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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



December - Herdade do Escrivão GEOfood. Herdade do Escrivão wine, a Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark Geoproduct since 2017, has now also joined the international GEOfood brand.

Herdade do Escrivão is a brand of organic products with over 20 years' experience, having pioneered quality products in the region that are certified organic.

This nectar, grown in the vineyards of Tinalhas (Castelo Branco), is a testimony to the harmony between nature and the art of know-how. Each sip is a journey that extends its roots into schist and sandy soils.

Since 2017, the Geopark and the Herdade have worked closely together, with many joint promotional activities, networking, as well as numerous national and international fairs in various sectors.



December 6th and 7th - Forum "Co-management and valorisation of territories in protected areas"

December 6th and 7th - Forum "Co-management and valorisation of territories in protected areas". The International Tejo Natural Park Management Committee organised the Forum Co-management in protected areas, which took place at the Castelo Branco Contemporary Culture Centre. Dedicated to the theme of "Co-management and valorisation of territories in protected areas", with the presence of speakers and moderators of recognised merit, it was intended to be a space for discussion and reflection with a thematic agenda, which aims to mobilise the stakeholders around common interests, within the framework of the valuation of Portuguese protected areas. Armindo Jacinto took part in the event's Opening Ceremony as Mayor of Idanha-a-Nova, one of the three Geopark municipalities where the Natural Park is located. The Forum featured a number of themed panels, moderated by various speakers. Carlos Neto de Carvalho was invited to moderate the panel "Boosting the Promotion of Protected Areas and Territories". The following day there was a visit to the International Tejo Natural Park on the theme of "Natural and Landscape Values - Segura and Monte Fidalgo". Manuela Catana led a visit to Lands of Idanha Biodiversity Interpretation Centre in Segura, which included a musical performance by Zebreira/Segura Senior University.

December 6th to 17th - Origins: from Tradition to Hosting. As part of the Idanha 1000 UNESCO Territory initiative, various shows took place in seven villages in the municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, supported by Naturtejo Geopark.

December 8th to 10th - Med Encounters - Historical Mediterranean Percussion. Every year, ENSEMBLE MED [Mediterranean/Medieval] proposes a meeting of artists from the Mediterranean Basin who, in Idanha-a-Nova region, pay homage to the musical heritage of Mediterranean and/or Medieval roots, both written and oral, in particular with the tradition of the adufes / pandeiros / "framedrums".

