

The World Soil Day -2022
Photographic Competition
Conducted by
Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka

As declared by the UN General Assembly, the World Soil Day is held annually on 05th December, to focus attention on the importance of soil health and to advocate the sustainable management of soil resources. This year, the World Soil Day will be held under the theme "Soils: Where food begins" aims to raise awareness on healthy eco systems and human wellbeing.

The Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka (SSSSL), being the main Professional Association working with soil science, has organized a series of activities to celebrate world soil day in Sri Lanka in order to popularize soil science among school children and the general public. The Photographic competition is one such event as photography is an art which develops the inner creativity of a person and helps to perceive things differently.

Details of the Photographic Competition:

Theme: "Healthy soil- Healthy life" ("නිරෝගී දිවියකට නිරෝගී පසක")

Competition categories

1. School children (age over 15 years)
 2. Others: open to all citizens of Sri Lanka above 18 years of age
- The 10 best photographs from each category will be selected by an independent panel of experts.
 - The most popular photograph among the selected 10 will be determined by opening public voting in social media
 - Successful contestants who selected for award winning stage will be notified by Society of Soil Science of Sri Lanka

Prizes and awards

- Valuable cash prizes for the photographs placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd & the most popular and certificates for all 10 selected will be awarded at The World Soil Day celebrations to be held on 5th December 2022 at an event conducted at the SRICANSOL Centre, the SSSSL headquarters in Peradeniya.

Rules and Regulations

- Closing date of the competition - **01st November 2022**
- A contestant is permitted to submit a maximum of **three (03)** entries
- Entries must be either original digital images (color or black and white) in **JPG or JPEG** format.
- Minimum size of the **shortest edge of the image should be at least 1000 pixels (not larger than 10MB)**
- All photographs should be captured within Sri Lanka.
- Contestants are NOT permitted to submit images those have already been published.
- All photos should follow digital guidelines of the competition and be submitted via email to: worldsoilday22@gmail.com
- Each applicant is expected to fill the following Google form:
(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R5g7-nNrR7BRz2KhbTd9eTCOTVWOMTXcyTkx0zatbZU/edit?usp=sharing>) to submit **his/her details** (name, address, contact number, date of birth, grade and school for school children) and a **short description of each photograph** submitted.
- School children should upload a scanned copy of Principal certificate (see Google form)

When an image reaches the award-winning stage,

The contestant will be requested to submit the following: RAW file (e.g. CR2, CRW), or original JPEG as captured by the camera. DNG files are only permitted if DNG is the native RAW format of the camera.

All finalists will be required to provide the information such as where, when and how the picture was taken and technical details (camera, lens, exposure, speed, and other equipment used). The SSSSL will contact the relevant contestants on or before 30th October 2022 by email requesting above details.

The SSSSL cannot be held responsible for emails not delivered due to security settings/ restrictions placed by the applicant's Internet service provider.

Digital guidelines

1. **Format** Images should be submitted as JPEGs with no interpolation applied. Save JPEGs at the highest possible quality setting (e.g. 12 in Photoshop).
2. **File size requirements** for the initial submission – 1000 pixels on the shortest side. Images must be taken on a sufficiently high-resolution camera – at least six million pixels, on the highest setting. No borders, watermarks or signatures should be included.
3. **Digital adjustments** should be limited to only minor cleaning work (removing dust spots), Adjustments to levels, curves, color, saturation and contrast work, are acceptable.
4. **Sharpening** used sparingly is allowed as over-sharpening often ruins the image. Cropping is also allowed, but be mindful of the effects on file size.
5. **Original conditions of the captured photograph must be maintained** .Compositing and multiple exposures are not allowed. Sandwich shots, double exposures, photographs which consist of more than one separate image and images that have been digitally manipulated outside rule 5 above, are not eligible. Adding or removing animals, parts of animals, plants, distractions, people etc. into/from the image is not allowed.
6. Labelling the file should carry :category (S-school/O-other, surname of applicant & 3 keywords describing the photograph(eg 1: S Liyanage water and soil : eg 2: O Silva soil with animals)
7. **Photographs with names/water marks will be rejected.**

Intellectual Property

- All photos must be originals taken by the contestant. No third party may own or control any materials the photograph contains, and it should not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, moral/ intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person.
- Ownership of the copyright in any entry submitted for the Competition will remain with the copyright owner(s). The photographer will be credited (e.g © photographer's name). The photographer agrees that SSSSL will not be liable to the photographer in the event of inadvertent omission of the credit.
- By entering the Competition, the contestant grants SSSSL a non-exclusive, irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, exhibit and communicate to the public, by any means and in all media throughout the world. However, SSSSL will NOT use any of these images for commercial purposes.

Data protection

- SSSSL is not responsible for emails which do not arrive on time due to security settings of entrant's email or restrictions placed by their Internet Service Provider. Entrants must ensure that their settings accept emails from worldsoilday22@gmail.com.
- SSSSL cannot accept any liability for loss/ damage to any entry submitted for the Competition

- SSSSL cannot accept any liability for the misuse of images and/or failure of any third party to comply with the guidelines of the Competition.
- SSSSL will not store or return non-awarded digital entries submitted into the Competition after the names of awarded photographers are announced.
- Entries found not to comply with the above Rules at any stage of the Competition will be disqualified. The final decision rests with the SSSSL.

For further details contact:

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