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# THIS MONTH'S COVER

*The February cover brings us the first signs of spring at the Portas de Almourão Geomonument. The quartzite cliffs at Portas de Almourão hold very interesting aspects of the Rheic Ocean some 480 million years ago. The orogenic movements that raised these seabeds, moulded into a vast mountain range of which Serra das Talhadas is an erosive memory, show impressive tectonic deformations. These are faults that cut deep into the quartzite rock, folds that sculpt the rocks into undulating shapes. This is one of Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark Geomonuments.*

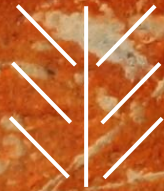




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**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

# 01

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



**February 7<sup>th</sup> - Visit to the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia and the Historical Village of Monsanto by the Idanha-a-Nova School of Management.** The field trip included a visit to the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia and the Village of Monsanto and was aimed at 26 participants in the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) in ‘Sustainable Events and Tourism’, a short-term training course taking place at ESGIN-IPCB and funded by the ERASMUS Programme. The 22 students and teachers from Estonia, Finland, Romania and Norway were accompanied by three ESGIN-IPCB teachers. The monitor was Manuela Catana with the support of Catarina Caria.



**February 8<sup>th</sup> - Training at 'Portas de Almourão' Geomonument for monitors from the Living Science Forest.** Manuela Catana organised a training session for monitors from the Living Science Forest Centre, on part of the 'Secrets of Mourão Valley' trail, for 4 monitors from the Living Science Forest Centre. Catarina Caria, a monitor from Naturtejo Geopark, also took part in the training.

**February 15<sup>th</sup> - Online meeting of the Climate Action Biennium of Portuguese Geoparks.** The topics covered at this meeting were: the latest important information on the Youth Meeting 'Climate Action in Portuguese Geoparks'; Training for Geopark Technicians; Accredited Training for Teachers; Geofood Routes. Manuela Catana represented the Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark at this meeting.





**February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> - Youth Meeting 'Climate Action in Portuguese Geoparks', in the municipality of Proença-a-Nova.**

The 'Youth Meeting - Climate Action in Portuguese Geoparks' was organised as part of the Biennium for Climate Action in Portuguese Geoparks (2023-2024) by Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark.

Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark partnered with the Municipality of Proença-a-Nova, the Living Science Forest Centre and Proença-a-Nova School Group to organise the meeting. This event was attended in person by 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle primary school students, accompanied by teachers and technicians from the respective geoparks, representatives of the five UNESCO Global Geoparks and two of the three Portuguese aspiring geoparks. The groups of participating students were selected by each geopark on the basis of a 3-minute video on the theme 'Climate Action in my Geopark'. After the arrival, the opening session of the Youth Meeting took place, with a welcoming from the Mayor of Proença-a-Nova, João Lobo. Then, in the auditorium, students representing each geopark presented their territory and the video they had made.

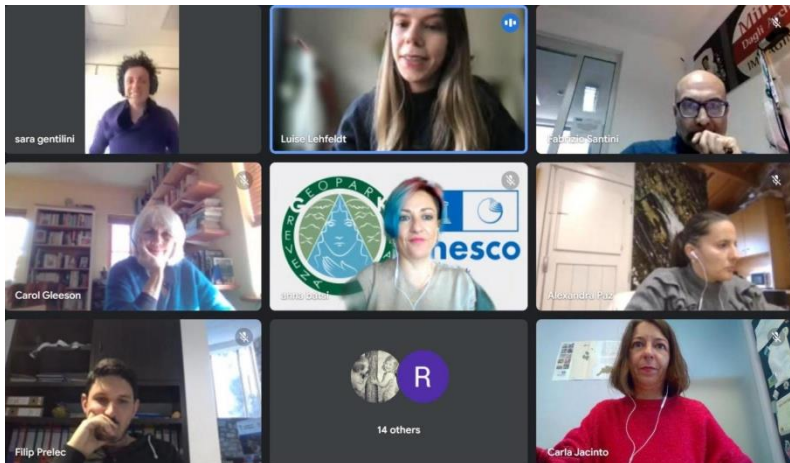


Participants went to the area around the Living Science Forest Centre and planted strawberry trees, in order to mark this event for posterity and actively contribute to improving the environmental quality of the territory. Participants from outside Naturtejo Geopark had dinner and slept at the facilities of the Seminary of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Proença-a-Nova. The following day, the field trip 'Discovering Portas de Almourão Geomonument' took place in Sobral Fernando, where participants walked around 3 kilometres of the 'Secrets of Vale Mourão' hiking trail.

The youth meeting was attended by 54 people, including 34 students, 8 teachers and 12 technicians from five Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks (Arouca, Azores, Estrela, Naturtejo and Terras de Cavaleiros) and two Portuguese aspiring Geoparks (Oeste and Litoral de Viana do Castelo).

Manuela Catana and Catarina Caria led the activities on both days of the event, with the collaboration of the team from the Living Science Forest Centre on the first day.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> - GEOfood meeting.** This meeting provided an opportunity to take stock of the situation with each of the brand's Geopark partners. Each Geopark gave a brief presentation of the projects it has implemented and is in the process of implementing. Carla Jacinto represented Naturtejo Geopark.







