

We have launched citizen science activities aimed at seniors. We ask people who feel an emotional relationship with the Ocean to write down their impressions of natural values, especially those related to biodiversity, during their walks along the seaside. We expect an influx of responses from volunteers, both in the form of e-mails and notes on paper dropped into the ballot boxes at agreed points. Other partners will join the action soon :)

This innocent box holds tremendous potential! ☺
Thanks to your engagement, it can help preserve biological diversity on European coasts. ☺

It's part of the MARBEFES project, led by the Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. One of its goals is to investigate what society likes best about the Baltic coast ☺♂ ☺

What does the study involve? Just write a short note about your impressions after a seaside walk. What did you like the most? What would you like to see again? The date, place, and your age group are also very useful information. You can drop the note into the wooden box at the Centrum Nauki Experyment (Gdynia, Poland)

We want to learn:

What is your experience of biodiversity on the sea coast?

What use to catch your attention?

What you enjoy to see?

We ask you to take a walk on the sea shore and note the objects you like to see, and connect with biodiversity. It can be trees, seals, birds, seashells etc. The walk shall be at least 30 minutes or 1 km long. From each walk and each person we need a note, and note shall look like in example:

date: 12th July 2024 hour 11.00-12.00, Sopot, Poland

My coastal bio-objects were:
big old oak tree,
white sea shells on the beach,
seagulls, swans.

We need many of such notes to understand what is catching you attention in the living world around. Every person may send one or many such notes from the coastal walks.

Send us your note and photos, it can be anonymous, you can leave your contact. We will present the collected data on the web page of the project.

Please send your notes to:
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We invite you to observe together
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