

CITIZEN SCIENCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION, (NOT) ON MY LAND



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INTRODUCTION

In the current context of global biodiversity loss, **knowledge** on species population trends, habitat health and causes of decay, becomes a **fundamental tool for designing policies and action plans**.

Citizen science initiatives, offer the possibility to **obtain large scale monitoring data** through collaboration between research centres, civil society organizations, public administrations and private owners. At the same time, these initiatives **involve the public** in the conservation of nature and **raise awareness** on the topic. The new EU proposal on nature restoration indicates to maximise the access and use of data and services from citizen science. About **60% of the land** included in the Natura 2000 Network is **privately owned**, which highlights the role of landowners in nature conservation. **Alliance** between citizen science and private property management could bring great benefits towards the objectives of the Biodiversity 2030 strategy of the European Union, but asks for a transparent approach and coordination.

This workshop "**Citizen science for nature conservation, (not) on my land**" will open the discussion on the opportunities and current barriers for landowners to collaborate and benefit from citizen science projects, based on questions collected from stakeholders in the field.

OBJECTIVE

- Show the potential value of citizen science for private land conservation, in particular for the monitoring of privately protected areas and documenting their contribution to EU and global biodiversity policy objectives, for both NGO and landowners.
- Exchange on barriers, challenges, solutions and opportunities by sharing examples, projects, programs, raising awareness on the potential, contact points for support.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Members of research groups related to citizen science and biodiversity
- NGOs or organisers of monitoring programmes
- Landowners

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PROGRAMME

9:15 - 9:30	Welcome - Introduction to the objectives of the webinar Carlos Sánchez - Member of Working group on Volunteering and Citizen Science, on LIFE ENPLC project
9:30 - 9:40	The importance of Citizen Science in nature conservation Joseph van der Stegen - European Commission, Nature Conservation Unit
9:40 - 10:10	What is nature Citizen Science? Good practices to increase our project quality Diana Reinoso - Science for Change
10:10 - 10:20	Private landowners, NGOs and research institutions: a strategic alliance to enhance nature citizen science Mathias Brummer - Nature Conservation Network of Catalonia (XCN)
10:20 - 10:30	Hunting for Data: The "Hunters' Watch" citizen science project Carlos Sánchez - Fundacion Artemisan
10:30 - 10:40	Coffe-tea break
10:40 - 11:10	Rapid fire talks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agricultural Observatory of Biodiversity, by Nora Rouillier - National Museum of Natural History (France)Waarnemingen.be platform, Natuurpunt (Belgium)Network of environmental observers of the Gaià River, by Hèctor Hernández - La Sínia association (Catalonia - Spain)
11:10 - 12:15	Panel discussion Research organizations, NGOs and private land: Challenges to boost citizen science platforms in privately protected land <ul style="list-style-type: none">Laura Force - Centre of Research in Terrestrial Ecology, CREAF (Catalonia - Spain)Miguel Capelo - National Association of Rural Landowners, ANPC (Portugal)Beth Thomas - Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (England)Joep Grosemans - Hoka Hey Wildlife Management (Belgium) Moderator: Oriol Baena - Catalan Herpetological Society (Catalonia - Spain)
12:15 - 12:30	Conclusions and end of the webinar

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