



2023 Fisheries Science Seminar Citizen Science

Focus: species

Tuna-like species , small pelagics,
octopus, shrimps



What is this project about?

The FarFish project showcases how citizen science can provide an opportunity for collection of important data within international and SFPAs fisheries, by piloting a self-sampling program onboard EU and Senegalese fishing vessels.

EU long-distant fisheries are conducted all over the world and are important for the EU fleet. However, fisheries within international and SFPAs waters are often poorly regulated, leading to some management decisions being based on limited knowledge and enforcement capabilities, thus, compliance and trust between stakeholders tend to lack. Stakeholder participation and competence building among those responsible for management in the respective areas are key to sustainable utilisation of the resources.



...and citizen science?

Data availability of fisheries dependent information along the SW African coast is limited and resources to collect scientific data, as well as monitoring, control and surveillance is lacking. By involving fishers in data collection, it is possible to significantly increase data points in a cost-efficient way. The approach also empowers the fishers and make them feel part of the process, this could increase their sense of ownership and responsibility for sustainable utilisation of the resources they are exploiting.



Want to know more?

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