



The Natural and

Cultural Landscape of
Paisaje Cultural del

**Valle Salado
de Añana**

Salt Valley of Añana

A best practice of land management and cultural landscapes

XI European Mountain Convention

26 september 2018,
Vatra Dornei, Romania

Salt Valley of Añana



**2015 Grand Prix winner of the
EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Award**

Salt Valley of Añana



**Organización de las Naciones
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y la Agricultura**

Sistemas Importantes del
**PATRIMONIO
AGRÍCOLA**
Mundial



**2017 1th European Global Important
Agriculture Heritage System - GIAHS of FAO**

WHERE IS THE SALT VALLEY LOCATED?





**THE SALT
VALLEY**

**URBAN
CORE**

VALLE SALADO 1920



An aerial photograph of a salt flat in Valle Salado, 2015. The image shows a large, flat, light-colored area divided into a grid of rectangular salt pans. A central structure, possibly a well or a small building, is visible, surrounded by a wooden frame. The surrounding area is mostly brown and dry, with some scattered debris and a few small pools of water. The text "VALLE SALADO 2015" is overlaid in the center of the image.

VALLE SALADO 2015



SALT WORKERS 1920

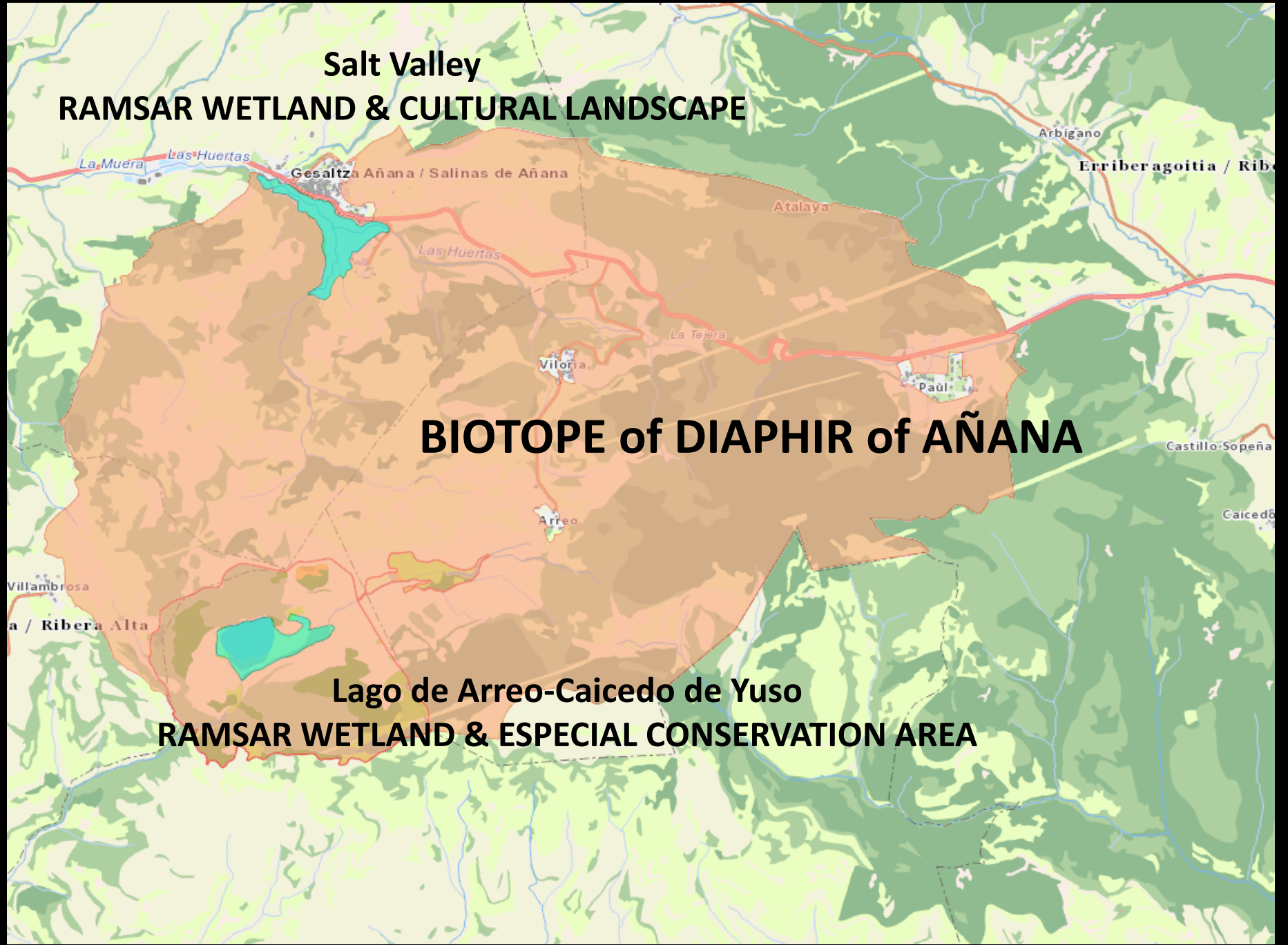


SALT WORKERS 2015



BIODIVERSITY

Salt Valley
RAMSAR WETLAND & CULTURAL LANDSCAPE



BIOTOPE of DIAPHIR of AÑANA

Lago de Arreo-Caicedo de Yuso
RAMSAR WETLAND & ESPECIAL CONSERVATION AREA

La Muerza, Las Huertas, Gesaltza Añana / Salinas de Añana, Atalaya, Arbigano, Erriberagoitia / Ribera Alta, Las Huertas, La Tejera, Vitoria, Paull, Castillo-Sopeña, Caicedo de Yuso, Arreo, Villambrosa, Ribera Alta

**How it works one of the oldest
saltwork in the world?**

A photograph of a wooden structure, possibly a well or a small dam, with a pool of water. The water is dark blue and shows ripples and reflections. The wooden structure is made of weathered wood and has a concrete or stone base. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with some rocks and a clear sky.

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



Distribution channels

A distribution CANAL or ROLLO



A photograph of a traditional stone well structure built into a hillside. The well consists of a rectangular basin in the foreground, filled with murky water, and a larger reservoir behind it. The walls are constructed from rough-hewn, stacked stones. The surrounding area is a dry, grassy slope. The text "WELL of ROCK" is overlaid on the image.

WELL of ROCK

WATERING THE SALT PANS





STORING THE SALT



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 ???