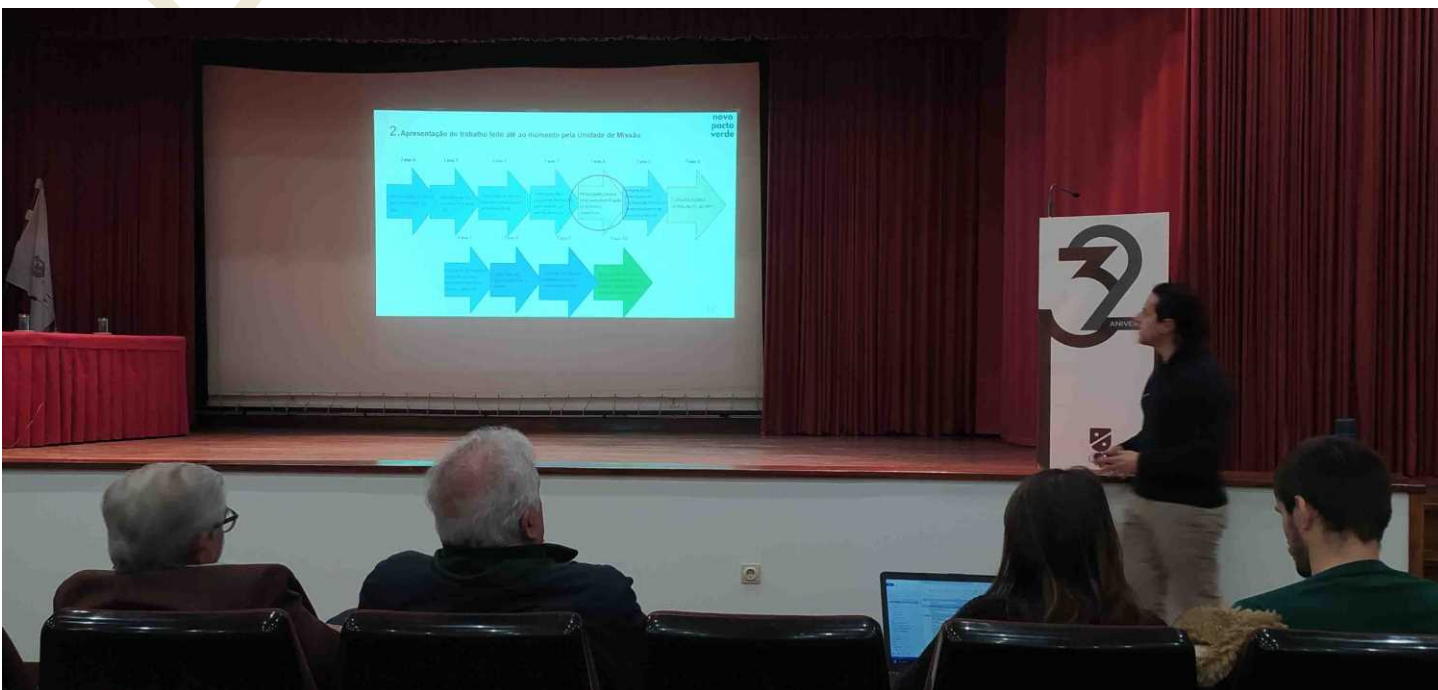
The inspiration behind MED Encounters [Mediterranean/Medieval] MONSANTO is the delicate point of contact between the universes of historically informed ancient music and historically informed traditional music, seeking its own lively and current interpretation of European medieval roots music, realised around Iberia and the regions surrounding the Mediterranean Sea, in a multicultural and transversal approach.

The 5th edition of Med Encounters took place in the historic village of Monsanto and included workshops, concerts, lectures and public presentations. This weekend there was also a performance by Miguel Gameiro with the Idanhense Philharmonic at Raiano Cultural Centre. These musical events were supported by Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark.



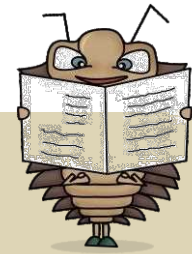
December 11th - 4th Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Portuguese Network. The 4th Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Portuguese Network took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lisbon. The meeting was led by the President of the UNESCO National Commission, Ambassador José Moraes Cabral and was attended by representatives of the five UNESCO Global Geoparks and observer members (Tourism of Portugal, Directorate General for Energy and Geology, National Geology and Engineering Laboratory, ProGEO, Institute for Nature Conservation and Biodiversity, UNESCO Chair in Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development and Healthy Lifestyles and aspiring geoparks: Oeste, Litoral Viana do Castelo and Algarvensis).

The activities of the Network in 2023 were analysed and the Activity Plan for 2024 was discussed and approved. Naturtejo Geopark was represented by Joana Rodrigues at this meeting, which once again emphasised the importance of collaboration between the various national players.



December 21st - "New Green Pact" in Idanha-a-Nova. As part of the process of creating the future National Green Investment Strategy, known as the New Green Pact (NPV), the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, in partnership with the Intermunicipal Community of Beira Baixa, hosted one of the face-to-face public participation sessions at the School of Management, promoting the hearing of all citizens, local authorities, civil society organisations, academia and companies. The six main themes discussed at the session were: Quality of life with nature; Active and empowered citizens for a green and just transition; Pact for water; Collective, active and shared mobility accessible to all; Green energy for all; People and territories that are safe and adapted to climate change. The session took the form of working groups reflecting on the past, present and future of the six major themes in this territory. Armindo Jacinto attended the opening session. Catarina Caria and Manuela Catana took part in the various working groups.

IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA



TV & Radio

December 2nd (Rádio Castelo Branco) - Naturtejo Geopark strengthens ties with Spanish Geoparks

Newspapers & www

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December 4th - (SALAMANCArtvALDIA) – Arouca and Naturtejo host four Spanish Geoparks

December 6th (Gazeta do Interior) – CCCCB hosts forum on co-management in protected areas

December 11th (<https://www.facebook.com/pnti2019>) – Forum on co-management in protected areas – December 6th and 7th 2023

December 13th (Gazeta do Interior) – Environment and nature in the International Tejo Natural Park - The importance of co-management

December 20th (Gazeta do Interior) – Municipality of Idanha invests in life quality and creating opportunities

December 21st (Reconquista) – Municipality of Idanha invests in life quality and creating opportunities

December 31st (Revistaquercus.es) – The "ecological footprint" of Neanderthals on the Doñana coastline

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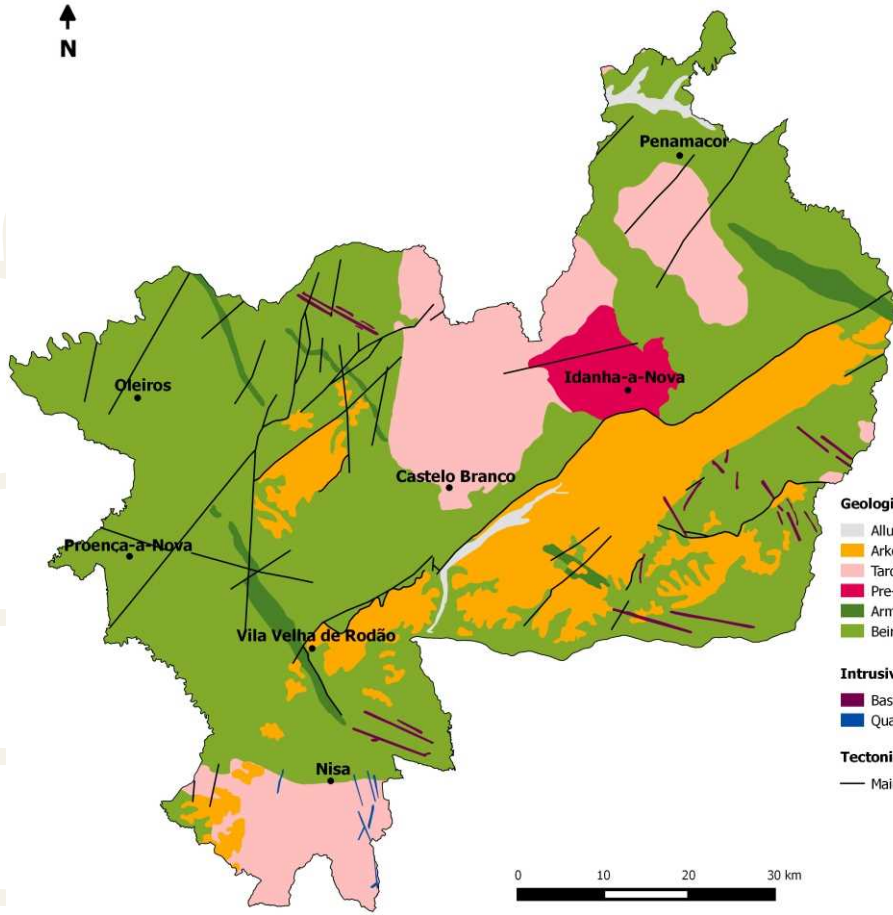
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Geological Formations (Ma-Million years)

- Alluvium and fluvial terraces - Plistocene-Holocene (1Ma-present)
- Arkoses, breccias and conglomerates - Eocene-Pliocene (50-2.6Ma)
- Tardi-Variscan orogenic granites (315-300Ma)
- Pre-Variscan granodiorites (480-472Ma)
- Armorican Quartzite and schists - Ordovician-Lower Silurian (488-435Ma)
- Beiras Group (schists and greywackes) - Neoproterozoic (610-542Ma)

