



AEWA Waterbird Conservation Award Criteria and procedures for cycle 2015

Categories

One AEWA Award shall be presented in each of the following categories:

- a) The "**Institutional Category**" rewarding activities by governments, organisations, enterprises, etc. - including legislation, strategies, plans, programmes, projects, investments, and campaigns - that have significantly contributed, or have a clear potential to contribute, to (i) the development of the Agreement, (ii) the conservation of species, (iii) the conservation of their habitats, (iv) the management of human activities, (v) research and monitoring, and (vi) education and information.
- b) The "**Individual Category**" rewarding activities by individuals that have significantly contributed, or have a clear potential to contribute, to (i) the development of the Agreement, (ii) the conservation of species, (iii) the conservation of their habitats, (iv) the management of human activities, (v) research and monitoring, and (vi) education and information.

Eligibility

Institutions and citizens of all nations are invited to nominate individuals or institutions - governmental and non-governmental, including community groups or private sector enterprises - of any country in the Agreement area for the respective award category.

Institutions and individuals not eligible for the award are as follows:

- Institutions and organisations, including their staff, whose representatives are currently serving on the AEWA Standing Committee.
- Institutions and organisations whose representatives are currently serving on the AEWA Technical Committee.
- Persons currently serving on the AEWA Standing or Technical Committees.
- Current UNEP/AEWA Secretariat staff.

Nominations Procedure

Nominations should be submitted to the AEWA Secretariat in English, using the standard AEWA Award Nomination Form, accompanied by all appropriate supporting documentation and references.

The closing date for nominations for this fourth round of the AEWA Award is 19 June 2015. This date shall be final.

Selection Procedure

The AEWA Secretariat shall collate and process the nominations received and submit them for the consideration of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee shall select the winners. This decision shall be final.

The award in any of the categories cannot be shared and will be presented to one nominee only.

In the absence of a suitable candidate for any of the categories the AEWA Standing Committee reserves the right not to grant an award.

Announcement and Presentation of the Award

The announcement of the award winners on each occasion shall be made by a press release as soon as all winners have confirmed their acceptance of the award. The winners should be available to attend the presentation ceremony and make an address. For this purpose they will be provided with economy travel and accommodation to attend the ceremony.

The AEWA Award will be presented at the opening ceremony of the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties on 9 November 2015 in Bonn, Germany.

Possible cash award

For the AEWA Award 2015 each award will be accompanied by a cash prize of US \$5,000.

Nomination form is available

- a) from the AEWA web site at
<http://www.unep-aewa.org/en/awards>
- b) electronically or in hard copy from the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, UN Campus, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1,
53113 Bonn, Germany, fax: +49-228-815-2450, e-mail: catherine.lehmann@unep-aewa.org

**Deadline for submission of nominations is 19 June 2015.
Nominations received after this date will not be considered.**