



Mechanics of the MRLG Photo Competition

Theme: *People, land and forests: navigating change in the Mekong Region*

Objective:

- To support emerging photography talent in Southeast Asia
- To raise awareness and promote understanding of issues related to land governance in the Mekong Region through photography
- To generate a photo-bank for MRLG publications and website

Eligibility:

- Open to amateur and professional photographers
- Participants must be nationals of countries within the Mekong Region

Submission Guidelines:

1. Photo Requirements:

- Photographs must relate to the theme of "*People, land and forests: navigating change in the Mekong Region*"
- Each participant can submit up to 3 photographs
- Photos must be original works taken by the participant
- Digital manipulation should be kept to a minimum and must not alter the original content of the photo
- Photo entries should be unpublished and have not been entered into any previous competitions
- **If photo contains recognizable faces, kindly upload a photo/scan of signed consent form downloadable here: tinyurl.com/mr2c99bt**

1. Format:

- Photos should have a minimum resolution of 5000 pixels on the longest side at 300dpi
- Accepted formats: JPEG, PSD or PNG
- Photos should be accompanied by a caption containing:
 - The subject of the photo
 - The location where it was taken

- The context or story behind the image
- Captions may be written in local language with English translation

3. Submission Process:

- Participants may submit via online submission form: tinyurl.com/2p8w5aaj

4. Judging Criteria:

- Relevance to the theme (40%)
- Creativity and originality (30%)
- Composition and technical quality (30%)

Prizes:

- \$500 Grand Prize
- \$300 Special Prize (1 each for Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam)

*The decision of the judging panel is final and cannot be appealed.
Winners will be notified via email and announced on mrlg.org*

Important Dates:

Submission Deadline: July 15, 2025

Announcement of Winners: July 30, 2025

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