You may want to include a file called CITATION or CITATION.txt that describes how to reference your project; the [one for Software Carpentry (Links to an external site.)](https://github.com/swcarpentry/website/blob/gh-pages/CITATION) states:

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