**February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Once again, Naturtejo Geopark attended the Lisbon Tourism Fair 2024, in a joint participation with the Portuguese Geoparks. This year, the focus of the Portuguese Geoparks was once again on strengthening the Geopark brand as a sustainable tourism destination. In addition to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Naturtejo, Arouca, Azores and Terras de Cavaleiros, the aspiring Oeste and Algarvensis were also present.

Launched by the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks, with the support of Turismo de Portugal, the tourism programme 'Portugal on the Geoparks Route' aims to 'promote Portugal through the territories with the UNESCO Global Geopark label', highlighting the natural and cultural heritage, and communicating the tourism values of the territories as a whole, with an emphasis on visiting geological and landscape points of interest in each Geopark, but also on unique gastronomic experiences and contact with the people and traditions of these territories.



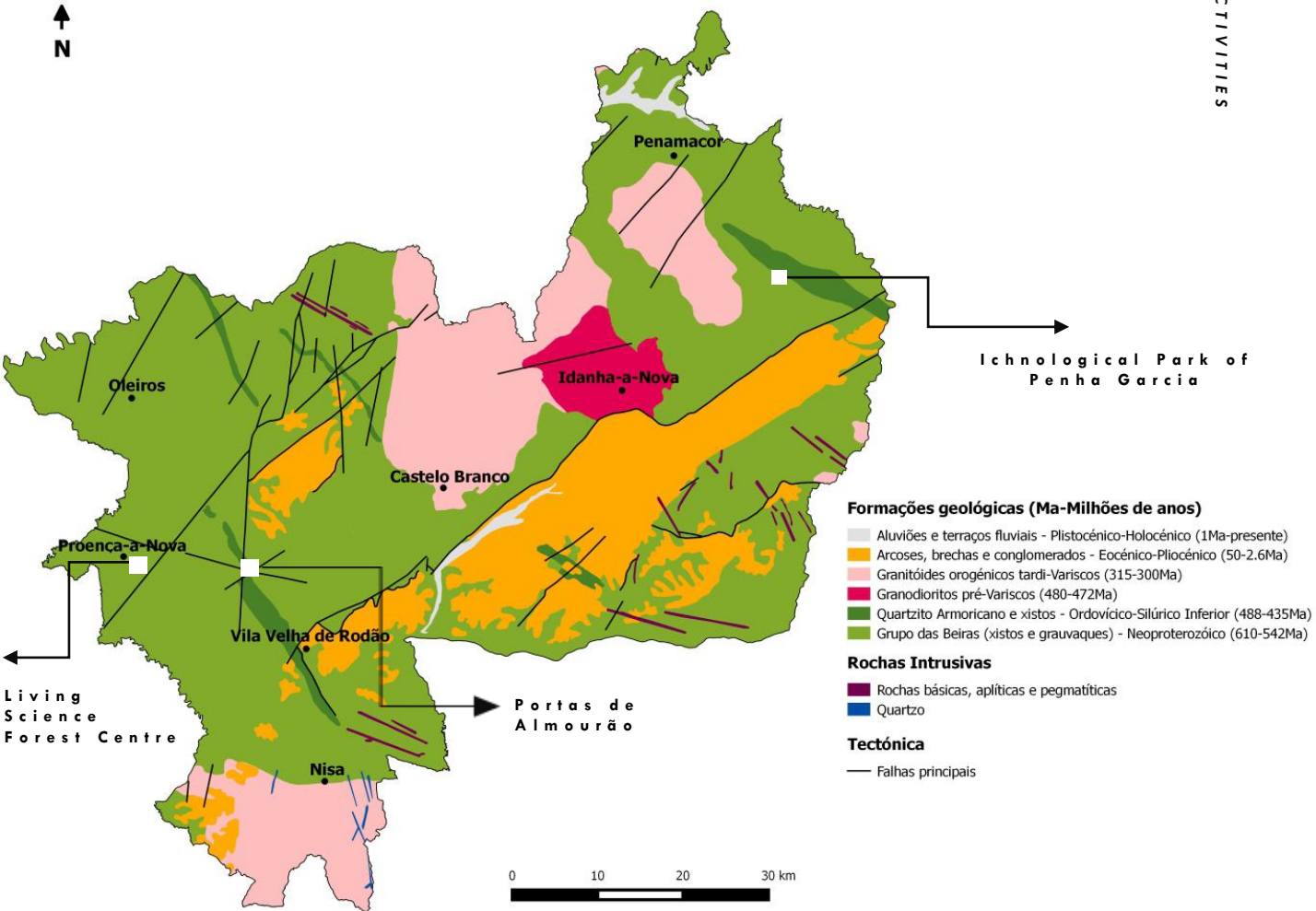


Naturtejo Geopark was also part of the Hosted Buyers Programme, dedicated to international buyers, and met with several European operators in a speed networking format. The presidents of the Portuguese Geoparks, Armindo Jacinto and Rui Vilarinho, met with the Governor of Rio Grande do Norte, Fátima Bezerra, Embratur (the Brazilian Agency for International Tourism Promotion) and representatives of the Seridó Geopark to announce the 1st Portuguese-speaking UNESCO Global Geoparks Forum, to be held in June this year in Brazil.

