

World Soil Day 2023

Photo Contest

Undergraduate Students

Theme: Role of soil management for protecting our water resources

Deadline: 25th November 2023

Don't miss the chance to raise your voice to protect our precious water resources through your lens!

Are you a student following an undergraduate degree program in Sri Lanka, passionate in nature photography? This is a great opportunity to show your photography skills, creativity and keen interest for sustainable use of soil and water resources. Join the photo contest organized by the Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka as a part of the celebrations of the World Soil Day 2023 by submitting your photographs that showcase the role of soil management for protecting our water resources.

Through the eye of the camera the photographer may highlight the connection between the soil management of the water resource. Moreover, it is compulsory for the contestants to write a paragraph (max. 100 words) that conveys a message to the general public highlighting the importance of sustainable soil management practices to protect our precious water resources.

Ten best photographs will be selected by an independent panel of experts and shortlisted photographs will be posted on social media accounts for the public voting for the most popular photograph. Winners will be announced at the SSSSL website along with the celebrations of world soil day.

How to take part?

- Each contestant can submit up to three photographs by completing and submitting the [registration form](#) available in the website of the Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka (www.ssssl.org)

- Participants must own the copyright and must be the original photographers of the submitted photographs.
- The photographs should pertain to the specified topic.
- Each submitted photograph must be accompanied with a brief message to the general public (max. 100 words) written in a word document.
- Participants are encouraged to share their photos on their social media accounts using the competition hashtags: #WorldSoilDay and #WorldSoilDaySriLanka.

Requirements

- 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.
- 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 image and images that have been digitally manipulated are not eligible. Adding or removing animals, parts of animals, plants, distractions, people etc. into/from the image is not allowed.
- The submitted photos must not violate the rights of third parties, including trademark, privacy, publicity, or other intellectual property rights, and must not constitute copyright infringement.
- Images that have already been previously published are not permitted.
- Labelling of the photos should be done as follows.

Last Name_Initials_Number of the photo

E.g. If HIKG Herath submit two photos, the photos should be named as “Herath_HIKG_1” and “Herath_HIKG_2”

Prizes

- Valuable cash prizes will be awarded to the photographs that secure the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, places and the most popular photograph.
- Certificates of recognition will be awarded to the first 10 winners.

Conditions and copyright

- The SSSSL acknowledges and upholds the rights of photographers and does not assert copyright ownership of the images submitted to this contest. The author retains complete copyright for each entry, and due credit will be given to the author whenever the image is published.
- Participation in the contest grants permission to SSSSL for 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.
- The SSSSL does not possess the copyright, and authors are allowed to use their images for other purposes.

Submission and deadline

- Submission opens: 10th November 2023
- Submission closes: 25th November 2023
- Public voting of the 10 best submissions opens: 27th November 2023
- Public voting of the 10 best submissions closes: 4th December 2023
- Announcement of winners: 8th December 2023

For more details visit <https://ssssl.org/> or contact the secretary of the SSSSL through soilseisoclk@gmail.com