



# Nactus Award 2018 - Rules & Regulations

## Nactus Award 2018: How to participate?

Submitting your photos for the Nactus Award is a 3 step process:

1. Go to [www.nactusaward.com](http://www.nactusaward.com) and choose your language
2. You will have to be 16 yrs or older and agree with the rules & regulations?
3. Upload your photos.

By uploading your pictures you agree with the Rules and Regulations of Nactus Award 2018.

## Rules and Regulations

This worldwide contest is open to residents of legal age in their respective countries. The following are excluded from entering: employees, representatives, and agents of Rolf C. Hagen Inc., and participating dealers; their immediate families; and persons with whom they are domiciled. No purchase necessary for entry into this contest. All information on the official entry form must be provided in order for the entry to be valid. By submitting the obligatory Official Entry Form, each contestant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations governing this contest.

## Subjects

Only reptiles or amphibians on a natural background are eligible subjects. Natural prey items are the only other animals allowed in the composition, no humans. Hybrids or cultivated colour morphs are not eligible subjects. You must indicate if a picture has been taken in captivity or in the wild. Details must be provided in the relevant email or file summary. If cruel or unethical practices are suspected, the picture will be disqualified.

## Categories

There are 6 categories in the Nactus 2018 competition:

1. Amphibian portraits: The picture must capture the character or spirit of the amphibian.
2. Amphibians in their environment: The habitat must be as important a part of the image as the amphibian species being photographed and represent the relationship or interaction between them.
3. Amphibian behaviour: The pictures in this category must show memorable, unusual or striking behaviour.
4. Reptile portraits: The picture must capture the character or spirit of the reptile.
5. Reptiles in their environment: The habitat must be as important a part of the image as the reptilian species being photographed and represent the relationship or interaction between them.
6. Reptile behaviour: The pictures in this category must show memorable, unusual or striking behaviour.

## Limitations

There is no limit to how many photos can be submitted per category.



## **Copyright**

You must be the sole photographer and owner of the copyright for all pictures entered.

## **Format**

Entries must be digital images. Save images as a JPEG at the highest possible quality setting (e.g. 12 in Photoshop) and the lowest or no compression.

## **Size**

Minimum five million pixels or above.

## **Labeling**

The file should carry your name and unique number, for example TPeters\_4.jpg or MKern\_8.jpg.

## **Manipulation**

Images should be submitted at their native resolution with no interpolation applied. Digital adjustments are only acceptable if limited to cleaning work, levels, curves, colour, saturation and contrast work, applied to the image as a whole. The faithful representation of a natural form, behaviour or phenomenon must be maintained. Masking sections of the work, compositing, multiple exposures, filters are NOT allowed. Cropping is allowed, but by no more than 20% of original size. Photographs that consist in any way of more than one separate image and images that have been digitally manipulated other than mentioned above are not eligible.

## **Calibration**

Images should be colour profiled using correctly calibrated monitor and utilizing Adobe RGB 98 colour space.

## **Submitting Photos**

Fill in all mandatory fields correctly in the submission form. Submissions with incomplete or incorrect data are not eligible. Photos must not exceed 10MB.

## **Judges**

A team of five judges, appointed by Exo Terra (a sub-brand and registered trademark of Rolf C. Hagen Inc.), will nominate the 36 best pictures, 6 in each category.

## **Voting**

The pictures will be published on the Nactus Award website where public voting will determine the winner. Should the quality of entries fall below the standard required, the organizers reserve the right not to award prizes. The public voting start date will be announced on the Exo Terra website.

## **Notification**

Nominated photographers will be notified and the results of the public voting will be published on the Exo Terra website.

## **Reproduction**

By entering this contest, all entrants agree to the use and publication of their names and photos by Exo Terra (sub-brand and registered trade mark of Rolf C. Hagen Inc.), or its advertising agencies, without compensation either during or after the contest.



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### **Closing Date**

All photos must be uploaded to the Exo Terra webserver by August 31 - 2018

### **GDPR**

Upon entering the competition, you will have to provide us with your Name, First Name, Email, and Country. We will store this information securely on the Exo Terra server and use your information to update you on the contest you agreed to and participated in.

If you also agreed to receive our newsletter (opt-in) - your information will be used to send you our newsletter each quarter (= 4X/year). Should you decide to not receive our newsletter anymore, you can simply use the opt-out option available in each communication.

### **More information or questions?**

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