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25 May 2024



WORLD FISH
MIGRATION DAY

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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 build 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.



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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!



Drawing Contests

USA ©Rebecca Flitcroft



River Cleanups

Bulgaria ©Balkanka



Making Art

Fish Flag Contest – Gabon
©Jeason Junior Idjoumet



Dam Removals

Spain © Confederación
Hidrográfica del Duero



Kayaker gatherings

Save the Blue Heart of
Europe, ©Matic Oblak



School Activities

Benin 2020, ©Credi-Ong



Fish Passage Education Centers

Australia © Kyogle Council.



Conferences & Workshops

Nigeria ©myEnvironment
myWealth



Release Events

USA © Ralph Lampman



Happy Fish Happy Hour

Download the Happy Fish trivia



Athlete Challenge

France @Lucien Schreiber



Movie screenings

Dambusters Documentary

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

Register Your Event

1 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.



2 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.

3 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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<https://worldfishmigrationday.com/join/>



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