

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

# World Fish Migration Day

Connecting fish,  
rivers and people

## FOR PEOPLE WORKING FOR RIVERS AND MIGRATORY FISH AROUND THE WORLD

The World Fish Migration Platform invites you to join the second World Fish Migration Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Following the overwhelming success of the first World Fish Migration Day in 2014, this international event calls attention to the need to safeguard free flowing rivers and to restore the connections in rivers for migratory fish.

### WHY DO WE CARE?

Migratory fish (like salmon, trout, shad, lamprey, giant catfish, sturgeon and eel) are threatened worldwide by barriers such as dams, weirs, culverts in road crossings, and sluices built for water management, hydropower and land drainage. This makes it difficult, often impossible for fish to reach their spawning grounds which can, in some cases cause local extinction. Millions of people around the world rely on these fishes as their primary source of protein and for their livelihoods. Water managers and conservationists are striving to protect and improve fish migration routes between and within rivers, deltas and the oceans. These 'fish highways' are vital for their survival.

World Fish Migration Day strives to improve the public's understanding of the importance of free flowing rivers and migration routes for fish. Raising awareness, sharing ideas, securing commitments and building communities around river basins are essential aspects of fish passage and river restoration. On this day, we will connect celebrations and events that start in New Zealand, and follow the sun around the planet until it sets on Hawaii.

World Fish Migration Day in 2014 had 273 events, in 53 countries, with contributions from 1000 different organizations.

Events included:

- Presentations
- Family fun days
- Fishway opening and tours
- River tours
- Workshops
- Dam removals

For photographs and more details about the 2014 World Fish Migration Day go to [worldfishmigrationblog.wordpress.com](http://worldfishmigrationblog.wordpress.com)

We want World Fish Migration day in 2016 to be even bigger and better! We aim to connect events at some 500 locations worldwide. We are looking for organizations that want to join this inspiring initiative. There is already an exciting array of events planned, varying from a public education event in New Zealand and playing a human board game called "The migratory fish" at the Belo Horizonte Aquarium in Brazil and kids' activities planned in many countries around the world.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN EVENT?

Participating organizations are encouraged to organize their own event (e.g. activity sessions, workshops or talks) and communicate this to the public, under the umbrella of the World Fish Migration Day. Educational material will be available to share with visitors. The consortium of the recently started World Fish Migration Platform ([www.fishmigrationplatform.com](http://www.fishmigrationplatform.com)) will take care of the central coordination, international publicity, maintain the main website and host several webinars on fish migration topics leading up to WFMD2016. The events of participating organizations will be highlighted on the website, social media and in the press.

### MORE INFORMATION

Web [www.worldfishmigrationday.com](http://www.worldfishmigrationday.com)  
 Facebook [www.facebook.com/WorldFishMigrationDay](http://www.facebook.com/WorldFishMigrationDay)  
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### TO ORGANIZE AN EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT US

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## WORLD FISH MIGRATION PLATFORM