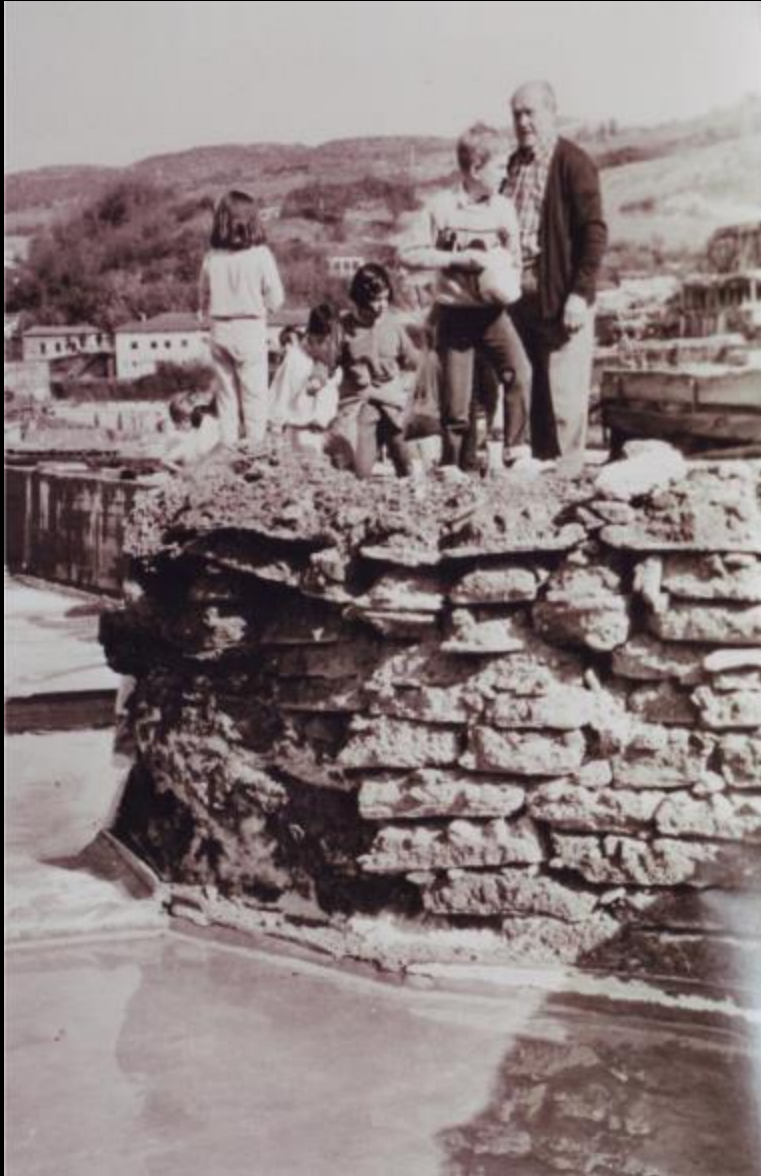
NEOLITHIC
Chronology
4.050 B.C. / 2.550 B.C.





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

- ① Recovering the sustainability of The Salt Valley
- ② Generating new activities that give life to the Salt Valley
- ③ Producing one of the best salts of the world

① Recovery of sustainability.



