Our workshops built expertise in designing robust projects and skills needed to become effective citizen science managers.

Why Citizen Science?
Citizen science is a practical way to connect people with nature, to monitor biodiversity and to produce useful data needed for conservation management and policy.

There is a growing interest among conservation scientists to harness this huge potential that citizen science offers.

Training for impact
In response, we launched CISCA - an innovative training programme for citizen science managers to enable them to transform citizen science data into conservation and policy.

Developing skills
To engage the community to collect meaningful data
To analyse and interpret biodiversity trends
To communicate results to inform policy and practice
The fishers of Cameroon were collecting sea turtle eggs. But now they protect threatened sea turtles.

Cedrick Fogwan, Cameroon

Rangers are now getting useful data on monkeys, birds, plants and habitat degradation.

Thuita Thenya, Kenya

CISCA trained 26 African citizen science leaders from 9 countries

"Generating distribution maps of threatened species"

"Projecting the spread of invasive plants under changing climate"

"Studying migration of birds"

"Monitoring mushrooms, dragonflies, seahorses..."

Terrestrial animals

Plants & Insects

Marine fauna

Citizen science projects are now working on a diversity of species and ecosystems

"I analysed environmental trends that were useful for policy-makers for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of the Karura urban forest"

Mary Kageni, Kenya

"New ambassadors for conservation"

"Influencing policy and practice"

"Citizen science data is being used to set up a national law for sharks"

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