



PHOTO STORY SUBMISSION: Rules, Terms and Conditions

By entering this content, you agree to the following official rules (“Rules”) and legal conditions (“Terms and Conditions”) and affirm that your entry comply with the terms set in the Rules and in the Terms and Conditions.

Who Can Participate

The IUCN Photo Story Contest (“Contest”) is open to all talented individuals of every skill level—from passionate beginners to seasoned professionals.

Theme

We are looking for striking digital photographs that illustrate or tell a story about one of the following themes from the Balkhila Model Forest:



Majestic Landscapes: Flora, Fauna & the People



Potential risks to environment



Solutions addressing environmental challenges

High-resolution images (JPEG/PNG) must be accompanied by a brief caption and description (about 50 words) explaining the context or story behind the photograph and the relevant theme.

Eligibility

By entering the contest, participants warrant that they have the rights to their submission

- Photos must have been taken in the Balkhila Model Forest
- Photos must be in digital JPG/PNG format with the following specifications:
 - o Photos submitted should not be altered except in accordance with industry accepted standards of cropping and minor/subtle tone, brightness and colour adjustments. Photos should accurately reflect the subject. Material changes such as addition or subtraction of content are not allowed.





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How to Enter

*The following is the format:

- Image Format: High-resolution (JPEG/PNG)
- Size Limit: Maximum 8 MB per photo and no smaller than 1 MB
- Caption & Description*: High-resolution images (JPEG/PNG) with a brief caption and description (about 50 words) explaining the context or story behind the photograph and the relevant theme.
- Geo-tagging: Location coordinates or geo-tagging may be included where relevant.
- Submission Limit: One photo per theme (up to 3 photos per person).

*Include the following information in your email:

- ✓ Full Name
- ✓ Designation & Occupation (e.g., Student, Photographer, Researcher, etc.)
- ✓ Phone Number
- ✓ Photo Theme

✉ Email your photograph(s) to: **iucn.india@gmail.com** alongside a photo caption and description.

- ✂ Image file name: BMF_Theme_1 (e.g., BMF_Majestic _1)
- ✂ Subject Line: IUCN India_Balkhila Model Forest – Photo Story Submission

Deadline

The call for submissions ends on 31 March 2025. Late submissions will not be considered.





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Judging

The top 10 photos will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Clear interpretation of one of the BMF themes
- High-quality image with a clear focus and good lighting
- Conveys a story that evokes a mood or emotion

The panel consisting of IUCN India staff will reserve the right to make the final decision on the winning photos, based on the above criteria.

Winning Photos

Selected entries will be featured at the International Model Forest Network virtual annual meeting in Canada, and winners will receive recognition and a certificate.

Your Rights

Entrants retain ownership to any photograph they submit. However, each entrant grants IUCN a royalty-free and non-exclusive license to use and sub-license such photograph, for educational and non-commercial purposes.

Each use of the photograph will be credited with © NAME OF COPYRIGHT OWNER and the appropriate caption, if there is space. In case natural, recognizable persons are depicted in a photograph submitted to this photo competition, each entrant shall ensure that these persons have given their consents for the described use of their images.

This does not refer to photographs taken in public places where random members of the public are identifiable only hypothetically and to public persons acting in their public activities.





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AI Usage:

Please note that the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate or significantly alter images is not permitted. All entries must be authentic, original works captured by the photographer using conventional means. Any submission that is found to be AI-generated or substantially modified using AI will be disqualified.

By signing this document, I confirm that I/we own all rights on the photo (or have the right to use it in the context of this contest) and I consent to participate in the Balkhila Model Forest photo contest organised by the IUCN India and I have read and agree to all the rules of the BMF photo contest.

I IUCN royalty-free rights to use my photo at the BMF future knowledge products developed for non-profit purpose. I understand that failure to comply with the submission guidelines may result in disqualification. IUCN India is not responsible for any technical issues during the submission process.

*By submitting my photograph(s), I accept these terms and conditions in full and agree to abide by all rules of the contest.

Name

Date

* Submissions missing any of the above details will not be considered.

