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INTERNATIONAL JURY REPORT

Wiki Loves Earth is a photo contest of the natural monuments, where participants picture protected areas and upload their photos to Wikimedia Commons. The goal of the project is, on one hand, to picture under a free license as many natural monuments and protected areas as possible, on the other hand, to contribute to nature protection by raising public awareness.

After years of successful organisation of Wiki Loves Monuments there was an idea of a similar contest for natural monuments. The idea of Wiki Loves Earth was born in April 2012 during a discussion at Wikimedia Conference. The idea was realised for the first time in Ukraine, where the contest was held from 15 April to 15 May 2013. Wiki Loves Earth became international in 2014 with 16 participating countries from four continents, and expanded its geography further in the following years.

In 2020, during the eighth edition of Wiki Loves Earth, 34 countries all over the world organized local contests. Among those, 7 countries have joined the competition for the first time: Belarus, Bolivia, Ireland, Guinea, Kenya, Rwanda, Turkey. The contest lasted between May 1 — July 31. Usually, WLE takes place between May and June, but due to the world health situation, it was extended by one more month. We have received 106 240 submissions, and 23% of these pictures are used in wiki projects. The contest attracted 9095 uploaders, and 83% of them have registered on Commons after the start of the competition.

The contest was organised in each country by local volunteers, either affiliated to a chapter or a user group or not. Each national jury submitted 10 local winners, totalling 340 pictures submitted to the international jury.

ABOUT WIKI LOVES EARTH

HOW THE JURY WORKS

Winners were determined by the 6-person international jury. Members were selected by the international team. The jury team was formed to be as diverse as possible: they are representatives of six countries and four continents. International jury members have different backgrounds: they are experienced Wikimedians and professional photographers.

340 nominations were submitted to the international organising team by the national juries of the participating countries. Each country was allowed to submit up to 10 images.

The nominations were collected in a judging tool managed by non-voting jury moderators. After pre-filtering ineligible files (small resolution below 2Mpx, not depicting any protected natural sites or species) 337 out of 340 photos

were submitted to the jury. On the first stage, all jurors rated all images with stars from 1 (poor) to 10 (very good). 43 images with ratings higher than 6 were selected as candidates for the final round. After the screening and checking relevancy of these photos the organizing team chose 39 photos that competed in the final evaluation by the jury members.

On the final stage, jury members rated (from 1 to 20) and commented on the 39 images. Comments were visible to other jury members, while rankings were not. These rankings were added together, and a combined jury ranking was produced. In case of equality of points in the final round, points from the first round were used as a tiebreaker.

INTRODUCE THE JURY

Osama Silwadi, Palestine

Osama Silwadi is a photojournalist, visual storyteller, archivist and folklorist. He worked with several local press organizations, French Press Agency, Reuters. In 2004, he founded the Apollo Agency, the first Palestinian photography agency. Osama was a jury member of several photography awards and contests, such as “Youth Eyes on the Silk Road” organized by UNESCO, Wiki Loves Monuments. Silwadi’s photos were published in leading international newspapers and magazines, such as National Geographic, Time and Newsweek. He also has held many local and international exhibitions, including in Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Italy, United States and France.

Carlos Figueroa, Chile

Carlos Figueroa is a dentist and active Wikipedian since 2005 and has contributed to Wikimedia Commons since then. As a part of Wikimedia Chile board since 2017, chair since 2020, he has been in charge of the “Chile in

images” project which portrays the main cultural events in the country. Also, Carlos was a member of the national jury of 2018 and 2019 editions of Wiki Loves Earth, and jury for other photographic contests, such as “6 months that changed Chile” and “Revealing Sites”.

Margaret Donald, Australia

Margaret Donald finds it an extraordinary privilege to be able to see the world through others’ eyes. Her first contribution to Wikipedia was an image to the Australian Wiki Science competition 2017, where her photograph of *Velleia paradoxa* was among the winners. She continues to contribute plant images to the Commons and has already uploaded 1050 photos of plants & habitat. In May 2020, 10284 pages on 65 wikis were using her images. She also has been incorporating other plant & habitat images into articles in addition to uploading them.

