son: XVI International Congress on Geological and Mining Heritage. XX Scientific Session of SEDPGYM; V Congress of Nature of the Region of Murcia and II Congress of the Iberian Southwest.</p> <p>Forum Spanish Committee 2018. Presentation on "The memory of the Earth as a nature-based solution for adaptation to climate change" Manu Monge. Geological Society of Spain and Spanish Society for the Defense of Geological and Mining Heritage".</p> <p>Spain puts geoconservation and the Millennium Ecosystems on the agenda in Sydney. (2014).</p>	

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Declaration of Geoparks since 2020: [Maestrazgo \(Teruel\)](#) and [Granada Geopark](#).

[Yearbook 2020 of the state of protected areas. EUROPARC-Spain. \(2020\)](#). It is noteworthy that Spain is the second worldwide in Geoparks, with 15 sites. It stands out that the parks of the National Parks Network are reservoirs of biodiversity and geological heritage, benchmarks for conservation actions and, probably, the natural spaces on which there is a greater abundance of data, the result of numerous studies on the natural environment.

[Re-adherence of the Maestrazgo Geopark to the World Program to the Global Geoparks Network. \(2020\)](#).

[Manual for the elaboration of the Inventory of Places of Geological Interest of the Canary Islands. \(2020\)](#).

['Sponsor a Rock': citizen science for the protection of the Spanish geological heritage. \(2020\)](#).

[VI Open Days of the Spanish Geoparks Forum. \(2021\)](#).

[EUROPARC Spain. Technical magazine of protected natural spaces. December 2021. \(2021\)](#). Emphasizes the important role of geological heritage.

[Memory of the international meeting: Geoparks, Sustainable Tourism and Local Development. \(2021\)](#).

[Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan. \(2021\)](#). Digitization and knowledge of the natural heritage, including the geological; reorganization of public research organizations, including the Geological and Mining Institute of Spain in the Higher Council for Scientific Research.

[Guide for evaluating the state of surface and groundwater. \(2021\)](#).

[International Geodiversity Day for the first time in history: October 6. \(2021\)](#).

[Actions for the dissemination of geology. Geological Society of Spain. \(2022\)](#).

[VII Open days of the Spanish Geoparks forum in the Orígens Geopark. \(2022\)](#).

[Revalidations in 4 UNESCO World Geoparks in Spain. \(2022\)](#).

[I Meeting of Andalusian Geoparks. \(2022\)](#).

[The 15 Geoparks in Spain celebrate the European Geoparks Week. \(2022\)](#).

[XXI EUROPARC-Spain Congress. \(2022\)](#).

[The College of Geologists proposes 14 destinations of geological interest in Spain. \(2022\)](#).

[Informative study of the high-speed Cantabrian-Mediterranean Corridor. Section: Castejón – Logroño.](#)

[Document No. 4. Environmental Impact Study. \(2022\)](#). Consider the Geological Heritage.

[A CSIC project analyzes the vulnerability of the springs in the Garajonay National Park. \(2022\)](#). Ivriparc will try to identify the impacts, vulnerability and resilience of geodiversity and geological heritage in the face of climate change.

[Environmental education resource guide to contribute to the 2022 solution. MITECO. \(2022\)](#).

[Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity to 2030. \(2022\)](#). It treats the geological heritage.

["XIX International Congress on Geological and Mining Heritage and "XXIII Scientific Session of the Spanish Society for the Defense of Geological and Mining Heritage. Geology and mining in the 19th and 20th centuries: landscapes, history and heritage". \(2022\)](#).

Legislation:

[Resolution of 5 March 2019](#), of the Geological and Mining Institute of Spain, O.A., M.P. (the Agreement with the Provincial Council of Cuenca is published, for the hydrogeological knowledge, the use and protection of the water supply to populations and the investigation of the geological-hydrogeological heritage, years 2019-2021); [Resolution of 31 July 2019](#), of the Geological and Mining Institute of Spain, O.A., M.P. (the Agreement with the University of Granada is published, for the creation of the associated unit called Applied Research in Geosciences); [Resolution of 11 December 2019](#), of the Geological and Mining Institute of Spain (the annual accounts for 2018 and the audit report are published).

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DECREE 90/2021, of May 26, which modifies Decree 148/1992, of June 5, which approves the Plan for the management of natural resources of the Natural Park Complejo Dunar de Corrubedo y Lagunas de Carregal and Vixán and by which the Master Plan for the use and management of the Natural Park of the Dunar Complex of Corrubedo and Lagoons of Carregal and Vixán is approved. Consider the geological heritage.

Law 9/2021, of November 25, on the conservation of the natural heritage of the Basque Country. It includes conserving and restoring the biological and geological diversity and the productive capacity of the natural heritage.

Law 10/2021, of December 28, on public rates and prices of the Autonomous Community of Andalusia. Where an underground structure qualification is made and the exploration, investigation or use of underground structures is regulated.

DECREE 24/2022, of February 3, which modifies Decree 64/2009, of February 19, which approves the Natural Resources Management Plan of the Baixa Limia-Serra do Xurés Natural Park, and approving the Master Plan for the use and management of the Baixa Limia-Serra do Xurés Natural Park. It treats the geological heritage. An inventory and diagnosis of the geological and geomorphological resources will be carried out, adopting the measures that are necessary for their protection and conservation.

Decree 11/2022, of February 15, which declares the Geoda de Pulpí y Mina Rica del Pilar de Jaravía Natural Monument of Andalusia in the province of Almería and approves rules and guidelines for its planning and management.

Royal Decree 157/2022, of March 1, which establishes the organization and minimum teaching of Primary Education. Includes knowledge about geology.

Royal Decree 217/2022, of March 29, which establishes the organization and minimum teaching of Compulsory Secondary Education. Includes knowledge about geology.

Royal Decree 243/2022, of April 5, which establishes the ordination and the minimum teachings of the Baccalaureate. Includes knowledge about geological heritage.

Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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