



THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL



**Citizen
Science**

Updating Citizen Science Research Priorities



CitSci Research Priorities



Guide the projects the Program develops and supports



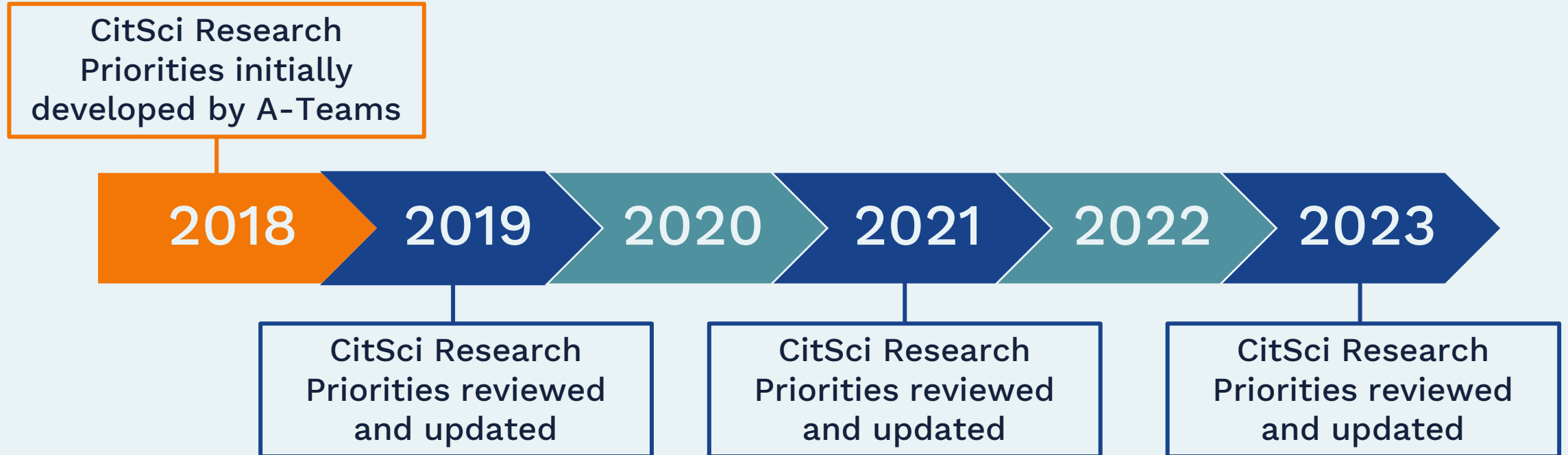
Narrow focus from many data needs to tangible ideas important to South Atlantic fishermen, scientists, managers



Share with other groups interested in developing or collaborating on citsci projects



CitSci Research Priorities



Citizen Science Research Priorities Process

Process to update citizen science research priorities

June 2023



**Update SAFMC's
Research &
Monitoring Plan**

Informed by SSC, SEP, APs,
SEDARs, and SAFMC

Launch Winter 2023/2024



**Citizen Science
Project Idea Portal**

Online form to gather
project ideas from the
public

Oct 2023



**Update Citizen
Science Research
Priorities**

Citizen Science Projects
Advisory & Operations
Committees

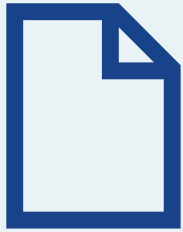
Dec 2023



**SAFMC Reviews
Updated Research
Priorities**

Council members review,
provide feedback, and
consider for adoption

CitSci DRAFT Updated Research Priorities



Draft incorporates feedback from the CitSci Operations & Projects Advisory Committees



Italics summarizes Advisory Committees' feedback



Yellow and strikethrough text highlights potential additions / deletions to research priorities



Questions for consideration

- Are there any priorities that should be removed or added to this list?
- Are there any additions or deletions to the target species listed under the applicable priorities?
- Are there any additional Council Research and Monitoring needs where a citizen science approach may work that aren't included on this list?
- Which of the priorities may help address the most immediate needs for science and management?