

DISCOVER LIFE ALONG EUROPE'S COASTS.



**European Marine
Citizen Science Week**

14–20 September 2026

Head to the coast and discover what lives in and around the sea. Look for marine and coastal species in shallow water, on rocks, among seaweed and along the shoreline. You do not need to know the species — curiosity, careful observation and clear photos are enough.

HOW TO TAKE PART

- **Head to the coast**
Choose a safe place by the sea and follow local guidance.
- **Look closely**
Search in shallow water, on rocks, among seaweed and along the shore.
- **Observe carefully**
If you use a net or tray during an organism activity, handle organisms gently.
- **Photograph your observation**
Take a clear photo of the animal, plant, seaweed or other organism.
- **Leave it where it belongs**
Return anything you have handled to the same place as quickly as possible.
- **Share it in MINKA**
Upload the photo and check the location so your observation can contribute.



REMEMBER

- Be gentle with all living things.
- Take extra care near water, slippery rocks, cliffs and harbours.
- Children and young people must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Do not disturb habitats or collect organisms unless this is allowed and supervised.
- Even a common or very small species can be important.

Together, we increase our knowledge about marine biodiversity — one observation at a time.

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Research-grade observations
will be shared with global
biodiversity databases.



Participants join
at their own risk.

