



The International Ranger Federation (IRF) is a non-profit organisation established to raise awareness of and support the critical work that Rangers do in conserving the world's natural and cultural heritage.

Associate Membership is open to any individual or group who may further the cause of the IRF or protected areas; only available to groups or individuals with a direct relationship to rangers or protected areas. Dues of USD50 annually for groups and USD20 for individuals. May be waived by the Board. **Associate Members do not have full voting rights.**

Process to become an Associate Member of the IRF:

1. Contact the IRF Executive Officer via executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org who will refer you to the relevant IRF Regional Representative.
2. The IRF Regional Representative can assist you through the application process and must endorse your application.
3. The **Associate Membership** application includes a number of sections:
 - a. **Section A** – ASSOCIATION DETAILS
 - b. **Section B** – STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION
 - c. **Section C** – IRF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ENDORSEMENT
4. Complete the CHECKLIST (page 2)
5. Complete sections A & B of this application and return this form along with all the relevant documentation to the relevant IRF Regional Representative.
6. The IRF Regional Representative will then submit your application to the IRF Executive Officer.
7. You will then receive an email confirmation from the IRF, which will provide you with a date on when your application will be submitted to the IRF Board.
8. If your application is successful you will receive a welcome email which includes a membership Certificate and a Welcome Pack that includes relevant information and documents such as the IRF Constitution and essential IRF contact details.

To establish if you or your organisation/group qualifies for Associate Membership of the IRF, please review and provide the documents below along with your completed application IF you have them.

- o Your Association's foundation documents (these are the documents used to establish and govern your association, for example the constitution, registration certificate, by-laws, statutes etc.)
- o Minutes from the most recent general meeting
- o Your Association/Organisation logo for inclusion on the IRF web site

If you do not qualify for **Associate Membership** please check other membership categories on the IRF web site.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Contacted the IRF Executive Officer
to find out who is the Regional Representative**

Completed Section A – Association Details

Completed Section B – Statement of Affiliation

**Section C completed – IRF Regional Representative
Endorsement (she/he will complete this)**

Provided copies of the following IF you have them:

- a. **Foundation Documents**
- b. **Meeting minutes**
- c. **Association/Organisation logo**

**Submitted COMPLETED Application with supporting
documents to the relevant IRF Regional Representative**

Official Use Only			Membership #	
Date received:		Date responded:		Date approved:

SECTION A - ASSOCIATION/ORGANISATION DETAILS

Person applying on behalf of association (if different from nominated contact person)

Name	
Email	
Telephone	
Skype	
WhatsApp	

ASSOCIATION/ ORGANISATION DETAILS - Please complete as much as these details as you can

Name of Association/Organisation	
Country	
State/Provincial/Territorial/other	
Year formed	
Website address	
Facebook or other social media page/s	
General email	
Physical address	
Number of members employed as Rangers (if relevant)	
Preferred language	

Association/Organisation President/Chairperson

Name

Email

Telephone

Skype

WhatsApp

Association/Organisation's nominated/ preferred contact person

- This person will receive all IRF communications
- Preferred contact person (If not President/Chairperson)