Shani Evenstein Sigalov, Israel

Shani Evenstein Sigalov is an educator, researcher and Free Knowledge advocate, focusing on bridging gender, language and social gaps. She works at Tel Aviv University, where she explores the intersection between technology, education and Openness. She serves as an EdTech Innovation strategist at the School of Medicine; she is a lecturer on campus, having designed and led courses related to Wikimedia projects, and she is currently pursuing her PhD at the School of education, focusing on learning via the Semantic Web, more specifically, using Wikidata as a learning platform. Shani has joined the Wikimedia Movement in 2011, and has been heavily involved in Outreach efforts. While serving on the Board of Wikimedia Israel, Shani has been involved in setting up Wiki Loves Monuments. She has a deep appreciation of art & photography and enjoys adding free-licensed media files to WikiCommons. As of 2019, she serves on the Board of Trustees of the Wikimedia Foundation.

Elena Tatiana Chis, France/Romania

Elena Tatiana Chis is an architect working in restoration and interior design in France. She is a part-time freelance graphic designer, passionate about photography (landscape and architecture), monuments and travel. Some of Elena's photos were presented in different exhibitions, some of them published in architectural

magazines and books, web articles (UNESCO), calendar (2013 KLM Social Calendar) etc. In 2016, she got to the top 10 winners of WLM in the following countries: 1st and 5th place in Morocco, 3rd place in Peru, 3rd and 4th place in Tunisia. The 3rd place in the national competition in Peru also became 42th place in the international competition. In 2017 Elena got the 3rd place for Wiki Loves Monuments Italy, Tuscany. In 2018 she was lucky again to get the 9th place in Wiki Loves Monuments France and next year she became one of the jurors of the French competition. Elena is also one of the Wiki Loves Monuments coordinators in Romania and one of the members of Wikimedians of Romania and Moldova User Group since 2018.

Nipah Dennis, Ghana

Nipah Dennis is a photographer based in Accra, Ghana. During his time at the university, he discovered photography from an online street photography publication. From there, he started reading about the medium and first started practising with his roommate's iPhone before getting his first digital camera. He has worked in many different categories in photography before finally focusing on documentary and photojournalism. Nipah is currently on the journey of finding the best practices in visual storytelling. He is a contributor to Wikimedia Commons and a 2019 winner of Wiki Loves Africa.



SATCHARI NATIONAL PARK

Photographer: Touhid Parvez Biplob
(Touhid biplob)

Site: Satchari National Park

Location: Habiganj District, Bangladesh

Chestnut-tailed starling (*Sturnia malabarica*),
Satchari National Park. [\[English\]](#)

বাংলা: কাঠ শালকি, সাতছড়. জাতীয় উদ্যান [\[Bangla\]](#)

Jury comments

Really like this one. Very dynamic, good focus on the subject and also good resolution.

I like the colors the movement and action, details, lovely one.

A useful photograph for both park and species.



PO RIVER DELTA

Photographer: Luca Casale

Site: Po River Delta

Location: Veneto, Emilia Romagna, Italy

Alcedo atthis (Common kingfisher) hunting in water. Natural reserves and contiguous areas of the Po river belt. [\[English\]](#)

Alcedo atthis (Martin pescatore) cacciando in acqua. Riserve naturali e aree contigue della fascia fluviale del Po. [\[Italian\]](#)

Jury comments

“ Good quality, dynamic, good focus, really like it.

Good one, drops of water and eye of bird looks same, good details.

Always good to see both a species and how it lives. (here having dived into the water and having caught a fish)

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RATARGUL SWAMP FOREST

Photographer: Nawas Sharif (Nawas505)

Site: Ratargul Swamp Forest

Location: Gowain River, Fatehpur Union,
Gowainghat, Sylhet,
Bangladesh

Ratargul Swamp Forest. [\[English\]](#)

বাংলা: রাতারগুল জলাবন [\[Bangla\]](#)

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Jury comments

“ Impressive sun light and reflexion. Nice illustration of rhododendron unique phenomenon of the Carpathian.

I love the light, Composing using all elements.

