



# ProGEO

## The European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage

ProGEO is a European NGO association dedicated to the promotion of geoconservation, including the conservation of Europe's rich heritage of landscape, rock, fossil and mineral sites.

The background to geoconservation activities across Europe is diverse and the need for better communications between people working with, and interested in the discipline was a major driver in the founding of ProGEO in 1993. From the first establishment of ProGEO, seminars, conferences and symposia have been arranged within the framework of the association, including at a national and international level. ProGEO is today an affiliated organisation of the IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences), and a member of the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).

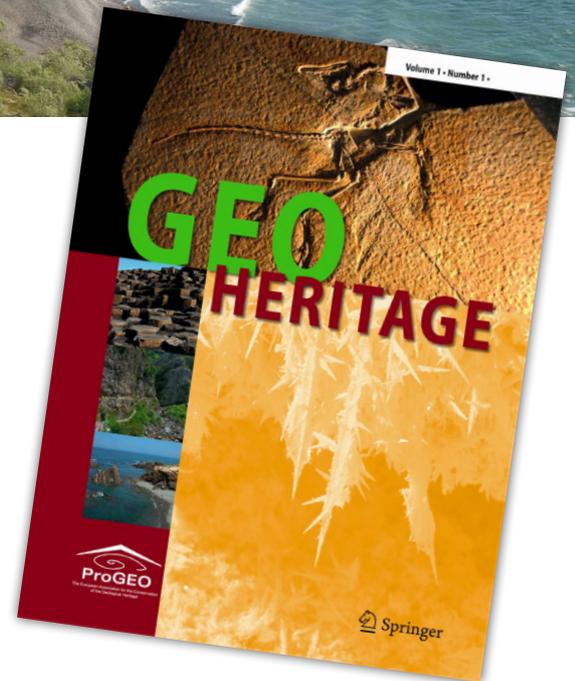
### **Conservation and contribution**

Both regional and national ProGEO groups are active in the work of conserving the geological heritage of that country or region. One of the main activities

of these groups has been contributions to the Geosites project which establishes frameworks for selection of geoconservation sites of international importance.

### **Established resolutions**

ProGEO has also cooperated with many others to organize meetings and symposia including, most notably, sessions at international geological congresses (IGC), including in Brisbane, Australia in 2012. Other key achievements include contributing to the establishment of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) first two geological resolutions ever, the first adopted at the WCC 2008 and the second at the WCC 2012.



“We have always been aware of the need to preserve our memories – our cultural heritage. Now the time has come to protect our natural heritage. The past of the Earth is no less important than that of Man.”

From the “Declaration of the Rights of the Memory of the Earth”, Digne 1991

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### ***We will continue to contribute***

One of ProGEO’s major initiatives is the journal GEOHERITAGE. It represents an important step towards a truly global perspective, promoting cooperation to develop new and broader perspectives in geoconservation, such as geodiversity, geotourism, geoparks, landscape conservation and geological education.

Together, ProGEO and GEOHERITAGE will continue to make significant contributions to this development. If you share our interest and aims, please join us. For more information, please visit: [www.progeo.se](http://www.progeo.se) or [facebook.com/progeo.geoheritage](https://facebook.com/progeo.geoheritage)

### **Don't miss the book!**

For the first time, a comprehensive overview of current geoconservation in Europe has been presented in a book – “Geoheritage in Europe and its conservation”. The book includes contributions from 37 countries focussing on legislation and geoconservation practices.

The book can be purchased on the ProGEO web.