Name

Email

Telephone

Skype

WhatsApp

Association/Organisation's SECONDARY contact person

Name

Email

Telephone

Skype

WhatsApp

Association/Organisation's TERTIARY contact person

Name

Email

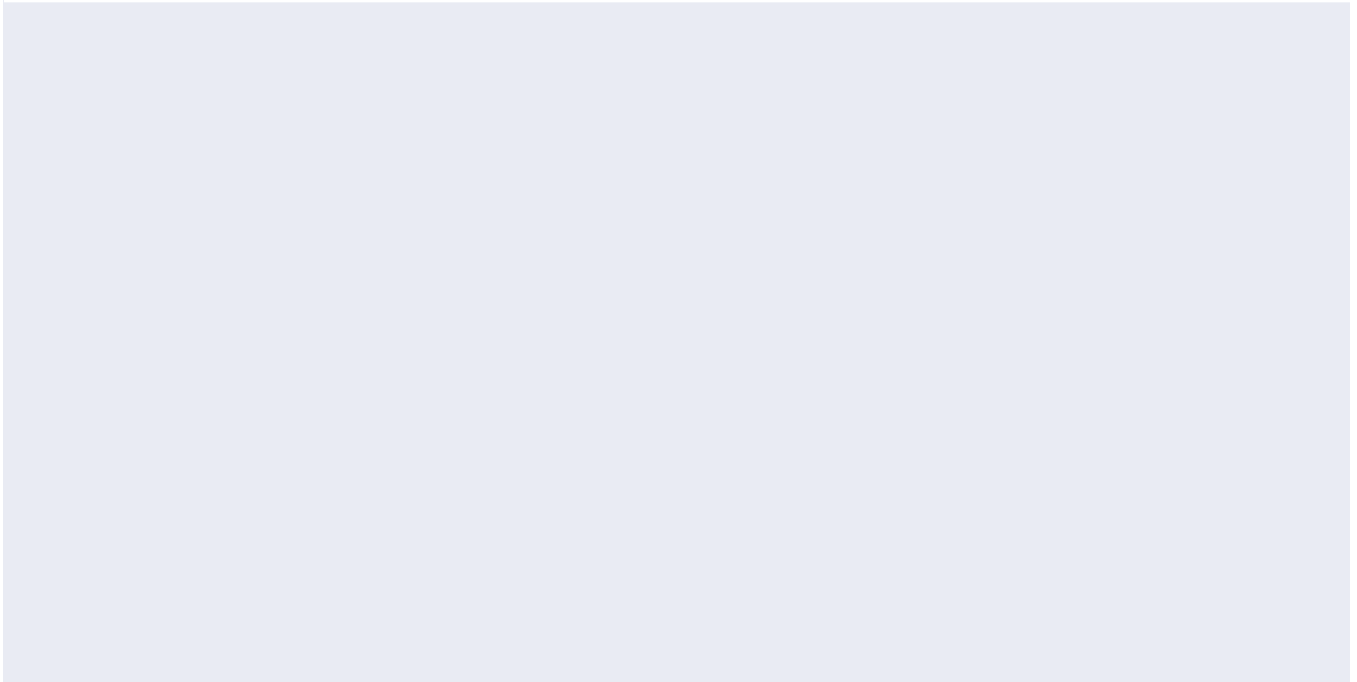
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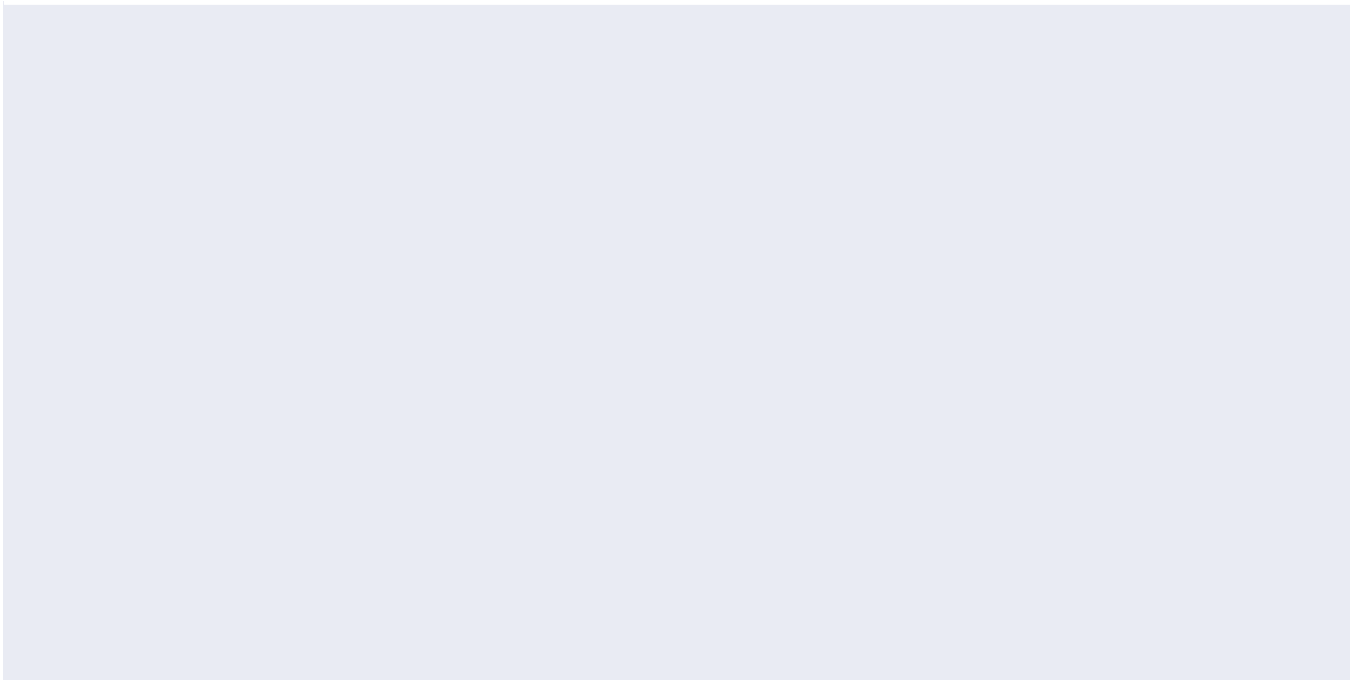
Information about your members and Association/Organisation

