



INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION

2027 IRF World Ranger Congress Expression of Interest Announcement

The International Ranger Federation (IRF) is developing a new process for seeking and announcing Hosts for future IRF World Ranger Congresses (IRF WRC). This new process will provide longer planning periods for interested parties to develop their Expression of Interest to host the future IRF WRC, and ensure the successful candidate has a longer period to plan and implement the IRF WRC. It will also provide the IRF and Ranger community with a schedule for the future.

The IRF recently announced that the next IRF WRC will be held in Hyeres, France in October 2024. The WRC is usually held every three years, therefore the IRF has developed a new process to seek a Host country/ association for the 2027 IRF WRC.

The IRF intends to announce the successful Host for the 2027 Congress at the 2024 IRF WRC in Hyeres, France.

To ensure that Host candidates have sufficient opportunity to develop a proposal to host the 2027 IRF WRC, the Expression of Interest (EOI) process will commence in August 2023. The IRF has developed a package of information, including Guidelines, Terms of Reference and an Application template, to assist potential candidates in developing their proposals.

The EOI process will open on the **01 September 2023** and will close on the **01 July 2024**, providing candidates 10 months to develop their proposals. The IRF will then evaluate the proposals and engage candidates between July and September 2024, with an announcement of the successful candidate at the conclusion of the IRF WRC in October 2024.

The IRF and the successful candidate will then have a number of years to further develop the program for the 2027 IRF World Ranger Congress.

Further information and the EOI Package and process can be found on the IRF website <http://internationalrangers.org/> or via contact with secretary@internationalrangers.org



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Further information for the Web Page and Social Media

OBJECTIVE

The IRF WRC brings together rangers from all over the world, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills, share knowledge, create partnerships, and develop strategic ways to protect nature and nature's protectors.

The IRF WRC occurs approximately every three years in a different location, allowing host countries from each IRF region to raise the profile of rangers locally and internationally. It allows rangers to showcase their successes, to identify how they're addressing their regional challenges and share their knowledge and skills with colleagues from around the world.

It is the IRF's preference that no two consecutive IRF WRC's are held in the same IRF Region, however this is negotiable.

BACKGROUND

The IRF is a non-profit organization established to raise awareness of, and support, the critical work that rangers do in conserving the world's natural and cultural heritage. Founded in 1992, the IRF predominantly has a membership comprising of ranger associations from across the world, together with organisations and not-for-profit organisations that align with the aims of the IRF.

The IRF WRC provides a global forum for rangers from around the world to network with likeminded people from all different geographical areas who share a common discipline or field.

Past IRF WRC locations:

- 1995 - Zakopane, Poland
- 1997 - San José, Costa Rica
- 2000 - Kruger National Park, South Africa
- 2003 - Wilson Promontory National Park, Victoria, Australia
- 2006 - Sterling, Scotland
- 2009 - Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- 2012 - Arusha, Tanzania
- 2016 - Estes Park, Colorado, USA
- 2019 - Sauraha, Chitwan, Nepal

The next IRF World Ranger Congress location:

- 2024 – Hyeres, France