

1 Which countries are involved in this photo contest?

The Union of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Zanzibar. They are the beneficiary countries of the GCCA+ project funded by the European Union.

2 What is the winning prize?

The details of the prizes of each category are specified in article 6 of the rules.

3 Who can participate?

These criteria can be found in the contest rules (Article 2).

You can register to the categories "Visible or felt effects of climate change on the environment" and "Adaptation or mitigation solutions" if:

a) you are a citizen and/or resident of the Union of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles or Zanzibar;

b) you are 18 years of age or older at the time of registration.

You can register for the "Islands facing climate change" category reserved for the youth if:

a) you are a citizen and/or resident of the Union of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles or Zanzibar;

b) you are between 12 and 17 years old at the time of registration;

c) you have a parental authorisation.

4 I am not from one of the countries but I live there, am I allowed to participate?

You can participate in this contest if you have proof of residence in one of the following countries: Union of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles or Zanzibar.

5 I have the nationality of one of the countries mentioned but I do not live there, am I allowed to participate?

You can participate in this contest if you are a citizen of one of the countries but do not reside there. However, the photo submitted must have been taken in one of the territories mentioned in article 1 of the rules, including the maritime areas.

6 How to participate?

Participation is exclusively online at the following address: www.commissionoceanindien.org/concours-photo-contest.



7 I am 18 or older, can I enter both open categories?

No, you can only submit one entry. You will need to choose between "The visible or felt effects of climate change on the environment" OR "Adaptation or mitigation solutions".

8 Can I submit more than one entry for the same category?

No. You can only submit one entry per category. (Article 2.5 of the rules)

9 My photo has already won a prize or has been submitted to another contest for which I am waiting for the results. Can I submit it to the photo contest?

No. Photos submitted must be unpublished and have never been used in publications or awarded in other contests.

10 What documents do I need to submit?

For participants of 18 years or older:

- The completed form (online)
- Authorisation to take and use an image duly completed and signed by the person(s) appearing in your photo (if applicable)
- The photo

For the participants between 12 to 17 years old:

- The completed form (online)
- Authorisation to take and use an image duly completed and signed by the person(s) appearing in your photo (if applicable)
- The completed parental authorisation
- The photo

11 How many photos will be selected?

One photo per category will be selected as the winner. (Article 5.4). In addition to the winning photo, the jury will select 14 photos per category to be included in a book that will be published as well as in the communication and awareness actions that will result from this contest. (Article 5.5)

12 Who will be in charge of evaluating the photos?

The jury will be composed of three (03) climate change specialists and two (02) image professionals.

13 What are the evaluation criteria?

The detailed evaluation criteria can be found in article 5.3 of the rules.



14 When and how will I be informed of the results?

The deadline for applications is August 19, 2021 (as evidenced by the date the form is sent). Applicants will be informed individually by email of the outcome of their entries no later than September 2021.

15 Can I use a smartphone to take the picture?

Yes.

16 In what format should I send my photo?

The photo should be submitted in PNG or JPG format.

17 What are the criteria to be respected?

The photo must be:
- in color or black and white
- of high resolution
- in the following formats: 16:9 or 4:3 (portrait or landscape), square (1:1). Any other format will not be accepted (e.g. panoramic via smartphone)
- The name of the photo file must be in the form "title-name-firstname.jpg" or "title-name-firstname.png".

The photo can be digitally enhanced to make exposure calibration adjustments (contrast, brightness, color balance...). However, the content cannot be digitally manipulated. The members of the jury reserve the right to exclude any photo they deem excessively modified.

18 What is the maximum size that should not be exceeded?

The photo should not exceed 15 Mb.

19 Why do I need to add a caption to my photo?

The caption allows you to understand the relevance of the photo, to tell the story of the character, to situate the action, etc... The quality and originality of the text will also be considered in the jury's evaluation.

20 Who do I contact if I have problems submitting my application or for any other information?

If you have not found answers to your questions in the rules or in this document, you can contact the IOC at communication@coi-ioc.org.