

Wild Cities Photography Competition Terms and Conditions

These terms and conditions govern Earthwatch Europe's *Wild Cities* Photography Competition 2023. The competition organiser is Earthwatch Europe. By accepting the Terms & Conditions of the competition and subsequently submitting your photographs, you have entered into an agreement with the organiser.

The organiser reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions without notice.

This competition has been created in partnership with Canon Europe.

1 Competition entry

By entering the competition, you agree to the provisions of these terms and conditions and to comply fully with them. The competition opens on Thursday 27th April 2023 and closes on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 23:59. Submissions must be received by the closing date. Any submissions received after the closing date will not be accepted. For every photo entered into the competition, Canon will give £5 (up to a maximum of £38,400) to Earthwatch Europe to fund the creation of a new Tiny Forest.

2 Eligibility

The competition is open to all UK residents over the age of 18 with the following exceptions:

- Employees or relatives of employees of Earthwatch Europe or Canon UK and Europe
- Professional photographers, defined for the purposes of this competition as those who earn more than 25% their income through photography

Those in doubt as to their eligibility must contact the organiser for clarification before entering. The organiser's decision on eligibility is final. If you are under the age of 18, you must have permission to enter from your parent or guardian. By submitting an entry for the competition, your parent or guardian is deemed to have given such consent and to agree to the use of the entry as described in these terms and conditions.

3 What to enter

Photographs must be digitally submitted at a resolution of 300 pixels per inch at A4 (i.e. image dimensions of at least 1920 x 1080 pixels) in JPG/JPEG file format, maximum file size 10MB. The organiser reserves the right to crop and enhance photographs where appropriate. If in doubt, please ask us before submitting by contacting hello@earthwatch.org.uk

Photographs must not have won an award in any other photographic competition. Images taken by a drone or similar technology will be refused.

The photographs will be judged against the following brief:

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- Represent the wildlife that is native to the UK
- Images must represent the natural environment and therefore, images of animals raised or held in captivity or pets are not eligible (including livestock).
- Images must not contain identifiable people
- Submissions that appear to Earthwatch Europe to have been created in a way that breaches wildlife law are not eligible and may lead to us passing the details onto the police or relevant authority.
- The organiser reserves the right to refuse any entry to the competition for any reason.
- Digital adjustments and cropping are acceptable. However, the organiser reserves the right to withdraw submissions that are heavily edited.

4 How to enter

The competition opens on Thursday 27th April 2023 and closes on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 23:59. Entries received after this time will not be accepted.

Applicants may only enter one image per month. Entries must be submitted digitally via the competition website. No other forms of submission will be accepted.

By submitting images to the Earthwatch Europe Photography Competition, each entrant confirms and warrants that:

- They are the sole author of each entry and that it is their original work;
- They own the copyright and any other intellectual property rights of each image;
- They have the permission of anyone pictured in the image (or, where the image shows any persons under 18, the consent of their parent/guardian) for the usage rights required by Earthwatch Europe and will indemnify Earthwatch Europe against any claims made by any third parties in respect of such infringement;
- They have not licensed or disposed of any rights in the image that would conflict with uses to be made by Earthwatch Europe;
- They have received any necessary permissions from the owner(s) of objects including buildings included in submitted images for the usage rights required by Earthwatch Europe and will indemnify Earthwatch Europe against any claims made by any third parties in respect of such infringement.

5 Judging

All photos submitted will be shortlisted by competition organisers and the final 30 images will be put forward to our judging panel. The judging panel will assess the images against the following criteria:

- How well does it reflect the theme?
- Creativity – is it fresh and original?
- Impact - what emotions or reactions are evoked from the submission?
- Technical skill (composition – sharpness – framing – use of colour and light)

6 Announcement of winners

The winners will be contacted by telephone or email as soon as possible after the judging panel has picked a winner, at the latest by the end of November 2023 and publicly announced via social media and other Earthwatch publications.

7 Prizes

Prizes are supplied by Canon Europe. There will be a prize for the competition winner, who will be selected by the judge panel. In addition, there will be a monthly prize draw for all entries, chosen by random selection. Details of the prizes are provided below, there is no cash alternative or exchange. Organisers reserve the right to amend or alter prizes without prior notice.

