



Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Currents Symposium

We Want You! The Rise of Citizen Science

Any management of the marine environment is only as good as the quality (and quantity) of the monitoring data that support it. Traditionally, monitoring of the marine environment was the unique purview of trained academic and government agency scientists. However, with the proliferation of environmental problems, increased awareness of the general public, and the simultaneous decrease in financial support for monitoring at both state and federal levels, the role of citizen scientists is on the rise. Come join us for a lively discussion on what it means to be a citizen scientist. Keynote presentations will focus on topics ranging from programs focused primarily on education to those modeled closely on formal monitoring efforts, from the rocky intertidal to the open ocean. A poster session follows the presentations and an exhibit hall will provide attendees with many opportunities to get involved.

April 25th 2015 9:00am-3:30pm

**California State University, Monterey Bay
University Center, Seaside, California**

CALL FOR RESEARCH POSTERS

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary invites the submission of abstracts for the research poster session at the Sanctuary Currents Symposium. Professional scientists and students at all levels are encouraged to submit an abstract. Abstracts need not be directly related to the 2015 theme of citizen science, but research related to this topic is encouraged. Abstracts may not exceed 250 words and must be submitted by the **submission deadline of Friday, February 27th, 2015** to be considered for the poster session. A limited number of abstracts will be accepted.

For more information and details on submission, please visit:
<http://sanctuarysimon.org/posters>

