



Term 2, Lesson 2

# Introduction to Citizen Science

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## Learning Objectives:

1. Define citizen science;
2. Create a conservation action plan for freshwater turtles, with a focus on citizen science.



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# Citizen Science

Citizen science refers to the involvement of the public in scientific research, usually by collecting data.

Citizen science can provide scientists access to large amounts of data, that would otherwise be difficult or expensive to collect.

Citizen science can promote a sense of community and empowerment as participants see the results of their contributions



# Classroom Activities

## Activity 1 -

- In groups, develop a simple conservation action plan to address one of the threats to freshwater turtles.
- Consider awareness campaigns and community involvement in your action plan.

