

CISCA

CITIZEN SCIENCE FOR CONSERVATION IN AFRICA



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**.

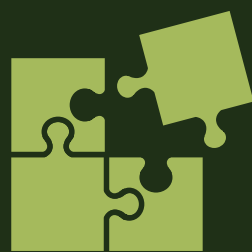


In Africa, there is a **growing interest** among conservation scientists to **harness** this **huge potential** that citizen science offers.



Training for impact

In response, the TBA launched **CISCA** - an **innovative training programme** for African citizen science managers to enable them to **transform citizen science data into conservation and policy**.



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



Developing skills

To **engage the community** to collect **meaningful data**



To **analyse and interpret** biodiversity trends



To communicate results to **inform policy and practice**



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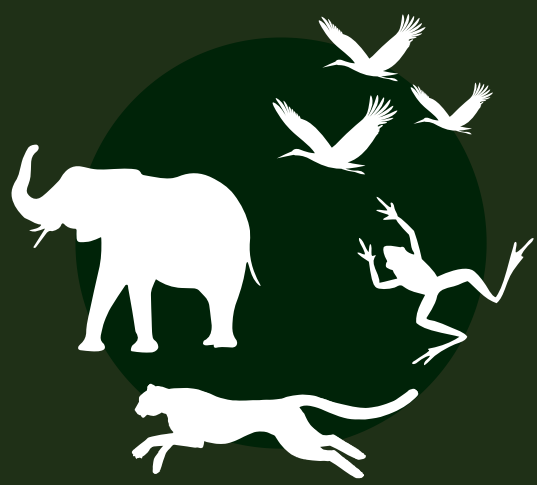
A new network of citizen science leaders



CISCA trained
26 African citizen science leaders
from **9 countries**



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



Terrestrial animals

"Monitoring mushrooms, dragonflies, seahorses..."



Plants & Insects



Marine fauna

"Generating distribution maps of threatened species"

"Projecting the spread of invasive plants under changing climate"

"Studying migration of birds"

Conservation impact

New ambassadors for conservation

"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

Influencing policy and practice

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

Mary Kageni, Kenya



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

African Marine Mammal Conservation Organization