

SUBIOS 2009

Images Contest (Slide and Digital)

ENTRIES

Entries are now invited for the underwater Image contest for SUBIOS 2009.

There will be 1 category:

1. Image Contest (these can either be digital or slide images).

RULES

Slide Category

1. A minimum of 2 images per participant may be submitted.
2. Entries should be submitted as 24mm X 35mm mounted slides in plain, non-glass mounts with an entry fee of Euro 25 per pair. Any number of slides per participant may be submitted.
3. Please submit duplicates, not originals, if possible. Slides must be marked with photo title and category entered. Place a large dot on the lower left-hand corner of the mount indicating the side to view.

Digital Category

1. The minimum image size for contest entries is 1024 x 768 pixels. Images should be submitted in JPEG format. Contest entries may be submitted on a CD Rom.

It is advisable that digital underwater images from Seychelles are submitted on a format equivalent to 300dpi, 60cm X 43cm RGB. (This will facilitate the printing of the SUBIOS poster for the following year).

2. Only the following image editing techniques are permitted:
 - cropping
 - adjusting brightness
 - resizing
 - adjusting contrast
 - adjusting levels
 - adjusting sharpness
 - adjusting curves
 - adjusting colour balance
3. Minimum entries of 2 images should be submitted with an entry fee of 25 Euro per pair of images. Any number of images per participant may be submitted.
4. In all cases, the work submitted must have been taken by the individual submitting the entry and whose signature appears on the entry form.

GENERAL RULES

1. Entries must under no circumstances have been the winning submissions of any photographic competition anywhere in the world.
2. In the event that the provenance or description of any photographic image footage submitted to SUBIOS competitions be discovered to be otherwise than claimed on the entry form for the same, the SUBIOS organizers shall have the right to disqualify the image/footage concerned from the competition and to renounce or withhold any award or reward or prize pertaining thereto.
3. Participants in SUBIOS photographic competitions shall have no right to challenge any decision of the panel of judges responsible for the adjudication process in the aforementioned competitions.

PAYMENT

1. Payment for entries in the SUBIOS photographic competitions may be effected either by bank draft or electronic transfer where the transferor shall be solely responsible for all charges related to the same.

Payment Details

Name of Account : Seychelles Tourism Board Marketing Fund
Bank : Nouvobanq, Victoria House, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles
USD Account number : 32002-036515007
EURO Account number : 21002-036515007

2. All enquiries regarding competition entries and payments should be directed to Ms Selma Magnan at selma.m@seychelles.com or mariana.t@seychelles.com

Images must adhere to conservation rules and they will be automatically disqualified if they exhibit any of the following:

- Photographs with divers touching or stressing the marine life.
- Marine life being fed
- Marine life being set in any unnatural environment or location
- Divers with equipment dragging or visibly damaging the environment
- Aquarium or pool shots.
- Divers disturbing sand or damaging the reef.

Images can be taken anywhere in the world.

Images not in accordance with any of the aforementioned rules shall be disqualified. The Contest Organisers take no responsibility for the images submitted. Entries must reach the Contest Organisers no later than 31st August 2009.

The result of the competition will be posted on our website within three days of the end of the SUBIOS festival.

DEADLINE

Entries must reach the Contest Organisers no later than 31st August 2009.

Entries should be sent to

**Marketing, Events & Incentive
Seychelles Tourism Board (STB)
P O. Box 1262, Victoria
Mahé
Seychelles**

JUDGING

A panel of experts will select the 15 best overall images.

The 15 images will be voted on by the public during the week of the festival with the winner being announced during the closing ceremony.

PRIZES

1. Three specially designed trophies will be awarded to the top three images selected by the jury. The first prize winner will also win one week accommodation on bed and breakfast basis.
2. For the Best Underwater Image Shot in Seychelles, one week accommodation on bed and breakfast basis.
3. One specially designed trophy to be awarded to the winner of Public Choice.
4. In the event that a local resident wins, a return airfare to participate in an overseas underwater festival will be awarded.

SUBIOS 2009 IMAGE CONTEST - ENTRY FORM

It is important to write your address legibly.

ENTRY FEE		
RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	
FREE	Euro 25 per pair image	
CATEGORY	IMAGE 1	IMAGE 2
NAME OF IMAGES		
WHEN AND WHERE PICTURE WAS TAKEN		

Name of Entrant	
Postal Address	
Country	
E-mail Address	
Phone Number	
Fax Number	

AGREEMENT

I agree to abide by all the rules and conditions as published for this contest. By entering this contest I also agree that material I have entered may be used without a fee or further permission from me in the promotion of diving and dive tourism in Seychelles and for use in promoting SUBIOS through event sales.

Signature: _____

Date: _____