



# 2023 Fisheries Science Seminar Citizen Science



## What is this project about?

Fish&Click is a program that showcases how citizen science can contribute to the identification and collection of abandoned, lost and otherwise discarded fishing gear.

A website and a mobile application were developed under the participatory project to report all fishing gears losses at sea or on the coast. These tools are dedicated to a wide public including divers, fishers, boaters, on-board observers, walkers, etc. Several data such as date, location and gear type and pictures of the gear are collected. The information collected would allow to map lost fishing gears and to match the loss of a fishing gear with several variables such as fishing activities, spatial distribution, and storm events. The data collected under Fish&Click will contribute to research on biodegradable materials for fishing gear.



## ...and citizen science?

All the sightings are important, whether they come from a walker, diver, boater or fisher. Citizen science was instrumental to collect large amount of data during several years and along more than 800 km of coastline. In two years, more than 500 observers reported 18 000 pieces of gear, both found at sea and on the seashore, using the citizen science program Fish&Click.



## Want to know more?

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