The ICOMOS Culture-Nature Prize Supporting culture-nature initiatives led by ICOMOS members

ICOMOS Members are invited to apply by 31 May 2024

About the Prize

ICOMOS is launching the 2nd edition of the ICOMOS Culture-Nature Prize, which will be awarded to support **the most promising Culture-Nature initiatives undertaken by ICOMOS members.**

Culture-Nature initiatives recognise the interconnections between cultural and natural heritage and rethink how we can protect culture and nature through a comprehensive approach with local communities. Through integrated protection, management and sustainable development of our heritage places, Culture-Nature initiatives build resilience to today's challenges of climate change, pollution and rapid urbanisation.

The prize will be given to a project under implementation, which addresses connections between culture and nature and makes a significant contribution to the heritage field in an innovative and effective way.

ICOMOS members, Committees and Working Groups are eligible to apply.

Entries can be related to tangible or intangible heritage. Their scope can be ranging from small to large, from local to international.

The total prize money of **15.000€** (fifteen thousand euros) will be distributed among 3 to 5 winners. The jury will award the prizes to multiple winners, and the amount each winner receives will depend on the number and the quality of entries received.

The Prize winner(s) will be announced in September 2024.

For more information: culturenature[at]icomos.org

Call for Entries

Eligible activities/projects

- Short-term projects (e.g. conferences, workshops);
- Medium-term projects (e.g. training courses).
- The project you put forward should be at the implementation stage. Early project ideas will not be considered.

Each prize will include

- A grant of up to maximum 15.000 €.

Applications should be:

- Submitted to culturenature[at]icomos.org by 31 May 2024 23:59 CET;
- In English or in French.

Calendar

- Deadline for applications: 31 May 2024;
- Examination of the applications: June-August 2024;
- Winner(s) announced in September 2024

Terms & Conditions

- All required submission materials must be received by the stated deadline.
- Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

About Culture-Nature initiatives

In recent years, the work of ICOMOS has increasingly focused on the growing evidence that natural and cultural heritage are closely interconnected in most landscapes and seascapes, and that effective and lasting management and conservation of such heritage places depends on better integration of philosophies and procedures regarding their identification and management. The relationship between people and the natural environment shape both our physical environment and belief systems and encompass biological resources, landscapes, geological diversity, cultural expressions, places and practices and traditional knowledge systems.

ICOMOS launched the Culture Nature Prize for the very first time in 2022: 3 prizes as well as 2 special mentions were <u>awarded to 5 projects</u> in Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Iran, India and China.

The 4th place winning project from India received 2500€ prize money, which was used to develop the online exhibition (content, photography and video) *Exploring the unknown – Cultural Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh* for the Google Arts and Culture Platform and to finance a book on *Traditions of Nature-Culture Linkages from Buddhist Communities Living in Arunachal Pradesh* (coming soon).



4th place / Special mention / 2500€

Sustaining Nature Culture Journeys through Generations of Communities of the Namdapha National Park Region (INDIA)



The 4th place winning project from China also received 2500€ prize money, which was used to promote the project, improve patrolling inspections and recordings of the Great Wall of China in Yanqing District, conduct trainings aimed at community volunteers, develop a mobile application and an online exhibition on the Great Wall.



4th place / Special mention / 2500€

Public-Based Monitoring of Cultural Heritage in Yanqing, UNESCO Global Geopark (CHINA)



Find out more about:

- The 2022 Culture Nature Prize winners
- ICOMOS' work on Culture-Nature initiatives