



## World Seagrass Day 2024

### Photo Competition.

To celebrate world seagrass day on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 the IORA Indian Ocean Blue Carbon Hub is holding a photography competition to highlight these extraordinary ecosystems.

Seagrasses are marine flowering plants found in shallow waters creating meadows that are highly productive and biologically rich habitats. They only cover 0.1% of the world's ocean floor but account for 10 – 18% of the total carbon burial in oceans. They also provide food and shelter for a diverse community of animals and sustain some of the largest fisheries as they provide nurse grounds for commercial important fish and prawn species.

Initiated by environmental groups and endorsed by the United Nations, World Seagrass day highlights the critical role seagrasses play. The aim is to raise awareness about the conservation of seagrass meadows and their importance in combating climate change and supporting marine life.

#### **We want to see your amazing photography!**

Send us your favourite seagrass related photos from the Indian Ocean. Entries can include pictures taken of you conducting seagrass field research, aerial drone photos or even photos in the water, we want to see your best pictures. Also, tell us in 25 words or less how you are celebrating World Seagrass Day.

**The winner will receive an IORA Blue Carbon Hub prize pack and have their photograph featured on the IORA Blue Carbon Hub website!**

#### **How to enter**

Send your photos to [IORA.BlueCarbonHub@csiro.au](mailto:IORA.BlueCarbonHub@csiro.au)

Entries will be accepted from **1st March 2024** and close **29 March 2024**. No late entries will be accepted after 29th March.

#### **Please include the following in your entry:**

- First name:
- Last name:
- Affiliation:
- Country:
- Email:
- Subscribe to IORA Blue Carbon Hub Newsletter? Y/N/I'm already signed up!

Please see the below Terms and Conditions below

For more information visit the [IORA Indian Ocean Blue Carbon Hub](https://www.iora.org/indian-ocean-blue-carbon-hub) website or contact [lauren.hardiman@csiro.au](mailto:lauren.hardiman@csiro.au).

## **World Seagrass Day 2024 Photo Competition Terms and Conditions:**

These terms and conditions govern the photography competition run by the Promoter (**Competition**). By entering the Competition, each entrant agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions.

**Promoter:** The Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Institute (**CSIRO**).

**Entry eligibility:** This competition is open to professional photographers, amateurs, and enthusiasts. An entrant must be an individual and not a company or organisation.

**Competition period:** The Competition opens on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and closes on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (**Period**). Any entry received before or after the Period will be deemed invalid.

### **Entry procedures:**

- The Competition is free to enter.
- Entries must include the information stated in 'How to Enter' above.
- Images must be larger than 1mb but not exceed 4mb.
- Images must be saved as a High-Quality JPEG.
- Please re-name your photographs to the following format: First name\_Last name\_country.
- You may only enter the Competition once.

**Judging details:** All judging decisions are at the discretion of the Promoter's panel of judges (**Panel**). The Panel's decision regarding the Competition is final and binding on all entrants. In judging the entries, the Panel will consider the quality (sharpness, suitable lighting, composition), degree of difficulty and creativity in the photograph and how relevant it is to World Seagrass Day].

**Prize restrictions:** The prize is not transferable or exchangeable and cannot be redeemed for cash. In the event that the prize becomes unavailable, the Promoter reserves the right to substitute a prize of similar value as the original prize.

**Licence:** By submitting your entry to the Promoter, you grant the Promoter a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, sublicensable, perpetual licence to adapt, reproduce and communicate your entry, in whole or in part, to the public on the Promoter's the IORA Blue Carbon Hub's websites and social media pages, and in IORA Blue Carbon Hub educational or promotional material such as presentations and webinar events.

**Privacy:** You agree that the CSIRO may use your personal information provided in your entry in relation to the Competition, in accordance with the [CSIRO Privacy Policy](#).

**Warranties:** You warrant that:

- all information provided with your entry in the Competition is complete, accurate and true;
- the photograph is an original image, taken by you;
- you have all necessary rights and licences to grant the rights and licences set out in these Terms and Conditions;
- the exercise of the rights and licences granted to the Promoter will not infringe any rights of any person (including any intellectual property rights).

*Note: All copyright in the photograph entries remains with the photographer.*

**Liability:** To the full extent permitted by law, the Promoters will not be liable for any damages, expenses, injury or any other loss (whether direct or indirect) to persons or property arising from any person entering into the Competition or accepting, receiving or using any prize.