Supplemental file 1 Categorization of CS activities.

| Classification | Categories | Authors |
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| Level of | Contribution, crowd sourcing | Shirk et al. |
| volunteers' | Distributed intelligence | 2012 |
| participation | Participatory science | Haklay 2013 |
| | Collaboration | - |
| | Co-creation | - |
| | Extreme CS | - |
| Types of | Crowd sourcing | Franzoni et al. |
| volunteers' | Required knowledge to carry out CS activities | 2022 |
| contribution in | Resources contributed | - |
| CS activities | Decisions made in the process | - |
| CS activities' | Action | Wiggins and |
| primary goals | Initiated by volunteers to support solutions to | Crowston |
| | mostly local issues scientifically | 2011 |
| | Conservation | - |
| | Activities related to conservation of natural | |
| | resources to support awareness and outreach | |
| | Investigation | - |
| | Collecting data for research purposes | |
| | Virtual | - |
| | Investigation activities with online | |
| | participation of volunteers | |

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| | Education | |
| | Education and outreach, outcomes provide | |
| | learning outcomes | |
| Scientific areas | Biology, conservation and ecology | Kullenberg |
| of CS output | Geographic information research | and |
| | Social sciences/epidemiology in relation to | Kasperowski |
| | environmental issues and health | 2016 |
| Value for | CS as research method; aim: scientific output | Kasperowski |
| science, policy | CS as means of public engagement to raise | et al. 2018 |
| and society | awareness of scientific matters of concern to | |
| | society | |
| | CS targets specific issues of concern through | _ |
| | civic mobilization, aiming for political or legal | |
| | influence | |
| Descriptive | Activeness | Haklay et al. |
| factors to define | Level of volunteers' cognitive engagement | 2021 |
| whether | Compensation | - |
| activities can be | Financial incentives for CS participation | |
| categorized as | Purpose of CS activity | _ |
| CS or not | Purpose of knowledge production of CS | _ |
| | activity | |
| | Professionalism | _ |
| | Required skills from the volunteers | |
| | Training | - |

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| | Level of training provided to the volunteers | |
| | Data sharing | |
| | Leadership | |
| | Scientific field | _ |
| | Involvement | _ |
| | Level of participation | |