Work Towards Adopting a Template for Citizen Science Support on Gap Filling Data Needs Projects. Exploring Existing Cit Sci Data too!

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The Challenges

- “We need dissolved oxygen data”
- “We need precipitation data”
- “I need fish forage data”
- “I need brook trout data”
- Need…
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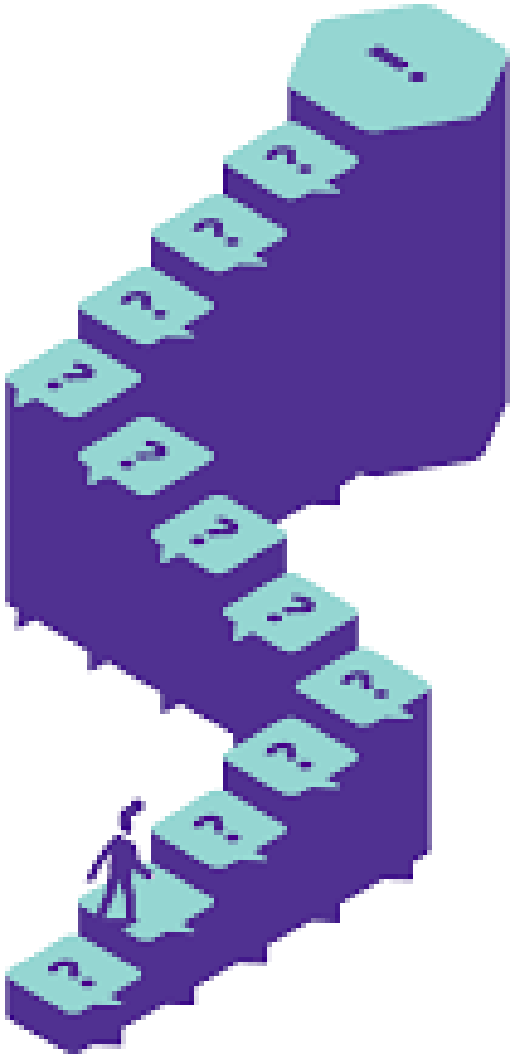
That’s nice, you need, I need, we need, but….

- **What EXACTLY do you need?**



Issue and Action

The goal of this work is for CBP partners to adopt and use the template as one means of expanding monitoring capacity to address gap filling needs on outcome indicator metrics and or factors affecting success of outcomes.

- **Issue** – in order to exercise the opportunity to integrate citizen volunteer/citizen scientists into the CBP workflow, we need to provide specific directions on what needs to be collected where, when, how often, how long, with what equipment, using what study design, etc. Presently, we do not have that form of a directing or networking process in place within the CBP Partnership. We do have the pieces in place to support such work.

- **Action 1** – We request the workgroup review and comment of an established template used globally in organizing citizen science monitoring efforts. Comment on approval to promote it further among the partnership as the Cit Sci project template and note possible changes, concerns please.

Template use with an example project

Globally recognized template – recommended for adoption for Cit Sci Projects at CBP

North Carolina King Tides Project

Main Project Information

Goal	Documenting high water events in North Carolina
Task	Photograph high water and flooding events
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Website	http://nckingtides.web.unc.edu/
Social Media	•Facebook •Blog
Ideal Age Group	Elementary school (6 - 10 years), Middle school (11 - 13 years), High school (14 - 17 years), College, Graduate students, Adults, Families, Seniors
Ideal Frequency	Per month
Spend the Time	outdoors
Type of Activity	In oceans, streams, rivers, lakes, While fishing, On a hike, At the beach, On a walk, run, On a lunch break
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Project Updated	06/06/2017

Strengths and Weakness

- Strengths
  - There are hundreds of Citizen Science Projects promoted with this format from local to globally directed monitoring efforts.
  - Behind this template is a format and use of language that is a global standard for commonly run citizen science projects.
  - Use of the template promotes and interoperability with existing, highly visible, well used advertising and marketing platforms of citizen science/volunteer work (e.g., SciStarter, Citizen Science Association websites).

- Considerations
  - We have a technical template for indicators under the S&T WG. This is different.
  - We need to agree on a governance structure for projects – is there one coordinator, a coordinating body or does the management of each Cit Sci Project rest in the hands of the group that promotes the work? To be discussed how the management of the project info is carried out.

Reminder – Action. Please review template format and share comments for discussion at the September 2017 IMN WG meeting.

TEMPLATE

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Action 2. Review and explore active Citizen Science projects as gap filling, capacity building opportunities

- Reminder – there are nearly 1000 projects ongoing on SciStarter, many have data collections that may already have networks and data collections suitable to your monitoring or factors affecting outcome information needs.

SquirrelMapper

Landscape Watch – **track landscape change**

Lionfish Watch

Plant Census at Smithsonian's Global Change Research Wetland

DC/Baltimore Cricket Crawl

Sparrow Swap – **active bird management**

Bat tracker (Norfolk,VA)

TreeKIT – **measure/map urban forests**

Goal	Collect hydrological data for modelling
Task	Collect water levels, stream flow data and soil moisture
Where	Global, anywhere on the planet

Chesapeake Bay Parasite Project – **mud crabs**

Crabwatch – **monitoring crabs and track climate change**

Blue Catfish Watch

Chesapeake Bay

Bay 100 BMP Monitoring Project

Choptank River, Delaware

Weather Change in Bellefonte, PA

Blue Ridge Biodiversity Mapping

Backyard Bark Beetles

Presented By	University of Florida/IFAS
Goal	Monitor bark & ambrosia beetles
Task	Trap & send beetles for ID. See what you caught on a live map!
Where	Global, anywhere on the planet

Next steps

- Continue to coordinate template adoption with the Status and Trends WG.
- Present to Status and Trends WG.
- Present to Data Integrity WG.
- Present to the Staffer and Coordinator meeting.
- Present to STAR the outcome of previous meetings with the recommended Cit Sci Project Template that the GITs can use to promote work on data gap-filling needs through this monitoring capacity building opportunity.
- Explore existing SciStarter projects for ongoing work that may fill data needs and information gaps to support monitoring capacity building. Bring these forward in future meetings.