



mont
Photo

inspirats per la natura

 5+1
anys

rules 2022 ^{ENG}



Welcome to MontPhoto's 2021 International Nature Photography Contest, open to amateurs and professional photographers and videographers from all over the world organised by the MontPhoto Association.

Our mission is to add value and help spread the art of photography in order to raise awareness and protect nature.

The contest rewards the photographic **excellence** of its participants. We seek **innovative** and **inspiring** images picturing original stories, unknown places, new perspectives, surprising behaviours or new interpretations of what is already known to us. We look for a glimpse that documents the diversity, the beauty, the mystery and the fragility of life on our planet.

MontPhoto is committed to respecting nature and that is why **the work presented to this contest must show natural situations respecting the authenticity of the scenery, conserving the living beings in their habitat and by all means avoiding their suffering and the disruption or interference with their behaviour.**

The MontPhoto Association is a non-profit organisation, in accordance with Spanish law, and can therefore not benefit financially from its activities. Any budgetary variation will always be used in that regard.

Contest sections:

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHY

- A. MOUNTAIN ACTIVITY
- B1. MAMMALS
- B2. BIRDS
- B3. OTHER ANIMALS
- B4. PLANT LIFE
- B5. LANDSCAPE
- C. UNDERWATER WORLD
- D. ECOLOGICAL REPORT (Human effect on nature)
- E. ART IN NATURE

PHOTOGRAPHY

- F. NATURE PORTFOLIO

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

CHANGING PLANET (under 25) (See competition rules)

OPEN CALL

MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING – Video (See competition rules)

AWARDS

Prizes worth over 37,000€ will be awarded as following:

GENERAL AWARDS

- **MontPhoto 2022 Award of Honour:** 2.000 € + diploma (including category prize)
- **First Prize in each category:** 500 € + diploma.
- **Second Prize in each category:** 300 € + diploma.
- **5 Honorary Mentions in each category:** Diploma.

SPECIAL AWARDS

- **Special Award “Counties of Girona”:** 300 € + diploma
- **Special Award “Lloret de Mar”:** 300 € + diploma.
- **Special Award Olympus “Be free”:** 300 € + diploma.

YOUTH AWARDS

- **3 Awards in the youth category (15-17 years old) and 3 Awards in children’s category (up to 14 years old)**

PORTFOLIO AWARDS

- **First prize: 1000 € + diploma.**
- **5 Honorary Mentions: Diploma**

Every awarded Portfolio will have access to a commented review at the Festival and are eligible to be published in a broadsheet magazine.

MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING

- **First prize in each category:** 500 € + diploma.
- **5 Honorary Mentions:** Diploma.

AEFONA AWARDS

- **2 awards in each category for the two best qualified AEFONA members.**

Every awarded participant - honorary mentions included - will receive a copy of the **book “Inspired by Nature 2022”, an invitation to the Awards Ceremony** and a one night stay in a double bedroom with breakfast included.

PARTICIPATING WILL BE FREE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MONTPHOTO COMMUNITY (CHECK TERMS BEFORE REGISTERING!)

Payment will be made through **PayPal or credit card**, following the instructions on our website.

GENERAL: General registration fee is 25 €.

VIDEO: 15 € through FilmFreeway.

YOUTH: Registration for photographers under 18 years old is free in every case.

Each participant can enter the contest with up to 25 images freely distributed in the general categories of the contest, and one portfolio with 10 to 15 images.

Registration will be online through the web www.MontPhoto.com. **Closing date 30/04/2022.**

Participation in the Changing Planet contest is free.

Important information

Participation is exclusively online.

We highly recommend a thorough read of the competition rules.

The contest organizers will contact you from the following email address: info@MontPhoto.com. Please, include it in your list of contacts to avoid any miscommunication.

COMPETITION RULES

The MontPhoto competition rules have been supervised in collaboration with AEFONA (Spanish Association of Nature Photographers), the Catalan Nature Photographers' Society (SCFN) and IRCC. The guidelines given by the IFWP, the CEF (Spanish Confederation for Photography), FCF (Catalan Federation of Photography) and FAF (Andalusian Federation of Photography) were also taken into account.

