

**Kerala Forest Department**  
**Wildlife Week Celebrations 2024**  
**Wildlife Short film Contest 2024**

**Terms and Conditions**

By participating in the Wildlife Short film Contest 2024, the contestants agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions. Failure to abide by these terms and conditions may render a contestant ineligible for the competition.

1. **Eligibility:** This Contest is open to any Indian citizen irrespective of their age. Employees and associates of Kerala Forest Department (KFD) which includes the staff of KFD and its subsidiaries and affiliates and their immediate family members (spouse, parents, children, siblings, and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live) are not eligible to participate in the Contest.
2. **Agreement to Rules:** By participating, the contestant agrees to be fully and unconditionally bound by these terms and conditions, and contestant represents and warrants that he or she meet the eligibility requirements. In addition, contestant agree to accept the decisions of KFD represented by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala as final and binding as it relates to the content of this Contest.
3. **Contest Period:** Entries for the Wildlife Short film Contest 2024 will be accepted from **September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. IST to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. IST.** Late entries will be summarily rejected.
4. **How to participate:** There is no entry fee for the contest. The contestant shall participate by submitting an entry in the prescribed Registration Form duly filled in along with the Short film video during the Contest Period. The prescribed format of the Registration Form can be downloaded from the website of the KFD, **[www.forest.kerala.gov.in](http://www.forest.kerala.gov.in)**. The Short film video submitted along with the application form and copy of the identity card showing photo and address of the contestant should meet all the Technical specifications as mentioned in clause 7 (Serial number 7) below. Entries not in the prescribed Registration Form and not in accordance to the prescribed technical specifications will be summarily rejected. The entries, complete in all respect, should be sent to **the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry (Extension), O/o Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), 4th Floor Vanalekshmi, Vazhuthacaud, 695014** during the Contest Period. If a contestant use any fraudulent methods or otherwise attempt to circumvent

any of the terms and conditions, the entry shall be disqualified. Decision of the Kerala Forest Department shall be final in this regard.

5. **Theme of the Contest:** The short film should be related to **Nature and Wildlife**, filmed in the State of Kerala.
6. **Language of the Film:** The language of the film shall be in English or Malayalam. No other language will be accepted.
7. **Period of Production:** Films produced during the period 2022-2024 only will be accepted.
8. **Entry limits:** Each participant will be allowed to submit only one entry in this contest. If more than one entry is submitted, the entry received first alone will be considered. If a participant/contestant submits more than one entry in a single cover, the application will be rejected.
9. **Technical specifications of the video film entry:**
  - Length and format of the video:** The length of the video file should be a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 26 minutes. Any camera including mobile phone can be used for filming.
  - Format:** The video file format should be MOV or MP4.
  - Resolution:** Full HD (1920 × 1080 ) or higher resolution.
  - Audio:** Stereo mix or higher
  - Mode (medium) of submission of video files:** The video file should be submitted in Pen Drive or Hard disk alongwith the duly filled Registration Form in the prescribed format in a sealed cover. Once submitted, the medium (Pen Drive or Hard disk) will be the property of the KFD and the same will not be returned to the contestant. Also, the video file should be uploaded in the contestant's Google drive account and the link shared to [wlwshortfilm2024@gmail.com](mailto:wlwshortfilm2024@gmail.com) with "Can view only" permission. The google drive link alone will not be considered as a valid entry to the Contest and only those entries submitted in Pen Drive or Hard disk along with the duly filled in application form will be considered for evaluation.
10. **Scrutiny of Video files/entries:** The video files received during the Contest Period (from September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m IST to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. IST) and found otherwise in order (with duly filled in prescribed

Registration Form) will be scrutinized on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, by the State Nodal Officer. If the video file submitted by any contestant is corrupt or the file cannot be opened or in case the pen Drive /Hard Disk (or similar medium) is blank and does not have a video file, the concerned contestant/s will be informed of the same on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 itself. Films once submitted for the same competitions earlier will not be accepted.

They will be permitted to resubmit their video file on or before 5:00 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024, failing which they will be disqualified from the Contest. The video files re-submitted after 5:00 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 will not be accepted and will be rejected without providing any reason whatsoever.

11. **Selection of Winners and Notification:** The entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges (Jury). The Judges will be eminent personalities with rich experience in wildlife videography/photography. The Jury's decisions will be final and binding and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the judging process or any of the outcomes reached. Winners will be notified by email and/or telephone on **the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2024**. The Kerala Forest Department shall have no liability for the Winner's failure to receive notices due to spam, junk e-mail or other security settings or due to them providing with incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information.
12. **Prizes:** The First, Second and Third prize winners will be awarded a Cash Prize of Rs. 30000, Rs.20000 and Rs.10000 respectively (*subject to pending Govt. orders*), along with a Certificate of Recognition. In addition, Certificates of Merit will be awarded to two entries as a consolation prize. No cash or other prize substitution shall be permitted. The prize is nontransferable. Any and all prize-related expenses, including without limitation any and all Central, State, and/or local taxes, shall be the sole responsibility of Winner. No substitution of prize or transfer/assignment of prize to others or request for the cash equivalent by Winner is permitted. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission for the KFD to use Winner's name, and entry for purposes of advertising without further compensation, unless prohibited by law.
13. **Rights Granted by Contestant:** By participating in the Contest, contestant understand and agree that KFD or anyone acting on behalf of the KFD, shall have the right, where permitted by law, to publish, broadcast, distribute, and use in any media now known or hereafter developed, in perpetuity, without limitation, the entry, name, video, information for advertising, education, public relations, and promotional purposes without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent. By participating in the Contest, contestants represent and warrant that the entry is an original work of authorship, and does not violate any third party's proprietary or intellectual property rights. If the entry infringes upon the intellectual property right of another, contestant will be disqualified at

the sole discretion of KFD. If the content of the entry is claimed to constitute an infringement of any proprietary or intellectual proprietary rights of any third party, contestant shall, at their sole expense, defend or settle against such claims. Contestant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless KFD from and against any suit, proceeding, claims, liability, loss, damage, costs or expense, which KFD may incur, suffer, or be required to pay to arise out of such infringement or suspected infringement of any third party's right.

**14. Other Terms & Conditions:** KFD reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest. Films that have been submitted for the wildlife short film contest in the previous years are ineligible. Videos that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the forest will be rejected without providing any reason and the same may attract the provisions of relevant Acts and Rules in force, in case the same is found to be a violation of the said Acts and Rules. Video entries must not constitute, facilitate, or promote illegal products, services or activities. Video entries must not discriminate or encourage discrimination against people based on personal attributes such as race, ethnicity, colour, national origin, religion, age, sex etc. Videos must not promote any activity prohibited by law. Video entries must not contain adult content, including nudity. Videos must not contain shocking, sensational, disrespectful or excessively violent content. Video entries must not contain deceptive, false, or misleading content, including deceptive claims, offers, or business practices. The KFD reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or violates these Terms & Conditions.

**15. Disputes:** The decision of Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala will be final.



**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala**