

Pacific Year of Climate Change 2009 Photo Competition

Visualising the vulnerability of the Pacific islands

In conjunction with **The Pacific Year of Climate Change**, SPREP is sponsoring a photo competition to highlight the beauty and fragility of the Pacific islands environment. Winning entries will be exhibited at SPREP headquarters in Apia, Samoa, and at regional and international climate-related events. The Pacific islands are on the front line of the impacts of climate change and therefore have a unique opportunity to provide a warning to the rest of the world about the dangers posed by the problem. Still, other than a few clichéd images of shoreline erosion and tropical storms, it is increasingly difficult for people throughout the world to visualise exactly what we in the Pacific face. This is your chance to share the impacts of the changing climate with the world.



Eligibility

The contest is open to nationals of all SPREP member countries or territories. Photos must be taken in any Pacific island country or territory between 1 January 2006 and 30 August 2009.

Entry fees

There are no entry fees.

Entry rules and requirements

1. SPREP staff, staff of other Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies and immediate family members are not eligible to enter.
2. All entries must be received no later than midnight GMT, 1 October 2009.
3. All entries must be submitted in digital format (either PSD or TIF) with resolution no less than 1024x768 at 300dpi, or as positive transparencies 35mm or larger.
4. Entries must be from nationals of SPREP member countries and territories.
5. Photos must be taken in SPREP member countries and territories.
6. Entries must not have been previously published in any form and may not have been selected in other photo competitions.
7. The person(s) submitting an entry must be the legal rights-holder for the image concerned and certifies this to SPREP at the time of entry.
8. Person(s) submitting an entry retain the copyright to the submitted materials, but grants explicit right to SPREP to publish and otherwise utilise for SPREP activities all entries electronically and in print without further compensation.
9. Submissions will not be returned.
10. No more than five entries per person will be accepted.
11. All entries should be accompanied by a caption or brief abstract describing the photo.
12. Photos will be judged by a panel selected by SPREP, with the judges' decision final.

Copyright

Photographers retain the copyright to all works submitted, but grant SPREP the right to use photos in connection with its not-for-profit climate change awareness activities.

Prizes

All prize-winning photos, honourable mentions, and selected other entries will be published in the exhibition catalogue to be published in December 2009 and receive a copy of the catalogue.

Winners in each category will have their entries exhibited at SPREP Headquarters, the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December 2009, and on the SPREP website, and will receive additional prizes to be determined.

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Sponsors

The contest and exhibition will be sponsored commercially, with prizes donated by sponsors. For more information on sponsorship opportunities for your company or organisation, please email ewanc@sprep.org.

Categories

- The fragile beauty of the Pacific islands
 - Impacts of climate change
 - Adaptation to climate change
 - Pacific islands biodiversity
 - Pacific islands peoples and cultures
- For more information, go to www.sprep.org/climate_change/PYCC/photocomp.htm

