

Photo Competition: Rules / terms and conditions

General

- **Communication:** All communication regarding the competition should be sent via email to: info@crustaceancompassion.org
- Eligibility: This competition is free to enter and open to all.
- Closing Date: Entries must be received by 23:59 on 06 June 2025 (the "Closing Date").

By submitting an entry to the competition, you confirm that you have read and understood these rules and agree to comply with them.

Animal welfare is of the utmost importance and takes precedence over any photograph taken.

Entrants must not injure, distress, or harm an animal for the purposes of photography; nor should they intentionally disturb or spook animals, their habitat, or environment.

Images that involve the use of live bait, or are AI-generated or non-original, are strictly prohibited and will be disqualified.

Rules

- 1. **Entrants under 18** must have permission from a parent or guardian to enter. A parent or guardian must submit the entry on their behalf and, by doing so, is deemed to have consented to these Rules.
- 2. **Each entrant may submit up to 5** images, in landscape or portrait orientation.
- 3. **Entries must be digital**, submitted via the <u>online entry form</u>, in JPEG or JPG format, with a maximum file size of 15MB per image.
- 4. **No printed entries or postal submissions** will be accepted. Crustacean Compassion accepts no responsibility for lost, delayed, or damaged entries. Submission is by **email or form submission only**.
- 5. All entries must be the original work of the entrant. In the case of under-18s, the work must be created by the young entrant, submitted on their behalf by a parent or guardian.
- 6. Post-processing is allowed, provided it does not deceive the viewer or misrepresent the natural scene.
- 7. **Al-generated or Al-altered images** are not permitted. Entries found to contain Al-generated elements will be disqualified.
- 8. **Animal welfare remains the top priority.** No photograph should come at the expense of animal safety or wellbeing. Entrants must not cause distress or harm, nor disturb the natural habitat or behaviour of the animals.
- 9. **Live baiting is strictly prohibited.** For this competition, live baiting refers to providing a live animal as prey to elicit a response or behaviour from another animal. Any other form of luring must be disclosed in the image caption.



- 10. Entrants must be respectful of wildlife and the environment. **Do not damage habitats or ecosystems** in pursuit of a photograph.
- 11. By entering, you grant Crustacean Compassion the **right to use your image(s) for free** to promote the competition and the organisation's mission, in both digital and print formats. Where possible, photographers will be credited.
- 12. Copyright remains with the photographer. By submitting an entry, you grant Crustacean Compassion a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive, worldwide licence to use, reproduce, modify, publish, distribute, and display the image in connection with the competition and Crustacean Compassion's mission. Use may include media, promotional content, and communications. This will be subject to our Privacy Policy.
- 13. All entries must be original and must not infringe the rights of third parties, including copyright, trademarks, or privacy rights. Entries must be obtained **legally**, without trespassing, and must not result in any harm or undue disturbance to wildlife or the environment.
- 14. Crustacean Compassion reserves the right to **update or amend** these Rules and Terms and Conditions at any time. Any changes will be effective immediately upon publication.

Judging and Prizes

- 15. Winning images will be selected by a panel of judges and then presented for **public voting** via Crustacean Compassion's platform.
- 16. Winners will be contacted shortly after Crustacean Compassion Day on 10 June 2025.
- 17. Winners must **not publicly disclose** their success until Crustacean Compassion officially announces the results on social media. This ensures other finalists are informed respectfully.
- 18. If a winner is found to have breached the rules after prizes are awarded, Crustacean Compassion reserves the right to revoke and request the return of prizes at its discretion. Notification will be sent electronically and will be deemed received the day after transmission.

Publicity and Privacy

- 19. By entering, you agree that Crustacean Compassion may use your name, likeness, and submission(s) for the purposes of promoting the competition, without additional compensation.
- 20. Winners may be asked to participate in publicity relating to the competition, which could include publication of their name and photograph in any media.
- 21. You agree that Crustacean Compassion may, but is not obliged to, display your entry on its website, social media, or in promotional materials aligned with its mission and values.
- 22. **Your personal information will not be shared** with third parties without your permission. Images will not be shared with third parties unless prior consent is obtained from the photographer