Competition Winner

The overall winner will receive a Canon EOS R50 mirrorless camera, including an RF-S 18-45mm zoom lens. In addition, they will be provided the opportunity to be involved in Earthwatch Europe's Tiny Forest Project. They will be invited to select the location of a Tiny Forest, funded by Canon Europe, from a predetermined list of locations.

Monthly prize draw

Each month, competition entrants from a given month are automatically entered into a prize draw with the following schedule:

Date entry received	Monthly competition	Date winner drawn
27 th April – 31 st May	May	Wednesday 7 th June
1 st June – 30 th June	June	Wednesday 5 th July
1 st July – 31 st July	July	Wednesday 9 th August
1 st August – 31 st August	August	Wednesday 6 th September
1 st September – 30 th September	September	Wednesday 4 th October
1 st October – 31 st October	October	Wednesday 8 th November

Entrants from previous months are not rolled over into subsequent months. The monthly prize draw winner will receive either a Canon PowerShot ZOOM monocular zoom camera or a Canon Powershot G7 X Mark III compact digital camera. Prizes will alternate and cannot be chosen by the winner.

8 Usage Rights

By entering the competition, you grant Earthwatch Europe and Canon Europe a non-exclusive, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free and free of charge licence to reproduce, enlarge, publish, republish, display or exhibit, on any media, the images for all purposes. This will include but may not be limited to:

- On the Earthwatch Europe and Canon Europe websites and social media channels, any other websites of Canon Group or its agents/contractors, and in marketing materials (including at exhibitions.)
- In conjunction with sponsors to promote this photography competition
- In external print and digital press to publicise the competition and/or the work of Earthwatch Europe and Canon Europe

- In any other Earthwatch Europe promotional materials, including but not limited to information leaflets, booklets or posters
- Merchandise, including but not limited to greeting cards, calendars, prints and posters, for sale by the Trust online or otherwise.

Not included in this licence is the use of the images for product sales communication or paid-for media advertising by Canon Europe. Copyright will remain with the photographer. Any funds raised from related sales will be used by Earthwatch Europe to further its charitable aims. The organisers will make every reasonable effort to ensure that name credits are given to any photograph published in any medium for any purpose.

8 Data Protection

Earthwatch Europe will keep your details on its secure database to administrate the competition, use your images (see usage rights) and contact you with news directly relating to this competition (e.g. the outcome).

With your permission, Earthwatch Europe will also send you information about other activities, plus regular updates about ways to get closer to nature, project updates, events, volunteering opportunities and fundraising news and other information about Earthwatch Europe. You can opt in or unsubscribe to these communications at any time.

We value your privacy and promise to keep your personal details safe and secure, and we will never sell your data. For more information, please find our privacy policy at:

<https://earthwatch.org.uk/privacy-policy>

9 Indemnity and Limitation of Liability

To the maximum extent permitted by law, Earthwatch Europe excludes its liability for any loss, damage, injury, cost or expense suffered by you, whether directly or indirectly and howsoever caused, in connection with the competition and use of any prize.

Nothing in these terms and conditions shall exclude Earthwatch Europe's liability for death or personal injury arising from Earthwatch Europe's own negligence or any other liability that cannot, as a matter of law, be excluded. You agree to indemnify Earthwatch Europe and keep Earthwatch Europe indemnified against any loss, damage, injury, cost or expense suffered by Earthwatch Europe as a result of your entry in the competition, including (but not limited to) any claim of infringement of intellectual property rights made by any third party.

10 General

The information given in these Terms & Conditions is correct, but Earthwatch Europe reserves the right to change any of it without prior notice. By entering the competition, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Terms & Conditions. Any breach of these Terms by an entrant will void their entry. If a breach has occurred, but is discovered after the award of any prize, then the organisers may require the return of that prize. Earthwatch Europe's Privacy Policy applies to the competition and use of the

Earthwatch Europe Photography competition website. You can read our full privacy policy at: <https://earthwatch.org.uk/privacy-policy>

You agree that if you are a winner you will take part in and cooperate fully with reasonable publicity and to the use of your name and photograph in such publicity. These Terms and Conditions shall be governed and construed in accordance with English Law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English court.