

## 8. Citizens' observations of invasive species are part of citizen science, which the municipality can also support



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*Citizen science actively engages residents in scientific activities, such as reporting observations of invasive species or other species.*

*The observation data collected by residents brings new information and understanding that the municipality can also utilise.*

### Do this

Explore citizen science projects available for participation in the municipality's area.

Share information about participation requirements for various cit. science projects in the municipality's communications.

If desired, the municipality can develop a new project in collaboration with a university or other higher education institution.

### Benefits of the action

The data collected by voluntary citizens is crucial for many projects as well as for long-term monitoring of nature and species changes.

### More information

Several authorities and research institutes have compiled interesting citizen science projects (in Finnish):

[Finnish Biodiv. Information Facility](#)

[Finnish Environment Institute](#)

[University of Oulu](#)