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YALA NATIONAL PARK

Photographer: Senthil Aathavan Senthilveri
(Senthiaathavan)

Site: Yala National Park

Location: Southern and Uva Provinces,
Sri Lanka

Baby tufted gray langur (*Semnopithecus priam*)
nestled under its mother's care at Yala National
Park - Sri Lanka. [\[English\]](#)

Semnopithecus priam, සිංහල [\[Sinhala\]](#)

Jury comments

“ Good capture. Very expressive.

I love this one. the composition and the light on the face of the baby. Wonderful depth and perfect lighting.

Babies always give hope, nice catch and nice light.

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MULU NATIONAL PARK

Photographer: Gurazuru

Site: Mulu National Park

Location: Marudi District, Miri Division,
Sarawak, Malaysia

The karst formation known as the Pinnacles, located near the top of Mount Api, Mulu National Park. [\[English\]](#)

Taman Negara Gunung Mulu. [\[Malay\]](#)

Jury comments

I love this. It shows us how the place looks.

Shows what I imagine is the so specific to this park: the wonderful geological formations and the steaminess.



KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK

Photographer: Ruchapong deemak
Site: Khao Yai National Park
Location: Hin Tung, Thailand

Malayan owl (*Bubo sumatranus*). [English]

Bubo sumatranus, อุทยานแห่งชาติเขาค้อใหญ่ [Thai]

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Jury comments

A good one.

I like this one, bit not sure about quality.

Illustrates the malayan owl and its daytime habits particularly well.



SUNDARBANS EAST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Photographer: Md Mehedi hasan456

Site: Sundarbans East Wildlife
Sanctuary

Location: Ganges Delta, Bangladesh

Trimeresurus erythrurus. Red-tailed bamboo
pitviper in attack mode. [English]

বাংলা: সুন্দরবন পূর্ব বন্যপ্রাণ অভয়ারণ্য থেকে এই
ছবিটি তোলা। [Bangla]

Jury comments

“ It's very sensitive moment, photographer but efforts waiting for the right moment.

I like the composition of this photo. Even though there are a lot of greens, the subjects still stand out and sharp.

It is a great picture, and we know the species and it is caught at a wonderful point.

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Photographer: Michael Angelo Luna (Micluna)

Site: Taal Volcano Natural Park

Location: Batangas, Philippines

Locals fishing in Taal Lake despite of the danger brought by Taal Volcano Eruption. [\[English\]](#)

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Jury comments

“ A good image. I love this one. A sense of scale.

Nice color, nice composing, not really sharp.

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PUSHCHA-VODYTSKY FOREST PARK

Photographer: Сергій Мірошник

Site: Pushcha-Vodytsky Forest Park

Location: Kyiv, Ukraine

Sympetrum flaveolum, Pushcha-Vodytsky Forest Park, Obolon district. [\[English\]](#)

Sympetrum flaveolum, Пуща-Водицький лісопарк, Оболонський район. [\[Ukrainian\]](#)

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Jury comments

Nice color.

A common dragonfly beautifully photographed.

Very beautiful colours in this photo. I like how the background colours compliments the subject.



Photographer: Khaustova Nadezhda
(NadezhdaKhaustova)

Site: South Kamchatka Nature Park

Location: Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia

Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) in front of the Vilyuchik Volcano, South Kamchatka Nature Park: Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia. [\[English\]](#)

Лиса-огневка (*Vulpes vulpes*) на фоне вулкана Вилючинская сопка, Южно-Камчатский природный парк: Камчатский край, Россия. [\[Russian\]](#)

Jury comments

I like that the image is layered. We see the area in the foreground and the area in the background. Gives us more information of the site.

Love the fox, curled up, warm and alert at its vantage point. He is the focus of the image. But oh, what a splendid background.



NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

Photographer: Daniel Msirikale

Site: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Location: Gregory Rift,
south of Lake Natron within
the Arusha Region of Tanzania

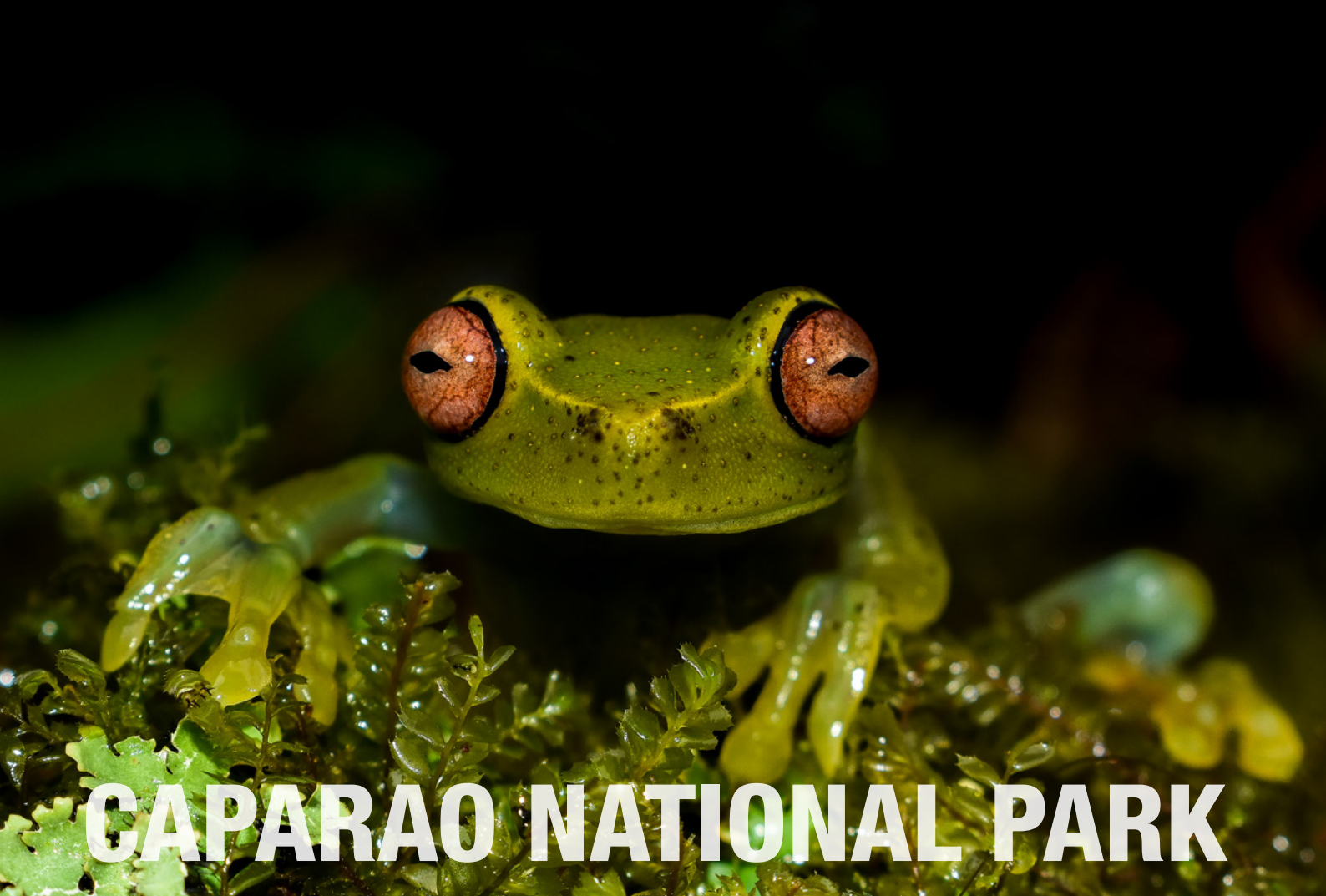
Ol Doinyo Lengai (Oldoinyo Lengai), „Mountain of God“ in the Maasai language, is an active volcano located in the Gregory Rift, south of Lake Natron within the Arusha Region of Tanzania, Africa. [\[English\]](#)

Jury comments

“ I like the different layers in this photo. You get to see what the place looks.

Excellent in terms of showing a particular place. I don't like the composition however.