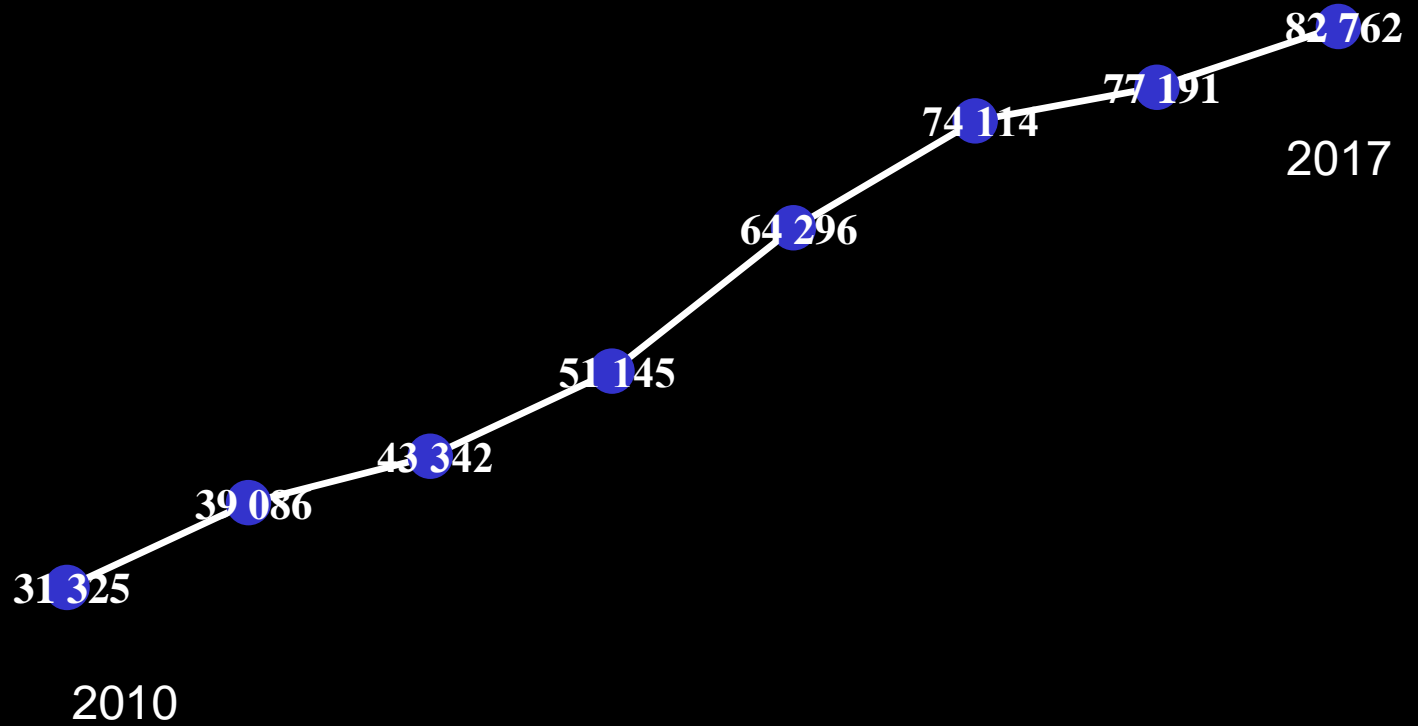




② Generation of new activities that give life to the Salt Valley

Tourist activities

Visitors/Year



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



AÑANAKO GATZ HARANA

BIDAI BAT ZURE BEGIEN BIDEZ

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Cultural activities



Opening of the harvest

Program of cultural activities

Salt Fair



Actividades culturales

Program of cultural activities
Concerts



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II MEDIA MARATÓN DE MONTAÑA

II MENDIKO ERDI MARATOIA

Valle Salado de Añana Añanako Gatz Harana

Sal y a correr

Distancia / Distantsia **21 km**

Desnivel positivo / Aldapa positiboa **1.300 m+**

Anbuzko larrikeria / Harritsulari **5**

Fecha / Data **20 septiembre 2015-eko irailak 20**

Hora de salida / Irteeraren ordua **9.30**

Precio federados / Federatuenentzako prezioa **23 €**

Precio no federados / Ez-federatuenentzako prezioa **25 €**

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II FERIA
DEL CORREDOR Y
DE LA GASTRONOMÍA

KORRIKALARI ETA
GASTRONOMIAREN
II. AZOKA



Program of cultural activities

Sport activities



③ Salt production

Producing one of the best salt of the world: Quality versus quantity

Salt production, a differential value...

SALE of SALT and VISITS ...suppose 45% INCOMES



Embajadores

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



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Diego Guerrero ★



Basque Culinary Center ★



Slow Food

Sal de Añana
Añanako Gatza



Sal de Añana
Añanako Gatza
Mineral salt

Sal de Añana
Añanako Gatza
Mineral salt

Sal de Añana
Añanako Gatza
Sal
líquida
mineral

Sal de Añana
Añanako Gatza
Flor de sal
Flakes

Sal de Añana
Añanako Gatza
Flor de sal
Flakes





Sal de Añena
Añenako Gatza

Sal Mineral
de manantial
finas
hierbas

Sal de Añena
Añenako Gatza

Sal Mineral
de manantial

Sal de Añena
Añenako Gatza

Sal Mineral
de manantial
hierbas
provenzales

Sal de Añena
Añenako Gatza

Sal Mineral
de manantial
aceituna
verde

Sal de Añena
Añenako Gatza

Sal Mineral
de manantial

Sal de Añena
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Sal Mineral
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rojo

Sal de Añena
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Sal Mineral
de manantial
aceituna
negra

Sal de Añena
Añenako Gatza

Sal Mineral
de manantial
cayena

Sal de Añena
Añenako Gatza

Sal Mineral
de manantial
blanco



The Salt Valley Project

MODEL = RMW + TCA + SP

Recuperation and Maintenance Works

+

Tourism - Cultural Activities

+

Salt Production



People from Añana working on the module of packing



Maintenance works



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 !!!

