Dear researcher,

Below you will find the 58-item questionnaire to measure citizen scientists' motivation.

The questionnaire includes 18 categories, which measure 18 types of motivations. Each category has 1 to 7 items.

Filling the questionnaires takes between 8-15 minutes. Whenever possible we recommend using ALL items.

## How to use the questionnaire?

Preparing a project specific questionnaire

**Translation**

To use the questionnaire in your language you will need to translate it. When translating, meaning is more important than accuracy.

1. Translate items to your language.
2. Ask 3 scholars with proficient level of English to back translate the items to English.
3. Improve translation when necessary.

**Project specific items**

Items number 2, 19, 31, 49, 55 include the words "topic of this project" or "this project". You can leave them as they are or replace them with the topic of your project, e.g., wildlife, marine biology, Alzheimer disease etc.

Do you need a shorter version?

If you need your CSs to fill in a questionnaire with fewer items follow these steps:

**For a shorter version (35 items or more),**

Please use ALL items from the following categories:

- Stimulation, active
- Power, resources
- Power, dominance
- Face
- Security
- Tradition
- Teaching

Please choose AT LEAST TWO items from the following categories:

- Self-direction
- Stimulation
- Routine
- Hedonism
- Achievement
- Belongingness
- Conformity
- Benevolence
- Universalism, social
- Universalism, nature
- Help with research

## Randomization of items

Whenever possible it is recommended to use a software (online) that allows full randomization of items.

- Participants will receive a link and fill the questionnaire using their smartphones, tablets, or computers.

When using a paper and pencil version, randomize the items before printing the questionnaire.

## Analysis

Calculate the 18 motivation categories for each participant by calculating the mean of the category items

- Make sure NOT to include "not relevant" answers in the calculation of the mean.

We are available for questions and assistance!

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## Motivations for participation in CS - Researchers' version

| Category | Item # | item |
|---|---|---|
| **Self-direction** | 1 | I want to learn |
| | 2 | I am interested in the topic of this project |
| | 3 | I am interested in science and/or technology |
| | 4 | I participate out of curiosity |
| | 5 | I want to improve my skills |
| | 6 | It's an opportunity to explore new things |
| | 7 | It enables me to be creative |
| **Stimulation** | 8 | I want to do something new |
| | 9 | I want to break away from my routine |
| | 10 | I strive to challenge myself |
| **Routine** | 11 | This activity is related to another hobby I have |
| | 12 | I was doing this activity anyway |
| | 13 | I'm a regular participant in citizen science projects |
| **Stimulation, active** | 14 | I want to spend time outdoors |
| | 15 | I want to do some physical activity |
| **Hedonism** | 16 | I want to have fun |
| | 17 | Participating makes me feel good about myself |
| | 18 | I enjoy this activity |
| | 19 | I am passionate about this project |
| | 20 | It's a way for me to relax |
| **Achievement** | 21 | I am seeking fame |
| | 22 | I want to advance my career |
| | 23 | It's an opportunity to perform better than others |
| | 24 | I like to compete with others |
| | 25 | I want to do something meaningful |
| **Power, resources** | 26 | I want to gain financial incentives |
| | 27 | I expect something in return |
| **Power, Dominance** | 28 | I want to gain recognition and status |
| | 29 | Volunteering makes me feel important |
| **Face** | 30 | I want to enhance my reputation |
| | 31 | Other people think positively about my contribution to this project |
| **Belongingness** | 32 | I want to socialize with other people |
| | 33 | I want to meet people with similar interests |
| | 34 | I want to be part of this volunteers' community |
| | 35 | I want to feel part of something worthwhile |
| **Security** | 36 | I want to keep myself secure and healthy |
| | 37 | I want to live in secure surroundings |

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| **Tradition** | 38 | It is important to me to maintain my religious beliefs |
| **Conformity** | 39 | I am required to take part in such a project |
| | 40 | I was requested to participate by somebody |
| | 41 | Other people I know are participating |
| **Benevolence** | 42 | I am happy to help |
| | 43 | It is a good thing to do |
| | 44 | I want to contribute to my community |
| **Universalism, social** | 45 | I want to make the world a better place |
| | 46 | I want to improve our society |
| | 47 | I want to make scientific knowledge more accessible |
| | 48 | I want to contribute to the well-being of others |
| | 49 | I want to raise public awareness to the topic of this project |
| **Universalism, nature** | 50 | I want to contribute to the conservation of nature |
| | 51 | I want to protect the environment |
| | 52 | I want to help wildlife |
| | 53 | I feel a strong connection with nature |
| **Help with research** | 54 | I want to contribute to science |
| | 55 | I want to contribute to the knowledge about the topic of this project |
| | 56 | I want to contribute to scientific research |
| **Teaching** | 57 | I want to provide learning opportunities to others |
| | 58 | I want to share my knowledge and experience |

Dear citizen scientist,

This set of questions asks you about reasons to participate in this citizen science project.

Different people have different reasons. We want to know how true each of these reasons is for you.

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each item using a 1 (not at all) to 5 (very much) scale. Try to use the entire scale when rating the items. That is, some of your answers will likely be at the lower end of the scale, some will be in the middle, and others will be at the higher end of the scale.

If you find you have no answer for an item, please use "Not relevant".

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