



I live by the Sea International Youth Contest

Instructions for Contestants

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. This Contest is organized by Today We Have (www.todaywehave.com) in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the UN (<http://www.nowyjorkonz.msz.gov.pl>), Ocean Sanctuary Alliance (<http://www.oceansanctuaryalliance.org/>), Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences (www.iopan.gda.pl), Sopot Science Association (www.stn.edu.pl).
- 1.2. The winners will be awarded by having their work exhibited at the United Nations headquarters along with receiving a participation diploma.
- 1.3. This Contest is for school children of ages up to 18.
- 1.4. The winners will be selected in three age categories:
 - 5 to 12,
 - 13 to 15,
 - 16 to 18.
- 1.5. Submission of works (1 photo and text) by 31 January 2017.**
- 1.6. Announcement of the results: May 2017.**
- 1.7. Current information about the Contest is available at: www.todaywehave.com.**
- 1.8. The language of the Contest is English.**
- 1.9. This set of rules creates the basis for the Contest and provides Contestants with their responsibilities and rights.

II. CONTEST GOALS

- 2.1. The *I live by the Sea* International Youth Contest is a continuation of a Polish project, which took place in 2015 and early 2016. The Organizers' goal is to spread and share



knowledge about marine environments and marine protection issues, as well as the exchange of information among users of different seas and marine oriented regions.

2.2. The *I live by the Sea* International Youth Contest also aims to involve youth of different natural and cultural heritage to share their views on marine issues in a creative way.

III. CONTEST THEME

3.1. Participants send **ONE photograph** and a **short text** related to the photo. Both the photo and text must reflect on marine issues, either global or local. Submissions may refer to such general categories as: Landscape, People or Animals. Some examples of themes include:

- **Biodiversity and invasive species.**
- **Marine protection, do we need it?**
- **How to behave on the beach.**
- **Overfished seas and oceans.**
- **Melting Arctic glaciers, what is the fate of Polar bears?**
- **My friend the dolphin.**

IV. TECHNICAL ISSUES

4.1. Each participant submits a photograph and a short text related to the photo. The text may be a story, a report, a description, a plea to humanity, etc.

4.2. All images must be submitted in JPG format and not exceed 5MB as a closed file. If selected, you may be contacted for a larger file that is suitable for the exhibition. Each text should be maximum 250 words. Formatting: Times New Roman, 11 pts., single space. Each text should have a title related to the photograph, along with the name of the Contestant and his/her address.

4.3. Each Contestant may send only ONE photo and ONE text.

4.4. Each submission may have up to 2 authors.

4.5. Contest Organizers provide a panel of judges for the selection of the best submissions.



V. PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST

5.1. Participation is voluntary and is free of any charges or fees.

5.2. Participation in the Contest is equal to agreeing to the Contest rules.

5.3. By submitting work to the Contest the applicant agrees to use his/her personal data for the purpose of the Contest.

5.4. Contestants agree that their works will be presented on the Today We Have webpage, both during and after the Contest.

5.5. Contestants agree that their works will be printed and exhibited by the Organizers free of charge, without time and space limits.

VI. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

6.1. Submissions can be made by children and young persons of ages up to 18 years old.

6.2. Submissions can be made individually by children or through their teachers, parents and/or legal guardians.

6.3. In case of collaborative works, contestants are required to be from the same age group.

6.4. In the event of too many submissions, the Jury will implement a pre-selection process for the submissions.

VII. RULES FOR SELECTING BEST WORKS

7.1. This Contest is a one stage event.

7.2. A panel of international judges will evaluate all submissions with respect to the photo quality and the text, taking into account originality and level of merit.



VIII. AWARDS

8.1. All winning submissions will be displayed in an exhibition at the United Nations headquarters in New York, USA. All costs regarding the exhibition will be covered by the Organizers.

8.2. All winners will be awarded with a Participation Diploma.

8.3. Jury decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

IX. SUBMISSIONS

9.1. Submissions should be made at www.todaywehave.com. Submissions can be made only after registering. Each submission MUST consist of a photo, text and the Contest Submission Form.

9.2. Each submission must include the following:

- a) First name and surname, age of the Contestant, address of the Contestant (or address of school or other institution), telephone number and email address.
- b) Title of the submission.

X. FINAL AGREEMENTS

10.1. Persons submitting work to the Contest hereby declare that the photo and a text are their original work and they are not using the intellectual or legal property of anyone else.

10.2. In case of questions please contact the Organizers at: biuro@todaywehave.com.