

# Meghalaya Wildlife Photography Competition 2019

Department of Zoology  
St. Anthony's College, Shillong

## About the competition:

Meghalaya forms an integral part of the Indo-Myanmar Hotspot belt with its rich and diverse faunal biodiversity. Though there are reports of the beautiful and varied wildlife of Meghalaya, yet a broad documentation of these creatures is still lacking. In this aspect, the department of Zoology, St. Anthony's College, will be organizing a Meghalaya wildlife photography competition which aims to create awareness among the general public and citizens of Meghalaya about the diversity of animal species found in the state. This will in turn educate and enable them to respect and love nature. For this competition, the word “**wildlife**” will be restricted to animals found in their **natural wild habitat**.

## Rules and Regulations

### 1. Eligibility:

- 1.1. The competition is open to all.
- 1.2. Images that have won prizes in prior competitions or have been used for commercial purposes and/or been published will not be eligible.
- 1.3. The theme for the photography is “**Meghalaya Wildlife**”
- 1.4. The entry is **free** for **school students**. For college and university students there will be a minimal entry fee of **Rs. 50/-**. For non-students, the entry fee is **Rs. 100/-**.

- 1.5. Entry fees can be paid to this account

Account Name : **ST ANTHONYS COLLEGE SHILLONG ZOOLOGY ALUMNI**  
Account No. : **3765336814**  
IFSC code : **CBIN0283935**

## 2. Submission of entries:

- 2.1. Images of not more than **5 MB** in size must be submitted online and the organizers may request for higher resolution images subsequently. All entries will be judged and winners will be notified via **email/SMS**.
- 2.2. Submitted images should be in **JPEG** format.
- 2.3. Each participant can submit only **two photo series** (2 animals) with a minimum of **three (3) images per series**.
- 2.4. The pictures **should preferably be geotagged** with date and time. (For android phones, turn on the “location” function in your camera settings. Open the image details page, take a screen shot of that page where the coordinates are shown and send this screen shot along with the photo. For DSLR cameras without GPS, please take a second photo with your smart phone following the instructions above.)  
**Pictures without geotag will also be eligible for submission.**
- 2.5. Digital manipulation which distorts the reality of the images will not be allowed. Only basic enhancements such as sharpening, contrast adjustment or simple cropping will be allowed.
- 2.6. The organizers reserve the right to reject images with incomplete details required under the photo submission form. The submission deadline is **15<sup>th</sup> October 2019** before 5:00 PM.
- 2.7. All submitted images are non-returnable. The **file name** for each image should be clearly labeled with the participant’s name.
- 2.8. Participants are entirely responsible for all entry-related costs.
- 2.9. Participants are to email their entries to **SACWildlifePhotography@gmail.com** with the **attached entry form and information annexure**. (Form and annexure attached).
- 2.10. Participants are to name the subject of the email as **“Wildlife Photography 2019”**.
- 2.11. Receipts of entry fee should also be attached/uploaded along with the photographs.

2.12. The filled-up information annexure should also be uploaded along with the photos and entry form.

### **3. Copyright/intellectual property:**

3.1. Each image submitted must be the original and unpublished work of the participant who must also be its copyright owner.

3.2. The participant shall retain copyright to the image entered for the competition.

3.3. By submitting the images for the competition to **SACWildlifePhotography@gmail.com**, the participant will be regarded as having granted the organizers the right to use the image in print, broadcast and/or electronic media without any fee payment, for the purposes of promoting the competition or areas related to the organizers' work. Images received by the organizers through the competition could be used for commercial purposes. The participant will be acknowledged accordingly.

### **4. Prizes:**

4.1. Prizes are non-transferable and non-exchangeable for cash or kind.

4.2. The organizers reserve the right to change or replace the competition prizes and/or modify the rules and regulations of the competition as and when necessary, without prior notice.

4.3. The organizers shall not be liable for any fault with any of the prizes and any issues or quarries relating to the condition of the prizes and should be referred to the manufacturer/supplier of the prizes.

4.4. Cash prize of **Rs. 20,000/- (Twenty thousand only)**, **Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand only)** and **Rs. 5000/- (Five thousand only)** will be awarded to the first, second and third prize winners respectively. Certificate of participation will be given to all participants.

## **5. Judging and results:**

- 5.1. The images will be selected by a panel of judges and their decision is final. No correspondence pertaining to the selection process and decision will be entertained. The process is confidential.
- 5.2. The judging panel reserves the right not to award the prizes if the images submitted do not meet the requirements stated in this document.
- 5.3. The results of the competition will be declared on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November, 2019.

## **6. Acceptance of rules and regulations:**

- 6.1. By submitting an image for the competition, the participant will be regarded as having accepted and agreed to be bound by the rules and regulations of the competition.
- 6.2. While the organisers will exercise due care during the collection, selection and storage of images, they shall not be held liable for any loss, theft or destruction of the images.

## **7. Organisers:**

- 7.1. Department of Zoology, St. Anthony's College, Shillong.

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