



**Are you working on rivers, water and migratory fish and looking to enhance public awareness? Are you concerned about the health of our rivers?**

Take part in **World Fish Migration Day 2014** on the **24th May**. This international event calls attention to the need to restore the connections in rivers for migratory fish, to achieve healthy fish stocks and productive rivers.

#### WHY DO WE CARE?

Migratory fish (like salmon, trout, dourada, shad, lamprey, giant catfish, sturgeon and eel) are threatened by barriers such as weirs, dams and sluices; built for water management, hydropower and land drainage. Around the world millions of people rely on these fishes as their primary source of protein and for their livelihoods. Water and resource managers, and conservationists are striving to improve migration routes between and within rivers, deltas and the oceans. These 'fishways' are vital for their survival.

World Fish Migration Day is held to improve the publics' understanding of the importance of migratory fish and their needs, as well as healthy rivers. 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; ending as the sun sets on the west coast of North America. More than 250 locations will be connected worldwide and we are looking for organizations that want to join this inspiring initiative.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN EVENT?

Participating organizations will organize their own event (e.g. activity sessions, workshops or talks) and outreach communication, under the umbrella of the World Fish Migration Day. Educational material will be available to share with your visitors. Wanningen Water Consult & LINKit consult, partnering with WWF (NL), The Nature Conservancy and the IUNCN SSC/Wetland International Freshwater Fish Specialist Group, will take care of the central coordination, international publicity, and maintain the main website. All projects will be highlighted on this website, social media and in the press.

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