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES

A. MOUNTAIN ACTIVITY

B1. MAMMALS

B2. BIRDS

B3. OTHER ANIMALS

B4. PLANT LIFE

B5. LANDSCAPE

C. UNDERWATER WORLD

D. ECOLOGICAL REPORT (Human effect on nature)

E. ART IN NATURE

PORTFOLIO PHOTOGRAPHY

F. NATURE PORTFOLIO

MOUNTAIN:

A - Mountain activity:

Photographs that show sportive mountain activities such as alpinism, climbing, skiing, canyoning, white waters, caving or any other activity related to mountaineering...

NATURE:

B1 - Mammals: Mammals at any stage in life.

B2 - Birds: Birds at any stage in life.

B3 - Other animals: Animals not included in categories B1 and B2 at any stage in life, such as amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates, etc.

B4 - Plant Life: Plant species in their original habitat, including fungus.

B5 - Landscape: Landscapes with minimal human intervention.

C - Underwater world: Pictures taken using underwater technique (fresh or salt water) of flora, fauna and habitats.

REPORT:

D - Ecological report: Pictures showing any element or activity caused by humans (or its consequences) which has a negative effect on natural areas (wild fauna and flora, land, water, air, climate or natural scenery). Pictures must clearly and unequivocally show the reported activity or element as the main element. Originality will be especially valued as well as the message delivered with the picture and the elements provided to trigger an environmental wake-up call. The author should describe the reported activity. It is highly advisable to enclose supporting facts and data that reinforces it. The jury will have access to this information during the selection stages.

ART:

E - Art in nature: Creative compositions or abstractions based on natural environment.

PORTFOLIO:

F- Nature Portfolio: An ordered collection of about 10 to 15 photographs with individual quality and combined narrative power. The portfolio must show coherence and harmony. The story can be inspiring, provocative or revealing about any area of the natural environment.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Special Award "Counties of Girona". Pictures eligible for this award are those presented in all general categories of the contest taken in the area of Girona.

Special Award "Lloret de Mar". Pictures eligible for this award are those presented in all general categories of the contest taken in Lloret de Mar.

Olympus Special Award "Be free". Any photograph that represents freedom of nature or the creative freedom of the author are eligible for this award. The images will be among those presented in all categories regardless of the camera used to take them.

To apply for the Special Awards, you have to tick on the desired option while registering.

AEFONA ADDITIONAL AWARDS

2 awards in each category for the two best qualified AEFONA members.

2. REGISTRATION AND FORMATS

The competition is open to all amateur and professional nature photographers worldwide. None of the organizers of MontPhoto, volunteers, sponsors, members of the jury or members of their families will be allowed to take part in the competition.

Each participant can register only once with up to **25 photographs** distributed across the general categories of the contest.

Payment will be made through Paypal or by credit card, following the instructions on the web.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MONTPHOTO COMMUNITY: SUBMIT YOUR WORK FOR FREE AND ENJOY ALL THE ADVANTAGES!

GENERAL: General registration is 25 €.

YOUTH: Registration for participants under 18 years old is free.

The first step is your **online registration** at **www.MontPhoto.com**

Once registered, you will have to fill in a formal application.

Pictures can only be uploaded once the participation rights' payment is done.

The uploaded images **can be modified at any time** until the deadline is due. Registration closes on April 30th at 23:59.

The picture format must be **JPEG**. The **size of the file** must be 1920 pixels on its longest side.

Organizers will request the RAW files of ALL the photographs that reach the final phase of the contest on June 11th, 2022. From this date, participants will have eight days to upload their RAW files (If your pictures reach the last stage of the competition and you know in advance that you will be out of reach within those days, please contact the organization in advance).

If necessary, RAW files might be demanded at any other previous stage of the contest. Should the raw files not be presented on time, then the image would be automatically disqualified.

Images that do not comply with the required format standards will be rejected.

Photographs needed for the exhibition will be handed over in the biggest possible size and quality in JPEG format.

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Cropped images will be accepted as long as the crop is not excessive and the resulting image has a size of over 10 MP without interpolation.

Photographs consisting of multiple exposures on camera are allowed, provided they have been taken in the same sequence, place and time checking for that purpose the image metadata tags.

All checking, verification and accreditation of authenticity of the photographs submitted to the contest will be carried out by comparing the JPEG edited image to its original RAW and carrying out a complete diagnosis of the editing / development actions on the original, both globally and by zones.