Throughout the five days, the international GEOfood brand was in the spotlight with joint tastings, where Naturtejo Geopark showcased the geoproducts of Geocakes, Ervas da Zoé, Viladoce, RODOLIV olive oils and Vale de Alfaia and Fonte Insonsa cheeses. During the weekend, the Portuguese Geoparks area promoted various activities for children in the BTL Kids Route, with lots of games, quizzes and challenges. The stand was boosted by a team of 20 people, including Carla Jacinto from Naturtejo Geopark.



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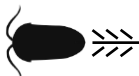
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## IMPACT IN MEDIA



### TV & Radio

- February 1<sup>st</sup> (Rádio Castelo Branco) - Secretary of State visits site of road cut in Admoço and Janeiro de Baixo
- February 26<sup>th</sup> (Rádio Boa Nova) - Tourism Centre attracts attention at the International Ornithological Tourism Fair in Spain





## Newspapers & www

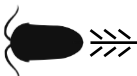
February 1<sup>st</sup> (Município de Oleiros) - Secretary of State visits site of road cut in Admoço and Janeiro de Baixo

February 9<sup>th</sup> (Gazeta Rural) - Secretary of State visits Zêzere River Gorge in Cambas and Janeiro de Baixo

February 26<sup>th</sup> (NiT.pt) - Dream villages and secret beaches. This is the Beira Baixa you don't know yet

February 26<sup>th</sup> (Logroño24horas) – Tourism Centre draws attention at the International Ornithological Tourism Fair in Spain

February 29<sup>th</sup> (Reconquista) - Largest Tourism Fair runs until Sunday - Embassy shows itself in Lisbon



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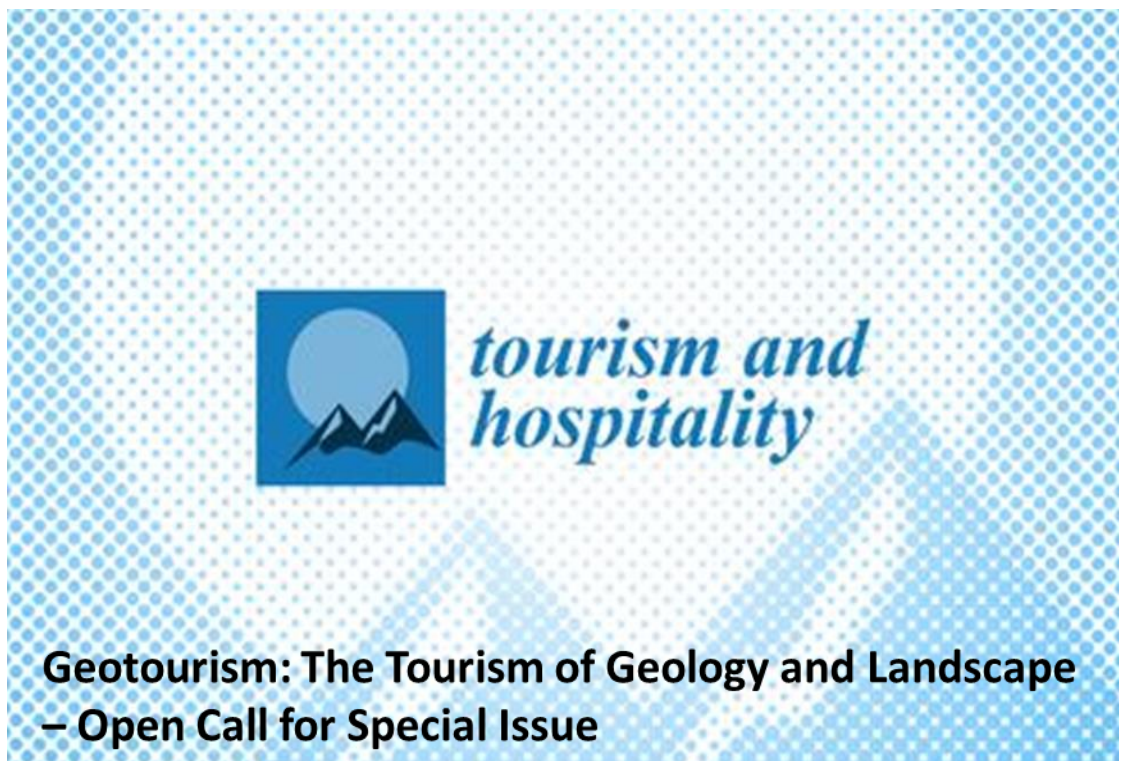
**SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR  
THE GEOPARK AND FOR  
GEOSCIENCES**



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## SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS

- NETO DE CARVALHO, C., BARROSO, M. - An ammonite in the Pliocene of Quinta do Conde (Setúbal). Bulletin of the Portuguese Centre for Geo-History and Pre-History 5(1), 9-16.





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## PROMOTION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC



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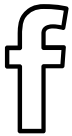
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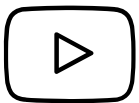
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