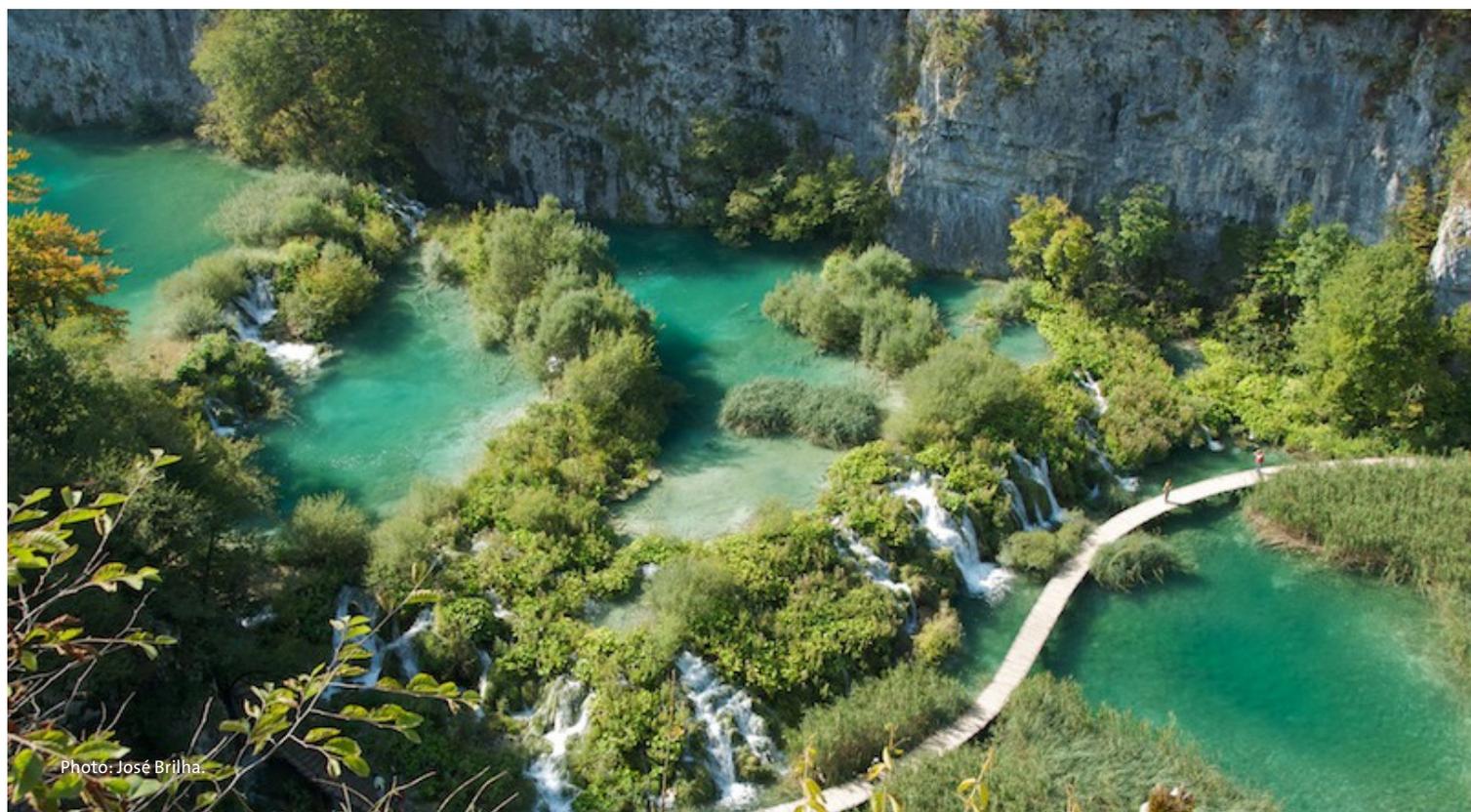
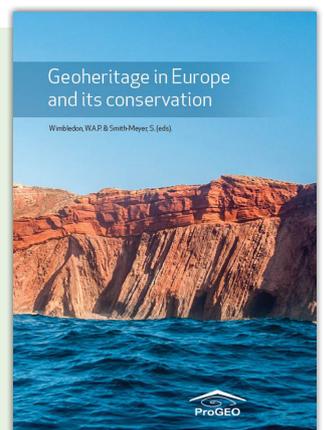


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