



DID YOU EVER THINK ABOUT INCLUDING CITIZENS IN YOUR FISHERIES RESEARCH?

KNOWING WHAT'S OUT THERE

In the summer of 2022, a mapping exercise was done to make an inventory of as many citizen science projects as possible, located across the whole of the EU.



A database was created of more than **1000** citizen science projects!



Only 3%

However, only 3% of the identified projects include fisheries or fisheries research!

So many opportunities are still there to connect citizens and fisheries in the research field.

Some examples to spark inspiring future projects.



RECFISH

In RecFish, hundreds of recreational fishermen active at sea, in harbours and on beaches, share their data with scientists, and by doing this, could contradict the claim that recreational sea fishing is a threat and competitor to professional fishing.



NORWEGIAN REFERENCE FLEET

A ground-breaking initiative that include fishers' knowledge in fisheries management by letting them participate in data collection in Norway.