



ART WORK

Ocean Competition

The Department of Science, Technology and Innovation in partnership with NRF-SAEON invites you to participate in the 2025 Ocean Competition for learners from grades R-12 based in South Africa. This competition aims to inspire and educate on the beautiful Ocean or highlight some of the challenges in the Ocean through your artwork. Your artwork can be based on any one of the themes for this year's art competition:

THEMES

- How do you or your community connect to the Ocean?
- Indigenous Knowledge and the Ocean
- Marine Pollution in the Ocean
- Climate Change and the Ocean
- Sustainable fisheries and the Ocean

COMPETITION RULES

- All entries must be **hand-drawn or hand-painted** on A4 white, non-glossy paper. Digital artwork or digitally created images will not be accepted.
- Entries should be submitted as a high-resolution digital image (JPG, TIF or PDF) to education@saeon.nrf.ac.za
- on or before **30 January 2026 at 5 pm (SAST)**. Please ensure that scanned images or photographs of your artwork are clear and free from glare.
- This competition is open to all school learners from grades R-12 based in South Africa.
- All works submitted for this competition must be learners' original works.
- You need to please complete the entry form with all your details and send it with your artwork to education@saeon.nrf.ac.za.
- All entry form needs to be signed off by the parent/guardian as learners are under the age of 18.
- Any scientific facts or statistics used in the artwork need to be accurate and attributed correctly.
- No copyrighted materials are allowed in this artwork and if there is copyrighted material, the artwork will be disqualified.
- Entries will be judged in the primary school and high school categories
- Prizes for each category include a Tablet and book prizes. The judges will make the final decision on the awarding of the prizes.
- Please note that by sending your artwork to the education@saeon.nrf.ac.za email address, you are giving the competition sponsors permission to use the image for other purposes, such as websites, displays, conference promotional items and publications of the sponsoring organizations. Credit to the artists will be applied whenever any of the art is used.
- The submission date is on or before 30th January 2026 at 5 pm South African Standard Time and must be emailed with the entry form and artwork to: education@saeon.nrf.ac.za.

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Please submit your entry form and submission to education@saeon.nrf.ac.za



ENTRY FORM

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INFORMATION

Name and Surname of Learner **Grade** **Age**

Name of School **School Type**

Private Public Home School

Individual Entry Other: _____

Contacts details for correspondence regarding the competition and the winners

Email **Phone**

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT

Please tick your response

I confirm that the submission for the Ocean Competition is my child's own original creation Yes No

The prizes will be awarded according to the judge's decision and this cannot be contested. Yes No

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless NRF-SAEON as well as its employees, the research infrastructures, and other sponsors of this contest against any and all claims, actions, or damages Yes No

I hereby give permission for my child's submission to be entered in this contest, displayed at the conference, and used in promotional materials and I agree to the terms outlined in this form and the contest announcement Yes No

Parent/ Guardian Name & Surname:

Parent/ Guardian Signature:

Date:

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