1. Describe the main duties of your members



2. Describe the activities of the Association/Organisation, for example:

- How many meetings per year?
- How will you encourage more members to join?
- Do you undertake fundraising activities/events?
- Do you produce newsletters?
- Facebook or social media?
- Any other relevant information



SECTION B – STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION

We endorse and support the purposes, aims and objectives of the International Ranger Federation and hereby subscribe our association/organisation as an **Associate Member**.

We agree to meet the basic requirements for being a member in good standing including adhering to the Conditions of Membership as set out below:

Conditions of IRF Membership

Code of Conduct:

At the request of rangers worldwide through the Chitwan Declaration, and following an extensive global consultative process, the IRF, in collaboration with URSA, developed the Ranger Code of Conduct (guidelines for adoption), releasing it in 2021.

The Code was developed by rangers for rangers and defines the actions, attitudes and behaviours expected of all rangers to ensure that individuals behave appropriately, legally and ethically at all times by setting a professional standard to operate by.

All IRF members, including associations, groups and individuals are required to adopt the IRF Ranger Code of Conduct in principle until such time as their association or group has had an opportunity to develop their own context specific IRF Code of Conduct. The IRF Code of Conduct is a global guiding framework for members to use and the IRF encourages members to engage with their ranger community to further enhance and adapt the Code to suit their circumstances based on local, social and cultural needs.

[\(Ranger Code of Conduct \(EN, ES, FR, PT, MS, NP, NL\)\)](#)

[\(Ranger Code of Conduct – Guidelines for Adoption \(EN, FR, ES, NL\)\)](#)

Newsletter Articles:

Under Section 3.4 of the IRF Constitution, all members are required to submit at least one article for the quarterly IRF newsletter each year to highlight and promote work happening within their region.

Newsletter articles should be submitted to the Executive Officer's email at executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org periodically along with relevant images including appropriate credits.

Use of IRF name and logo:

All Ranger Associations, organisations and individuals being approved for IRF membership by the IRF Board may use the IRF name and logo on communications/information only to signify membership of the IRF. The logo must be the current [approved] logo, which will be supplied by the IRF upon request.

At no time, may any member utilise the IRF name or logo on material/media to raise funds, offer training or any form of qualification without gaining express prior approval from the IRF via the Executive Officer at executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org

No member may utilise the IRF name or logo within any activity of, or interpreted to be of, a union nature. If any doubt persists as to any proposed use of the IRF name or logo, please contact the Executive Officer at executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org in the first instance.

Disclaimer:

The International Ranger Federation (IRF) will not be held responsible nor is it liable for any actions of its members which are in violation of the IRF Constitution or the IRF Ranger Code of Conduct. If any such violations occur, the IRF Board will take the necessary steps (as they are obliged to do under Section 5 of the IRF Constitution) to review, and where appropriate, revoke the membership status of the organisation in question.

Association/
Organisation Name

Country

President, Chairperson
or Designee

Signature

Date

SECTION C - IRF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ENDORSEMENT

I, the undersigned IRF Regional Representative, endorse the membership of the above association/organisation as an **Associate Member** of the **International Ranger Federation**.

IRF Regional Representative Name

IRF Region

Signature

Date

Any comments