Photographs won't be accepted if we detect the following:

Modifications not allowed on the original photograph, such as distortion on dimensions or perspective transformation.

Excessive global or partial processing values.

Alteration or modification of pixels in specific areas of the image (removing, cloning or manipulation).

RAW obtaining options not allowed as "Overlay" or "Multiple Non-Sequential Exposure".

Should MontPhoto detect a will on part of the participant to mislead the public in a malicious manner, all of the participant's images submitted to the contest could be disqualified.

To evaluate the files, MontPhoto will use the IRCC analysis platform. Its diagnosis will remain non-binding but is aimed at helping the verification process and the results will be made available to the jury.

You will find more information about the IRCC tool on the website www.ircc.photo.

4. GENERAL RULES

Pictures of domestic and farm animals, as well as cultivated plants, are **not allowed** - except for category D (Ecological report) and F (Portfolio).

It is mandatory to specify whether the animal lives in captivity, has been trained or if any action has been used to induce a specific behaviour when the picture was taken.

Photographs **must have been taken recently** in order to show its content in a fashion as close to current reality as possible.

The contest rewards the originality of the work. Therefore, submitting images awarded in other contests is not recommended.

We recommend participants to avoid submitting similar images in different categories.

Photographs **must not have** frames, edges, water marks nor captions.

We recommend participants to include a caption when submitting an image in order to help the jury appreciate all the details and the possible background of the picture. Captions will be mandatory once the RAW files are demanded from the participants and, for that reason, special access will be granted for editing purposes.

Please, learn more about the values of MontPhoto, AEFONA's decalogue of actions and the IRCC's Ethic Manifest. We highly recommend all participants to read and apply to these guidelines.

5. AWARDS

MontPhoto 2022 Award of Honour: 2.000 € + diploma.

First Prize in each category: 500 € + diploma.

Second Prize in each category: 300 € + diploma.

5 Honorary mentions in each category: Diploma.

Special Award "Counties of Girona": 300 € + diploma

Special Award "Lloret de Mar:" 300 € + diploma.

Special Award Olympus "Be free": 300 € + diploma.

3 Awards in the youth category (15-17 years old)

3 Awards in the children's category (up to 14 years old)

First prize PORTFOLIO: 1000 € + diploma.

5 Honorary mentions: Diploma

Every awarded participant - honorary mentions included - will receive a copy of the book **"Inspired by Nature 2022"**, **an invitation to the Awards Ceremony** and a one night stay in a double bedroom with breakfast included.

In the event that you are unable to attend the Awards Ceremony, you can appoint someone else to collect your prize on your name. Outside inland Spain, only cash awards will be sent.

Participants can enter the youth category if they are under the age of 18 up till the contest registration deadline. It is mandatory to provide the data of the legal guardians, as supporting documentation will be requested to the winners.

AEFONA awards given to the best photographs of its members in all contest categories.

Acceptances to all award-winning members of the CEF, FCF and FAF, according to their own regulations.

Membership ID of these associations is essential to opt for the awards or special awards offered by them.

6. JURY and VERDICT

The MontPhoto Jury for 2022 will include 5 experts who are currently in the process of being selected.

The jury's decisions will be final, so no claims or appeals will be accepted against them. None of the awards will be declared null and void.

The jury reserves its right to move entries from one category to another when applicable or appropriate.

Members of the Jury can be replaced in case of necessity.

7. CALENDAR

Closing date of the inscription to the competition: April 30th 2022 at 23.59.

Request of RAW files: June 11th, 2022

RAW files admission: June 11th – June 18th, 2022.

Contact with finalists: July 1st, 2022.

Presentation and prize awards in Lloret de Mar: October 8th, 2022

Awarded and runner-up photographs exhibit: October 8th – 31st, 2022.

The Award Ceremony will take place on October 8th, 2022 in **Lloret de Mar**, at the **Municipal Local Theatre**. The event will coincide with the **MontPhoto FEST 2022** and can be followed through the website and through social media.

The MontPhoto organization will get in touch with all the finalists in strict confidence to confirm their assistance at the Awards Ceremony in Lloret de Mar, where the winners will be announced.

