Salt Valley of Añana
A best practice of land management and cultural landscapes

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WHERE IS THE SALT VALLEY LOCATED?
SALT WORKERS 1920
How it works one of the oldest saltwork in the world?
THE ORIGIN OF THE PROCES IS IN THE SPRINGS OF
THIS BRINE IS DISTRIBUTED ALONG THE VALLEY
THE DISTRIBUTIONS CANALS HAVE A LENGTH OF NEAR 4 km
A distribution CANAL or ROLLO
WATERING THE SALT PANS
AN IMAGE OF A SALT STORE
The 7.000 year history of the Salt Valley of Añana

... the history of the oldest factory in the basque country
when did it begin to be exploited ???

NEOLITHIC Chronology
4.050 B.C. / 2.550 B.C.
ROMAN AGE
II Century B.C. – V Century A.D.
Twentieth century.
Loss of sustainability of the valley
RESILIENCE…

From an ancient factory of salt endangered to a sustainable, knowledge, tourist and gastronomical first order space
Background of the Project Valle Salado

- **1999 Creation of Gatzagak:** Society encompassing all salt-pans owners

- **2000 Emergency action**
  - Conditioning paths
  - Brine recovery channels

- **2004 Master Plan for The Salt Valley**

- **2009 Creation of Salt Valley Foundation**

- **2010 Agreement between Gatzagak and Salt Valley Foundation:**
  - Gatzagak donated the Salt-pans to the Foundation
  - Gatzagak ceded the Springs to the Foundation in Exchange for a Canon
Objectives of the Project:

Build a future for the Salt Valley and its surroundings

1️⃣ Recovering the sustainability of The Salt Valley

2️⃣ Generating new activities that give life to the Salt Valley

3️⃣ Producing one of the best salts of the world
Recovery of sustainability.
② Generation of new activities that give life to the Salt Valley
Tourist activities

Visitors/Year

2010: 31,325
2011: 39,086
2012: 43,342
2013: 51,145
2014: 64,296
2015: 74,114
2016: 77,191
2017: 82,762

2010

Cultural Landscape of Paisaje Cultural del Valle Salado de Anana
Program of cultural activities

Visits to maintenance works
Program of cultural activities
Guided visits
Program of cultural activities

School visits
Program of cultural activities

Salty spa
Program of cultural activities
Educational workshop
Program of cultural activities
Salt tastings
Program of cultural activities
International work camps
Program of cultural activities
Virtual Reality Visit
Cultural activities
Program of cultural activities
Salt Fair
Program of cultural activities

Concerts
Salt production

Producing one of the best salt of the world: Quality versus quantity
Salt production, a differential value...

SALE of SALT and VISITS ...supose 45% INCOMES
Embajadores

La colaboración desinteresada de grandes cocineros internacionales no sólo contribuye a promocionar la calidad y el consumo de Sal de Añana, sino que además proyectan en el mundo la excepcionalidad del Valle Salado.

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Sal de Añana
Añanako Gatza
The Salt Valley Project

MODEL = RMW + TCA + SP

Recuperation and Maintenance Works
  +
Tourism - Cultural Activities
  +
Salt Production
Actuaciones de urgencia

Años 1998 - 2008

Acondicionamiento de caminos
Recuperación de canales de salmuera
Restauración experimental
Apeo de entramados

People from Añana working on the module of packing
Guided service
The Salt Valley Project RESULT

Own annual expense 1,4 M €
Impact on production 6,7 M €
Impacts on home incomes 0,9 M €
Impact on employment: more than 50 Jobs created

Engine of social development and employment in a practice of land management in the cultural landscape of

THE SALT VALLEY of AÑANA
vă mulțumesc foarte mult !!!
Eskerrik asko zure arretagaitik !!!
Thank you very much for your attention !!!