

World Ocean Day/World Environment Day Celebrations

The Regional Marine Centre at the University of Ghana invites the public to join in the celebrations of the World Environment Day (5th June 2020) and World Ocean Day (8th June 2020) by submitting original works of art to commemorate the respective days.

World Ocean Day 2020 GMES & Africa Contest

8th June is observed every year as World Ocean Day. It is an occasion to recognize the ocean as an important resource which requires that we work together to protect and conserve it. This year the theme for the celebration is **'Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean'**.

According to the United Nations, World Ocean Day should inspire us to make a difference in our lives, our community, and the world by taking actions that would protect our ocean for present and future generations. Despite the huge challenges facing the world's oceans such as plastic pollution, overfishing and climate change, by working together we can achieve a healthier ocean that will provide for the billions of humans, plants and animals, which depend on it every day.



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World Environment Day 2020 GMES & Africa Contest

The World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5 June. This year, the Day will be marked under the theme **'Biodiversity'**.

This celebration is a unique platform to encourage actions to protect our environment. It is an opportunity for raising awareness on major environmental issues such as habitat degradation, population growth linked to pressure on earth's resources, global warming, and sustainable consumption.

World Environment Day is widely celebrated in several countries every year and thus referred to as "People's Day". As we adhere to health protocols to stay alive during the current COVID-19 pandemic, we must also work together to save our planet!



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The objective of the competition is to create awareness through DIGITAL ART, with the intent of communicating the importance of marine and coastal resources.

Any submission should help educate, raise awareness and/or trigger behavioural change towards responsible use of marine and coastal resources. The digital product(s) could be in any of the following forms, though not limited to **Video/Audio documentary (5 mins); Animation (5 mins); Music/Song/Rap (5 mins); Poem; Drawing/Painting and Game.**



General Rules

- The contests are opened to **all coastal countries in West Africa** i.e. Benin, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo.
- **Conservation rules** should be strictly observed while making the products. For example, flora and fauna should not be disturbed.
- **Contestants retain all copyrights to their products.** However, the organizers of the reserve the right to publish the products on their dissemination channels.
- **Contestants are advised to adhere to COVID-19 health protocols** within their local areas during the development of their products. The organizers of the contest are not liable for any action taken by any contestant that would put their lives at risk.
- **Contestants may submit more than one product.**
- Staff and associates of the GMES & Africa project in West Africa are not eligible to participate
- Winners will be announced via the GMES & Africa project website and on social media channels on 5th June (Environment Day), and 8th June (Ocean Day), respectively.

Submission Guidelines

- All entries must be submitted on or before **22nd May 2020 (1800 UTC)**
- Entries can be made by completing either of the following google forms:
 - [World Environment Day](#)
 - [World Ocean Day](#)
- Products can also be submitted to rmc@ug.edu.gh via a link from the following file sharing clients (**WeTransfer, Google Drive, Onedrive, Dropbox etc.**). However, the completion of the google forms is mandatory as they allow participants to register.
- Contestants are allowed to make enquires and gain clarification on the contest via email (rmc@ug.edu.gh) until May 10, 2020.

Contest awards

There is a range of prizes available to the winners:

- Cash, laptops, tablets, phones, travel support, internship, educational scholarship, branded souvenirs
- National and International Recognition

For further information

Website: <https://gmes.ug.edu.gh/>

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