



# 2023 Fisheries Science Seminar Citizen Science



## What is this project about?

The Measuring the Impact of Citizen Science (MICS) project has developed an online platform and assessment framework that citizen science (CS) project coordinators can use to assess the impact of their activities. The platform uses over 200 questions to describe and analyse a project's impact. MICS considers the impact of CS across five domains: society, the environment, science and technology, governance, and the economy. The platform is freely available online and can be used by any CS project (at any stage of it) to assess its impact. MICS helps CS projects think critically about their own impact and adapt their approach to ensure they deliver benefits to participants, the scientific community, the environment, and society.



## ...and citizen science?

Whilst the potential of citizen science is well-documented, when it comes to trying to measure it in a quantifiable way, limits arise in the absence of a streamlined process for assessing a project's impact and making comparisons to other projects. MICS project offers methods and guidelines for measuring the impact of citizen science. 200+ indicators have been generated and refined through a combination of literature reviews, stakeholder workshops and iterative interviews to capture as much information about impact as possible. The MICS platform provides helpful resources and recommendations to help increase the impact of a project and the role citizen science has in it



## Want to know more?

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