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CAPARAO NATIONAL PARK

Photographer: Lucas Rosado Mendonça
(Rosadolucas)

Site: Caparao National Park

Location: different regions of Brazil

Aplastodiscus arildae. Caparao National Park, located in Iúna (ES), Irupi (ES), Ibitirama (ES), Dores do Rio Preto (ES), Divino de São Lourenço (ES), Alto Jequitibá (MG), Espera Feliz (MG), Caparaó (MG), Alto Caparaó (MG). [\[English\]](#)

Aplastodiscus arildae. Parque Nacional de Caparao de nível Federal, localizado (a) em Iúna (ES), Irupi (ES), Ibitirama (ES), Dores do Rio Preto (ES), Divino de São Lourenço (ES), Alto Jequitibá (MG), Espera Feliz (MG), Caparaó (MG), Alto Caparaó (MG) [\[Portuguese\]](#)

Jury comments

“ Like the focus and the close up. Very good quality.

This photo is sharp. The eyes are sharp and you get to see the details in the eyes.

It shows the head of the species well. Not enthusiastic about the composition.

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GEO-NATURPARK BERGSTRASSE-ODENWALD

Photographer: Herwig Winter (Hwbund)
Site: Geo-Naturpark Bergstraße
Odenwald
Location: Germany

Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) with caught fish
for feeding the children. [\[English\]](#)

Das Eisvogel-Männchen (*Alcedo atthis*) hat
eine Groppe erbeutet und ist auf dem Weg zur
Bruthöhle. [\[German\]](#)

Jury comments

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Nice one, but normal.

This is an average photograph
but then it gives information about
the bird, size and colours. Also the
fish gives it more information on
what it feed on. A tight crop could
have worked best.

The detail is excellent.

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BROMO-TENGGER-SEMERU NATIONAL PARK

Photographer: Andhika bayu nugraha

Site: Bromo-Tengger-Semeru
National Park

Location: Tengger Massif region,
East Java, Indonesia

When the sunset come from the corner of Gili Lawa stunning horizon, it's like the world is blessed all over again. [\[English\]](#)

Taman Nasional Bromo Tengger Semeru. [\[bahasa Indonesia\]](#)

Jury comments

Like it. It's a bit mystical.

I love the layers in the photo. However, I am not sure if that's the actual colors if the place. But it gives information on what to see at the place.

Agree about the possibly dodgy colours, but it certainly picks out so much which is characteristic and exciting about this place.



NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

Photographer: Dipu ME-12

Site: National Botanical Garden

Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Kingfisher, National Botanical Garden. [English]

বাংলা: জাতীয় উদ্ভিদ উদ্যান, বাংলাদেশে [Bangla]

Jury comments

This is an average photograph but then it gives information about the bird, size and colours. Also the fish gives it more information on what it feed on. A tight crop could have worked best.

