

**Practical Applications of a Participatory Science Project Evaluation Tool:
Perspectives from Across Earth and Space Science**

Supplemental File 6: SERC SPI Utilization

Table 1: Categories added by SERC to the Science Products Inventory.

| Category | Product | Definition | Typical Reporting Group |
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| Project Structure | Staff Number (#) | Number of staff members who work directly with citizen scientists | Technicians |
| Project Structure | Staff Positions (checklist) | Positions (PI, Researcher, Fellow, Technician, Other) of staff who work with volunteers | Technicians |
| Project Structure | Staff Time (#) | Estimated number of hours staff spend on citizen science project activities | Technicians and PIs |
| Project Structure | Intern (#) | Number of interns who worked on citizen science projects | Technicians and PIs |
| Project Structure | Volunteer Roles (checklist) | List of roles (e.g. analyze data, collect data, develop methods) that volunteers participated in | Technicians |

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| Project Structure | Volunteer Number (#) | Number of volunteers who participated in the project | Citizen Science Program Staff |
| Project Structure | Core Volunteers (#) | Number of volunteers who participate regularly in the project | Technicians and Citizen Science Program Staff |
| Project Structure | Organizational Partners (#) | Number of partner organizations involved in the project | PIs |
| Data | Data Sets (#) | Number of data sets that have been made publicly available (e.g. in data repository) | PIs |
| Communications | Blogs and Social Media (#) | Number of articles and posts related to the project in Smithsonian-produced outlets | PIs and Communication Staff |
| Communications | Academic Presentations (#) | Number of academic presentations given at conferences that report on the project or apply its data | PIs |
| Communications | Posters (#) | Number of posters presented at conferences that report on the project or apply its data | PIs |

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| Communications | Public Presentations (#) | Number of presentations given to public audiences on the project or applications of project data | PIs |
| Communications | Popular Articles (#) | Number of articles appearing in non-Smithsonian produced outlets (e.g. newspaper article) | PIs and Communication Staff |

Note: We observe that some of these categories overlap with suggested additions from the previous two Use Cases, thus increasing confidence in their usefulness.