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# **World Fish Migration Day 2024**

# What is World Fish Migration Day?

World Fish Migration Day (WFMD) is a global awareness campaign celebrated every two years to highlight the connections that migratory fishes have with human and non-human species, lands, and waters. This **25**May **2024** is marked by celebrations, events, and action campaigns. The World Fish Migration Foundation is the main organiser of WFMD.

## What is a migratory fish?

Migratory fish species travel between different habitats, from freshwater to saltwater or vice versa, throughout their life cycle. They move to find resources such as food, breeding grounds, and suitable environmental conditions. Sometimes they face obstacles like waterfalls, floods, and predators. Access to diverse habitats supports larger fish populations and healthier ecosystems. Examples include gobies that climb waterfalls to reach spawning pools and salmon that travel from the ocean to freshwater streams to reproduce and contribute nutrients to the ecosystem.

# Why do migratory fish need an awareness day?

The 2020 Living Planet Index revealed a 76% decline in Migratory Freshwater Fish populations since 1970. These fish are essential for connecting water and land ecosystems, serving as vital links in food chains, and supporting the livelihoods of millions. However, many face obstacles like dams and other barriers that disrupt their natural migration routes. To preserve them and revitalize our rivers, we need to raise awareness and built support for the restoration of free-flowing rivers.







### **Know**

Learn more about migratory fishes, their connections to different ecosystems and human communities, and the threats in your area.

# **Imagine**

Healthy, free-flowing rivers that work with fish year after year, and all the species and people that benefit from them.



### Act

Become a free-flowing river advocate to help protect healthy rivers and restore others by raising local awareness and building coalitions to remove barriers.

# How to get involved

You can organize an even of any kind between February and June 2024

# Check out these great past events for inspiration!



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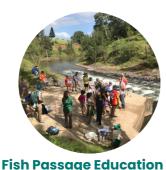
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If you are unsure what to do for #WFMD2024 you can always contact us: info@fishmigration.org or adela@fishmigration.org



# **Register Your Event**



# Organize an event

Organisations taking part will arrange their own events and outreach strategies, all within the framework of World Fish Migration Day. Promotional material will be available to download from the website and can be shared with visitors. The **World Fish Migration** Foundation and its partners are responsible for central coordination. international publicity and managing the website. The events will be highlighted on the website, social media and in the press.



# Participate in a local event

Events take place around the world and details of each event are listed on the World Fish Migration Day website. Find one near you! There are a range of activities planned and participating organisations are encouraged to invite others to take part in their events.



# Spread the word

Keep up to date with all the latest WFMD activities and help spread the word. Be sure to promote your local events and our core message to media channels! We are eager to hear about it. When sharing your event photos on social media, please use #WFMD2024 #worldfishmigrationday #happyfish and #freeflow.











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