

Participatory & Citizen Science Working Group



A Working Group of the Society for Conservation Biology

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Mission: To facilitate citizen science research and practice that aids the Society for Conservation Biology in achieving its mission of preserving the Earth's biodiversity.

Scope

To increase awareness of, support knowledge exchange for, and promote citizen science in all forms (e.g. participatory, co-created, and community-led science) as an effective method in advancing biodiversity conservation.

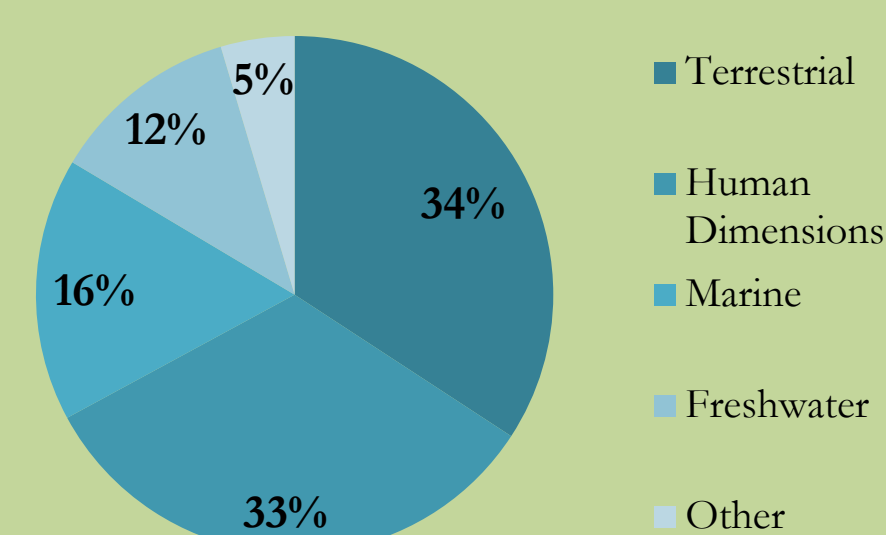


Volunteers participate in a training to monitor monarch larvae (E. Lewandowski)

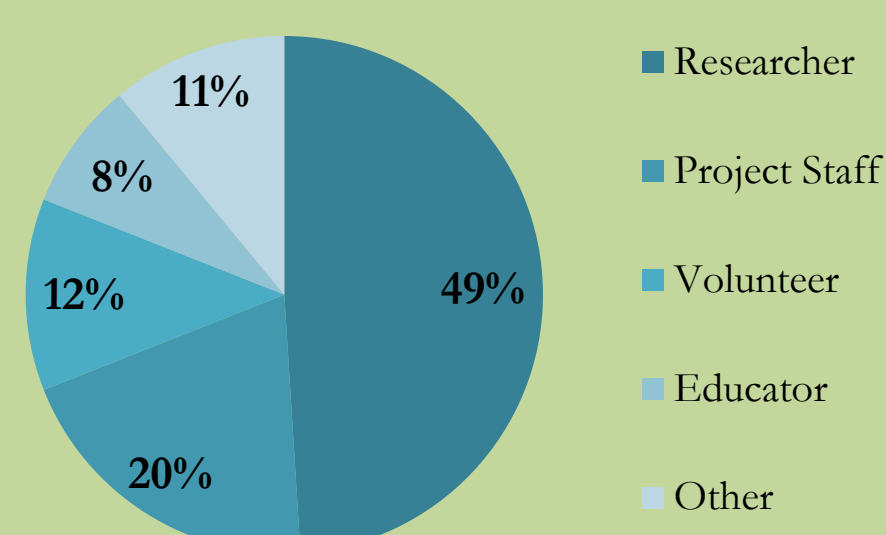
Our Members

- 150 members in 31 countries
- Moderate to high experience and familiarity with participatory and citizen science

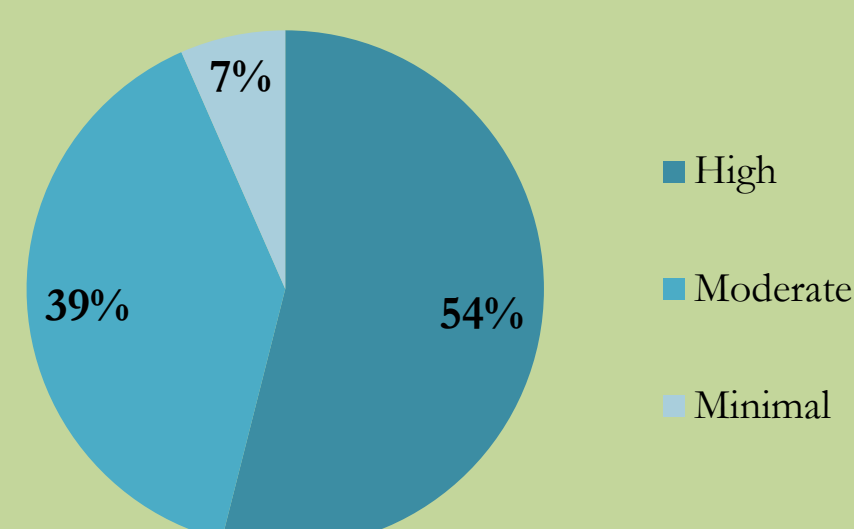
Primary System



Member Role



Familiarity with Citizen Science



Objectives

- Conduct citizen science education and outreach
- Facilitate the practice of citizen science
- Become an international conservation citizen science network builder and knowledge hub
- Elevate the role of citizen science in policy
- Seek and share solutions to citizen science implementation challenges

Our Work

PaCS formed in 2016 and gained official working group status in 2017. Plans for our first three years include:

- Assessing awareness and engagement of SCB members in citizen science
- Compiling best management practices for using citizen science for conservation
- Promoting the conservation impacts of citizen science
- Increasing coverage of citizen science at conferences



High-school citizen scientists studying effects of ocean acidification and warming, Acadia National Park, Maine, USA (J. Cigliano)

Join us! Any SCB member who is interested in participatory or citizen science is welcome. Visit conbio.org to join the group and sign up for our listserv.