

OUR PACIFIC OCEAN MEDIA AWARD

“We are the sea, we are the ocean.” – Epeli Hau'ofa, Pacific Author and Poet

In celebration of our Pacific Ocean, we are jointly launching Our Pacific Ocean Media Awards, for Pacific island media workers and youth. As Large Ocean Island States, our Pacific Ocean is our largest resource.

Our ocean is entwined within our Pacific island culture and traditions, it has carried our ancestors from island to island as they navigated their way through our region, it is our Pacific kitchen cupboard providing food and sustenance to many of our communities and it is the backbone for the livelihoods of many Pacific island families.

Yet, the health and wellbeing of our Pacific Ocean is under threat.

The challenges brought about by marine debris and marine plastic pollution, climate change, and over-fishing endanger this valuable resource.

In light of this, we acknowledge and commend you, our Pacific island media who work to raise awareness and understanding of ocean issues through your media reports. It is with your support as ‘message sharers’ that news and information is relayed to our Pacific communities, helping to increase the knowledge of our Pacific people about our ocean, her challenges and our need to work collectively to care for her.

If you are a Pacific island reporter working and residing in any of the eligible Pacific islands, or a Pacific islander currently studying overseas but are a national of any of the listed eligible islands, we warmly invite you to participate and submit entries for Our Pacific Ocean Media Award.

Let's celebrate our united commitment and dedication towards sharing news about our ocean!

Submissions

Entries can be as innovative as you wish but must be based on our Ocean. Stories can showcase community projects and, or positive actions to conserve our ocean or her resources. They can be about the problems caused by bad practices, or about ocean champions – people doing positive things for our ocean.

These are just some suggestions to get you thinking! There are so many different stories and angles that can be submitted.

Categories

There are five categories for this award. These are:

1. Print Ocean News Award
2. Audio Ocean News Award
3. Video Ocean News Award
4. Journalism Student Ocean News Award
5. Best Overall Ocean Award (to be selected from the Award winners)

The winner of each category is awarded 600 USD with the Best Overall Ocean Award to receive an additional 600 USD.

Deadline

Launched on 8 June 2018, Our Pacific Ocean Media Award closes at **4pm (Samoa time) on 5 October 2018**. Winners will be announced on the International Day of Climate Action, 24 October 2018.

Entries can be submitted by post and/or email:

POST: Our Pacific Ocean Media Award
PO Box 240
Apia
SAMOA

EMAIL: sprep@sprep.org with *Our Pacific Ocean Media Award* in the subject line.

Rules and requirements

1. This award is eligible for Pacific island media workers who reside in, and work in media across the Pacific islands of American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kingdom of Tonga, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna. This award is also eligible for Pacific Islanders that are studying overseas who are nationals of the countries on this list. As such, entries from non-Pacific Island media workers will not be judged.
2. All entries **MUST** be your own works, plagiarism is not accepted, this will be reflected in the entry form
3. Each person is permitted to submit a maximum of three entries in any category
4. Submissions for the print, audio, video categories of Our Pacific Ocean Media Award will need to have been published or broadcast during the period of 3 October 2017– 3 October 2018, in at least one of the Pacific island countries and territories.
5. An accurate translation of a transcript in English should be provided if the news item is presented in a language other than French or English.
6. All entries submitted may be shared on relevant websites.

Judging will be based on journalism skill, accuracy, and proficiency in the medium, innovation and creativity to maintain interest

Please note: all entries may be republished. We may also seek to publish or broadcast any of the entries from the special category awards.



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PACIFIC ISLANDS
FORUM SECRETARIAT



OPOC
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SPREP
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional
Environment Programme



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ENTRY FORM

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Address and Country:

Media Organisation Name:

Media Organisation Website:

ENTRY DETAILS

Category of Entry: Print Audio Video Journalism Student

Language of news item:

Brief explanation of news entry:

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Date it was published or broadcast:

Name of publication it was published or broadcast in:

Name and signed confirmation from Editor that this is my original work:

Please check you have:

- 3 copies of the entry if it is in Audio or Video.
- 1 scanned copy of the entry and a copy of it from the newspaper it was published in.
- English transcript of the entry should it be in a national language other than English or French.

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