8. EXHIBITION AND CATALOGUE

The awarded and runner-up photographs will be exhibited at the **Local Exhibition Room in Lloret de Mar's Culture House** between October 8th -31st, 2022. The organization will work to make the exhibition itinerant at a national and international level.

The organization will edit a high-quality book with all the selected images named **"Inspired by Nature 2022"** which will be distributed to all participants who have previously booked it. The cost of the book is exclusively destined to fund it and fund its distribution.

Participants can pre-order a copy at a special price of 20€ (shipping costs not included) when registering.

Members of the MontPhoto Community will get a free copy of the book.

9. LEGAL ASPECTS

Participants must declare they are the authors of each of their works and have all the rights to dispose of them.

Pictures where a recognizable or identifiable person appears (categories in which the presence of people is admitted), must include a consent form signed by that person and a Copyright Release Form attached to it. MontPhoto shall not be liable for possible claims against the authors, which may be a reason to disqualify the photograph.

Awarded and runner-up works can be reproduced in books, catalogues, posters or any other printed or digital platform, as well as distributing it to press and/or magazines in order to promote MontPhoto.

MontPhoto may also use them for **training and educational projects** organized by the entity itself.

The name of the author will always be mentioned and the author will grant the reproduction rights to the organization of the contest for this purpose. This grant is non-exclusive but it is extended to any future editions. The use of these pictures cannot be used with lucrative purposes.

The organization will compensate the authors of their reproduced work with a copy of the book. **(International shipment not included).**

Liability and data protection

Taking part in the MontPhoto 2022 edition implies accepting each and everyone of these statements. The organization will resolve any situation not foreseen in this document.

A proof of electronic submission will not be considered proof of receipt by the organization.

All personal data belonging to participants will be treated with confidentiality by the organization according to the Spanish law on data protection from 03/2018 (LOPD-GDD).

Participants can contact the organization at any time to update their data and/or preferences related to the authorized use of their personal data.

COMPETITION FOR THE SELECTION OF THE BEST NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER IN SPAIN CEF



ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS

CHANGING PLANET 2022 (under 25 years old)

Changing planet 2022

HELP US CHANGE THE PLANET

This is an invitation to show the changes of the world we live in: a broadening climate crisis, an increasing environmental pollution, the loss of biodiversity...Take part and show how all of these changes not only happen far away in remote places but also very close to home.

CHANGING PLANET CONTEST

A new contest at MontPhoto aimed at young photographers under 25 who will be entitled to submit up to 5 pictures showing the relationship between people and the environment around them.

COMPETITION RULES

This is a FREE contest that benefits from the MontPhoto structure and develops parallel to the main contest in terms of calendar, registration and format.

The awarded images will be included in the MontPhoto 2022 exhibition and shown at the Awards Ceremony during the MontPhoto Festival as well as in regular catalogues and communication programs.

Thanks to the joint venture between MontPhoto and the Berlin-based international platform "Changing Planet: Network for Young Photographers", the awarded images will be a part of an itinerant exhibition led by this platform.

Three images will be chosen among all participants under 18 years old and three images will be chosen among participants between 18 and 25 years old.

NOTE: All legal aspects not specified in these brief rules will follow the MontPhoto 2022 competition rules.



Concurs internacional de fotografia i vídeo de natura i muntanya

Associació MontPhoto
PO Box num. 107
Travessia Mas Romeu, 3
17310 - Lloret de Mar (Girona), Espanya

www.montphoto.com

CONCURSO RECONOCIDO POR :



CONCURSO RECOMENDADO POR :



Storytelling Multimedia

ENG

rules 2022
video



mont
Photo



inspirats per la natura



OPEN CALL

MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING

At MontPhoto we know that it is time to enhance the importance of stories about the natural world. We want to show the power of visual storytelling and lead to positive and restorative action toward our natural world. We need authentic, moving and original stories to address different audiences. Nature depends on it.

We also want to know about your adventures, challenges and projects in contact with the mountains and nature.

This is the right time to know your story, it is the right time to watch those scenes, it is the right time to listen and understand your work, the right time to join MontPhoto's new Multimedia Storytelling contest.