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16th place

Photographer: Fabiosart

Site: Geothermal alteration fields
Monte Rotondo and
Sasso Pisano

Location: Italy



17th place

Photographer: Burak Demir

Site: Lake Meke

Location: Konya Province, central Turkey



18th place

Photographer: Touhid biplob

Site: Satchari National Park

Location: Bangladesh



19th place

Photographer: Sultan Ahmed Niloy

Site: Nijhum Dwip National Park

Location: Bangladesh

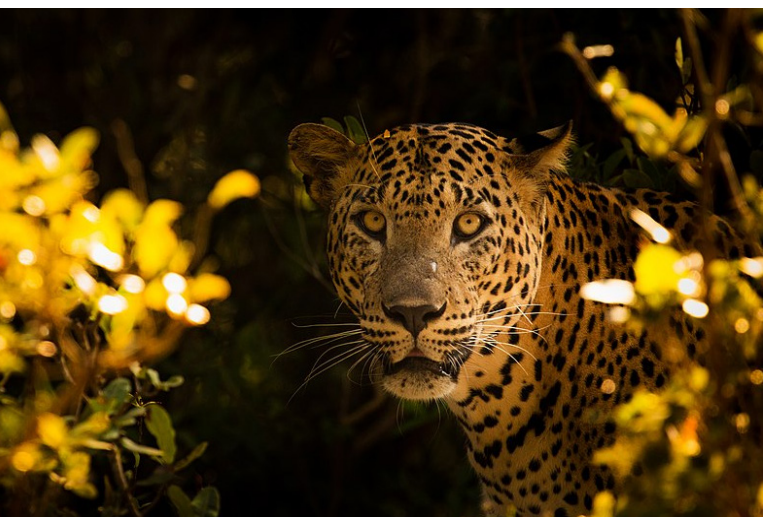


20th place

Photographer: Filippo Fratini

Site: Secche di Tor Paterno
marine protected natural area

Location: Italy



21st place

Photographer: Senthiaathavan

Site: Wilpattu National Park

Location: Sri Lanka



22nd place

Photographer: Hendrapictures

Site: CRU Samponiet Reserve

Location: Aceh, Indonesia



23rd place

Photographer: Byrdyak

Site: Masai Mara National Park

Location: Kenya



24th place

Photographer: Todi.leggieri

Site: Wetlands of Fossano and
Sant'Albano Stura

Location: Italy



25th place

Photographer: Samdesherpa

Site: Manaslu Conservation Area

Location: Manaslu range, Nepal



26th place

Photographer: Hwbund

Site: special area of conservation

Kaiserstuhl

Location: Germany



27th place

Photographer: Yash Bhattarai

Site: Gokyo lake system

Location: Nepal



28th place

Photographer: Sven Damerow

Site: Gülper lake

Location: Germany



29th place

Photographer: Shemlongakit

Site: Philippine Eagle Center

Location: Davao, Philippines



30st place

Photographer: Afrianto silalahi

Site: Tesso Nilo National Park

Location: Pelalawan Regency,
Riau Province, Indonesia



31st-32nd place

Photographer: VITORBBARBOSA

Site: Environmental Protection Area
of the Trindade and Martim
Vaz Archipelago

Location: Porto Seguro, Brazil



31st-32nd place

Photographer: Hwbund

Site: Nature reserve
Glockenbuckel von Viernheim

Location: Germany

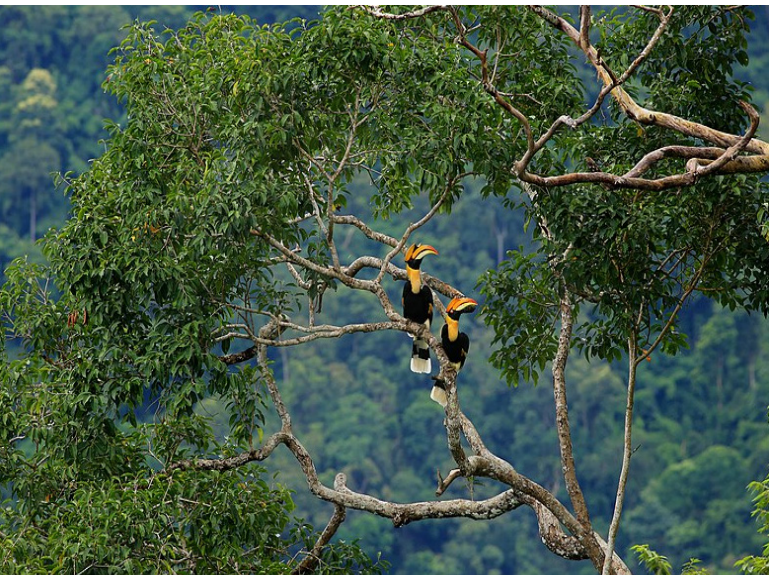


33rd place

Photographer: Paula Borkovic

Site: Slunjčica

Location: Karlovac, Croatia



34th place

Photographer: Pitchayawat

Site: Khao Yai National Park

Location: Thailand



35th place

Photographer: Farid AMADOU BAHLEMAN

Site: Pendjari National Park

Location: Benin



36th place

Photographer: Jonkmania

Site: Nyungwe park

Location: Rwanda



37th place

Photographer: Paula Borkovic

Site: Slunjica River

Location: Rastoke, Croatia



38th place

Photographer: Ivankazaryan

Site: Cappadocia

Location: Turkey



39th place

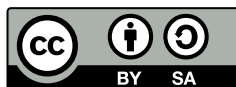
Photographer: Сергій Мірошник

Site: Birch Grove, Desnianskyi district

Location: Kyiv, Ukraine

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