

The world biggest contest of underwater photography

The Blue Earth Underwater Photo Contest 2018

Organized by Marine Diving Fair Organization

The Blue Earth Underwater Photo Contest is the worldwide competition of underwater photography. All the 800 winning works will be exhibited in MARINE DIVING FAIR 2018, held on April 6(Fri.) - 8(Sun.) 2018 at Ikebukuro Sunshine Bunka-kaikan Hall C&D., Tokyo, Japan.

GENERAL OUTLINE

- Qualifications

Anyone who enjoys underwater photography

Open to both amateurs and professionals (professionals cannot enter Beginner category)

Submitted prints must be taken by the applicant her/himself, unpublished and have no plans for publishing.

- Categories

A. **Oceanic Nature and Environment:** u/w photographs of unusual creatures or the very moment of life habits of creatures(which appeal for environmental preservation or coexistence with the nature)

B. **Regular:** u/w photographs with artistic quality (subjects other than Environment, Nature and Beginner)

C. **Beginner:** theme –free. Open to only amateurs, who have within 5 years of experience of u/w photography or less than 100 dives.

D. **Beach Photo:** Artistic photographs of the beach, sunset or nature scene.

Category	Prizes	Required Format
Oceanic Nature and Environment	1 st prize for 1 person	35mm positive films or 5*7inch(127mm*178mm) prints* (*Original data/films must be attached)
	2 nd prize for 1 person	
	3 rd prize for 1 person	
	Honorable mentions for 197 persons	
Regular	1 st prize for 1 person	Certification of supplementary prize
	2 nd prize for 1 person	
	3 rd prize for 1 person	
	Honorable mentions for 297 persons	

Beginner	1 st prize for 1 person	Certification of supplementary prize	5*7inch(127mm*178mm) prints only (*Original data must be attached)
	2 nd prize for 1 person		
	Honorable mentions for 198 persons		
Beach Photo	1 st prize for 1 person	Certification of supplementary prize	
	2 nd prize for 1 person		
	Honorable mentions for 98 persons		

※Additionalary there are sponsor special awards.

- Judges

Mr. Tomoyasu Fukunaga: Ex-manager of Photo Section, The Asahi shinbum,

Director of The All –Japan Association of Photographic societies

Mr. Takashi Okutani: Emeritus Professor of Tokyo University of Fisheries / Honorary President of Malacological Society of Japan

Mr. Hiroshi Senou: Director of Curatorial Division, Kanagawa Prefectural Museum of Natural History

Mr. Junji Takasago: Nature Photographer

Mr. Yasuaki kagii: UW Photographer

Editorial department of Marine Diving magazines

- Exhibition

Place: A gallery of The Blue Earth Underwater Photo Contest 2018 in MARINE DIVING FAIR 2018 (Ikebukuro Sunshine Bunka-kaikan Hall C&D, Tokyo, JAPAN)

Date: April 6(Fri.) - 8(Sun.) 2018

- Copyrights

The Blue Earth Underwater Photo Contest 2018 has the rights to exhibit and publish prize-winning photographs without any compensation.

APLLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Application Format

Regular and Oceanic Nature and Environment: 35mm positive films or 5*7(127mm*178mm) prints

Beginner, Beach Photo: **5*7(127mm*178mm) prints only

*Original data (JPEG) or films must be attached.

**The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and special prize winners will be required to submit the original JPEG data or film for prize-winning print.

- Maximum number of entries

No limit per person for Oceanic Nature and Environment, Regular category.

10 works per person for Beginner and Beach Photo category.

You can apply for more than one category, but submitting the same or similar photo for multiple categories is strictly prohibited.

- Entry fee

Oceanic Nature and Environment, Regular:

1,000yen per work (ex. If you submit 3 pieces, 3,000yen will be charged)

Beginner, Beach Photo:

1,000yen per category (ex. If you submit 5 pieces to Beginner and 2 pieces to Beach Photo, 2,000 yen will be charged)

Credit card (VISA, AMEX, or MasterCard) available.

- Application Deadline

All the entries must be received before January 22, 2018

- About prize-winning photographs

1. Prize will be cancelled if the works are
 - A. Lack of morality
 - B. Already published or submitted to any other photo contest.
 - C. Resemble to any other published photographs
2. Winners who submitted only prints will be required to send the original data or films for prize-winning prints.
3. 1st and 2nd and 3rd prize winners of Regular , Oceanic Nature and Environment category and 1st and 2nd prize winners of Beginner , Beach Photo category and sponsor special award winners are required to attend the awarding ceremony of The Blue Earth Underwater Photo Contest 2018, which will be held in Ikebukuro, Tokyo, April 7, 2018

- Instructions in sending photos

Please complete the application form and pack your works as indicated below.

- A. 35mm positive films
 1. Write photographer's name, category and title, indicate top of the photo, and write "RETURN" if necessary on the slide mounts.
 2. Put slide mount between cardboards and fix them with a rubber band (DO NOT use Scotch tape).
 3. Put slides in the suitable plastic bag, and put it in the envelope with completed application form.

B. 5*7(127mm*178mm) prints

1. Complete the data sheet and paste it on the backside of the **each** photos.
2. Put prints between cardboards and fix them with a rubber band (DO NOT use Scotch tape).
3. Put prints in the suitable plastic bag, and in the envelope with completed application form.

NOTICE:

SEPARATE application forms and envelopes when applying more than one category.

● Address to

**The Blue Earth Underwater Photo Contest 2018
Marine Art Center Co., Ltd.
Sogo Hanzomon bldg.,
1-7 Kojimachi, Chiyoda-ku,
Tokyo 102-8612 JAPAN**

*We shall not be responsible for any accident or damage that may occur during transport.

● Return of films

Submitted original films can be returned at the request of the applicant. We will charge 600yen(to Japanese residents) / 1,500yen(to oversea residents) **per category** for delivery. Make sure to completely fill the application form, write, "RETURN" on the slide mounts and pay the charge. Any duplicated films, prints or data will not be returned.

We shall not responsible for postal accident or damage during delivery.

For further information, please contact us!

The Blue Earth Underwater Photo Contest 2018

Phone: 81-3-3222-0317 Facsimile: 81-3-3222-0310

E-mail: photo-con@marinediving.co.jp

Please visit our website and check the details (Sorry Japanese Only)

<https://www.marinediving.com/photocon/>

The Blue Earth Underwater Photo Contest 2018 ENTRY FORM

Please check your entry category ▶ Oceanic Nature and Environment / Regular / Beginner / Beach Photo

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zip code	Phone No.		Fax No.					
address	E-mail address <input type="text"/>							

■ Entry fee

- Oceanic Nature and Environment ... ¥1,000 × photos
 Regular ¥1,000 × photos
 Beginner ¥1,000
 Beach Photo ¥1,000

■ Total ¥

Charge my : VISA AMEX MasterCard
 Card number : Expiration Date :
 Signature :

■ Questionnaire

Q.How did you know this photo contest?

Magazines (title)
 Websites (title)
 Other ()

■ Send entries to:

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 Chiyoda-ku,Tokyo,102-8612, JAPAN

■ Inquiries to:

TEL:81-3-3222-0317 FAX:81-3-3222-0310
 E-mail:photo-con@marinediving.co.jp

■ Print Data

category				indicate the top with ↑	<input type="checkbox"/>
No.	title				
name					
camera	brand	model	housing		
location				date	