Storytelling Multimedia

1. CATEGORIES

VM. MOUNTAIN STORIES

Action films including adventure, sports or challenges in the mountains or the natural environment, such as mountaineering, expeditions, climbing, hiking, caving, skiing, sport climbing, paragliding, canyoning, kayaking, rafting, adventure, MTB or extreme sports.

VN. NATURE STORIES

Audiovisual pieces that tell us a story linked to nature, with its conservation, observation, knowledge or admiration. Stories with any type of interaction with human being are accepted.

2. REGISTRATION

The contest is open to professional or amateur films from all around the world. None of the members or employees of MontPhoto, trustees, workers and sponsors of the contest, members of the jury and their families who have taken part in any process of the works presented will be allowed to participate.

The registration fee for the video category is € 15. Participants under 18 years old can enter the contest for free.

Each participant can submit one video in each category.

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The maximum length of the film will be 15 minutes, including the credits lines.

All the films submitted must include a file with subtitles in English.

All the films will be submitted through the platform <https://filmfreeway.com>

The selected films for the final stage must be provided in high-resolution format and can be done in any of these modes:

- A DCP copy (with non-embedded subtitles)
- Usual digital file (mov or mp3) encoded in **.h264** and with a resolution equal to or greater than **full HD, 1080p**.

4. GENERAL RULES

Videos must be produced within the last four years (not before January 1st, 2018).

Each video must contain the registration form completed with all the requested information.

5. AWARDS

1st Prize for the winners in each video category: € 500 + Diploma.

Honorary Mentions for each video category: Diploma

All winners will receive an invitation to the Awards Ceremony as well as a hotel night stay in a double room with breakfast included.

In the event that you are unable to attend the Awards Ceremony, you can appoint someone else to collect your prize on your name. Outside inland Spain, only cash awards will be sent.

6. JURY and VERDICT

The MontPhoto Jury for 2022 will include 3 experts in the matter.

The jury's decisions will be final, so no claims or appeals will be accepted against them.

Members of the Jury can be replaced in case of necessity.

7. CALENDAR

Contest registration closes: April 30th, 2022 at 23:59 hours.

Verdicts: June 1st, 2022.

Request for the finalist videos to upload them: August 1st, 2022.

Presentation and awards ceremony in Lloret de Mar: October 8th, 2022.

The Awards Ceremony will take place on October 8th, 2022 in Lloret de Mar, at the Municipal Theater. The event will be part of MontPhoto FEST 2022 and can be followed through the web and social media.

MontPhoto will contact all the finalists to confirm their attendance at the awards ceremony on October 8th in Lloret de Mar. The winners will be revealed at the theater.

The organization may set up a public screening of the videos selected in the final phase should there be large number of participants and should the situation allow for it.

These films will be selected by the jury and would be included in this year's MontPhoto FEST.

8. LEGAL ASPECTS

Participants declare that they are authors of each work submitted to the contest and possess all rights to its exploitation in all formats and that they will respond for any claim that may be initiated regarding copyright, exonerating the organizers of the competition of any responsibility.

Likewise, he/she states that he/she has obtained the corresponding authorization from the people or entities that have rights to the music, images or other intellectual property that appears in the film.

If the film is admitted to competition, the copy submitted to the selection will become part of the Festival's historical archive and may be used as an internal query or as promotional for the Festival. Once the Festival is over, the awarded films and honorary mentions may be exhibited by the organization in non-profit cultural events, making mention of the awards obtained.

MontPhoto may also use them for **training and educational projects** organized by the entity itself.

The name of the author will always be mentioned and the author will grant the reproduction rights to the organization of the contest for this purpose. This grant is non-exclusive but it is extended to any future editions. The use of these pictures cannot be used with lucrative purposes.

Liability and data protection

Taking part in the MontPhoto 2022 edition implies accepting each and everyone of these statements. The organization will resolve any situation not foreseen in this document.

A proof of electronic submission will not be considered proof of receipt by the organization.

All personal data belonging to participants will be treated with confidentiality by the organization according to the Spanish law on data protection from 03/2018 (LOPD-GDD).

Participants can contact the organization at any time to update their data and/or preferences related to the authorized use of their personal data.



Concurs internacional de fotografia i vídeo de natura i muntanya

Associació MontPhoto
PO Box num. 107
Travesía Mas Romeu, 3
17310 – Lloret de Mar (Girona), Espanya

www.montphoto.com