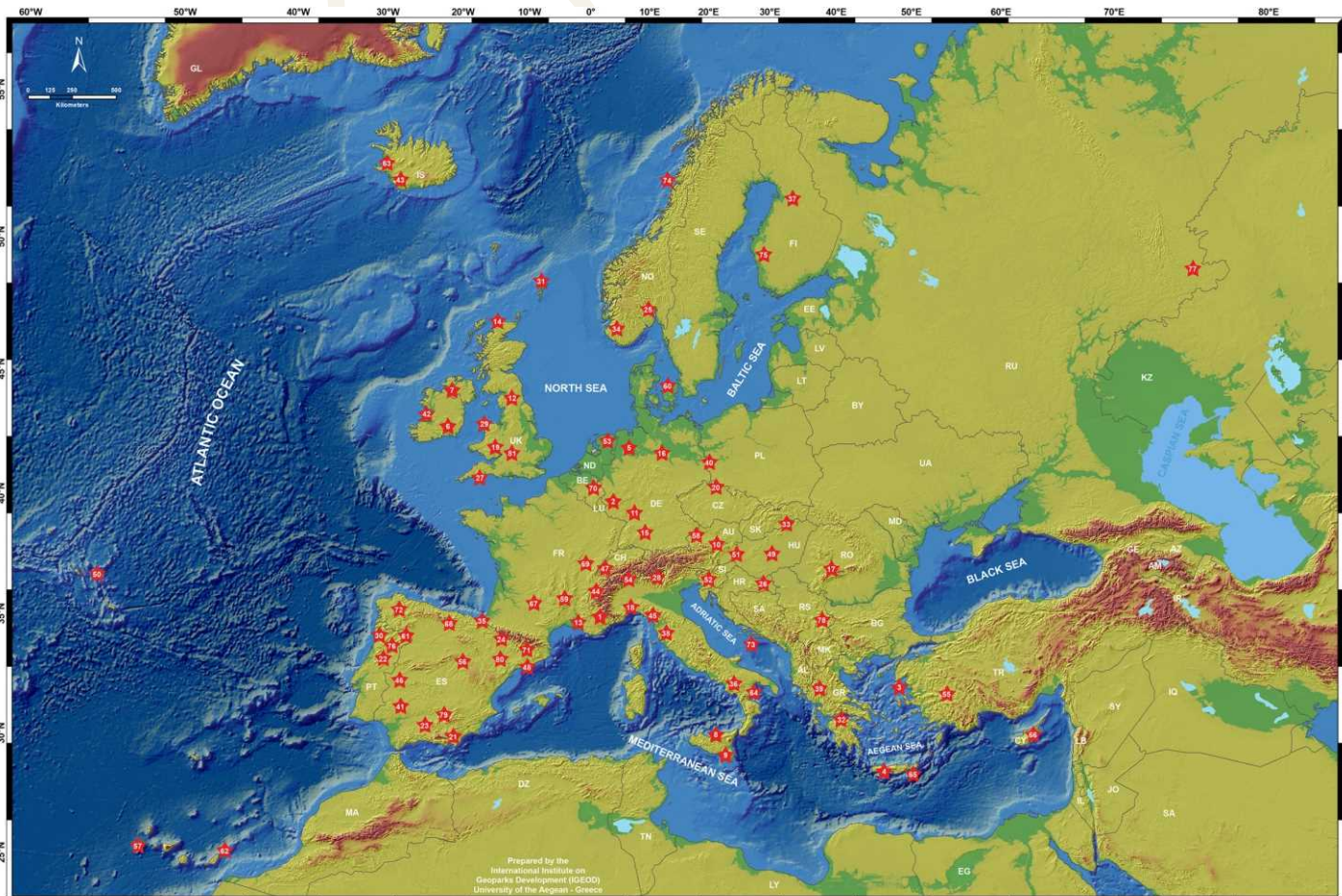
Intrusive rocks

- Basic rocks, aplites and pegmatites
- Quartz

Tectonic

- Main faults

Geoparks: Geology with human face





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