

BIOVERSITY 2025

Photographic bioblitz for students of the University of Pisa.

To mark International Biodiversity Day 2025, the University's Commission for Sustainable Development (CoSA) is holding a nonprofit, nature-themed photo contest to raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity found in the area surrounding the University of Pisa.

Regulations

1. Participation is open to students from the University of Pisa's undergraduate, doctoral and graduate schools, with no age and/or year limit.

2. There are five prizes divided into several categories:

Category I - Best Nature Photo (two prizes to the shot that best combines scientific and aesthetic aspects), with prizes in two subcategories:

- MiniBIOVERSITY - best nature photo to a small organism, photos to organisms indicatively smaller than 2 cm will be counted for this category.
- MacroBIOVERSITY - best nature photo to an organism larger than 2 cm in size.

Category II - How much biodiversity do you see around you? (prize to the participating person who can portray the most different organisms), with prizes in two subcategories:

- BIO area - reserved for students of the University of Pisa iscritte in naturalistic, biological and/or agricultural degree programs.
- NON-BIO area - reserved for students of the University of Pisa who are not enrolled in naturalistic, biological and/or agricultural degree programs.

Special category best nature photo. An award will be given to the photo that captures and highlights a relationship between at least two living organisms. All organisms portrayed must be recognizable and all entered as observations on the iNaturalist platform.

The photo must portray an interaction of one organism with another of a different species. Examples of interactions may be: competition, pollination, play, parasitism, predation, symbiosis.

Each participant may submit multiple photos and compete in all categories. For category II, each participant may upload an unlimited number of photos as long as they depict clearly recognizable and identified organisms using also the options available on the iNaturalist platform.

3. In order to participate in the contest, there is a preliminary registration through a special form, where it will be required to enter the participant's personal details, with special reference to the degree/doctoral/specialization course attended, as well as to accept the formula entered for the photo release. **You can register for the contest by 5:00 pm on 25/05/2025** by filling out the form at the following **link**:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MWtFxyCi9Ue-Ukc4KGcKoeEfaeIA6xAvRPVVEbIM6xUQU1KODBSMEIVMUxOU1NCNTdVVzdEOTZXQ4u>
4. Each photo must be uploaded to the external platform iNaturalist, subject to registration of the participating persons on the site and acceptance of the relevant terms of use, including those concerning copyright. Participants should also verify that the uploaded geolocation corresponds with the actual location of the shot.

Each participant should apply for membership in the specially created "BIOVERSITY2025" project at the link :

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bioversity2025> .

Tutorials and guides are available at the following link :

<https://help.inaturalist.org/en/support/solutions/folders/151000552105> .

In addition, prior to the start of the bioblitz, **a seminar introducing the event** and how to use iNaturalist will be held **in hybrid mode on May 13, 2025, in room SR E1 of the University of Pisa's "San Rossore 1938" Educational Complex (Via Risorgimento, 19) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Please note that on **May 23, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Laboratory 2 Polo Nobili**, Via Alessandro Volta 4 bis in Pisa, will be made available to those who participate in the competition, with the opportunity to use **microscopes** to take **photos** of organisms and microorganisms and upload them to the iNaturalist platform.

5. To be eligible for selection, each photo must meet the following requirements:
 - must have been taken in the week in which International Biodiversity Day falls: from 00:00 on May 19, 2025 and 23:59 on May 25, 2025 and uploaded to the platform by this date and time;
 - should depict a wild (non-cultivated) plant, a wild (non-cultivated) animal, a fungus or a microorganism (both non-cultivated);
 - must be georeferenced correctly and fall within the spaces indicated by the project "BIOVERSITY2025" on the iNaturalist platform, in the territories of the

municipalities of San Giuliano Terme, Bientina, Buti, Calci, Vicopisano, Cascina, Calcinaia, Pisa, Collesalvetti, Fauglia and Crespina Lorenzana, excluding parts falling within protected areas, such as SPAs, SACs, Anpil, Regional Parks and Ramsar sites;

- Shall not depict any human subject.

Photos that fail to meet even one of these requirements will be excluded from the judging.

6. Awards by category:

Category I

- MiniBIOVERSITY

1st place: print of the winning photo, €100 cash, voucher of 100€ to spend on "The Photoamateur" website;

2nd place: printing of the winning photo and gadget kit;

3rd place: print of the winning photo and shopper.

- MacroBIOVERSITY

1st place: print of the winning photo, €100 cash, €100 voucher to spend on "The Photoamateur" website;

2nd place: printing of the winning photo and gadget kit;

3rd place: print of the winning photo and shopper.

Category II

- BIO Area

1st place: finalist photo print and €200 cash ;

2nd place: finalist photo print and gadget kit;

3rd place: finalist photo print and shopper

- NON-BIO Area

1st place: finalist photo print and €200 cash ;

2nd place: finalist photo print and gadget kit;

3rd place: finalist photo print and shopper

category

1st place: print of the winning photo, €100 cash, €100 voucher to spend on "The Photoamateur" website. There is no 2nd and 3rd place for this category.

Each person participating will still be awarded a University of Pisa water bottle as a participation prize, to be picked up at the UNIPI store (Via Luca Ghini, 13). Water bottles will be available while supplies last



The cash prizes are funded by
the **Italian Zoological Union**
(UZI).

<https://www.uzionlus.it/>



The vouchers to be spent on "The
Photo Amateur"
<https://www.ilfotoamatore.it/home.asp>
website and the **gadgets** are funded by
the **University Sustainable
Development Commission**

7. The Evaluation Committee that, in its sole discretion, will award the prizes will consist of:

- Dr. Valentina Serra - Researcher in Zoology at the Department of Biology. CoSA contact person for Biodiversity and Science Degree Plan contact person for the Bachelor of Science in Natural and Environmental Sciences.
- Prof. Daniela Ciccarelli - Associate Professor in Environmental and Applied Botany in the Department of Biology. CoSA contact person for Biodiversity with focus on plant biodiversity, natural and man-made ecosystems and nature conservation.
- Prof. Lorenzo Peruzzi - Full Professor in Systematic Botany in the Department of Biology, Director of the Botanical Garden and Museum, President of the University Museum System.
- Prof. Giulio Petroni - Full Professor in Zoology in the Department of Biology; Vice-Director of the Department of Biology.
- Alessandro Magrini - President AFNI, Association of Italian Naturalist Photographers.
- Irene Tatini - PhD student in the Department of Biology and member of the organizing committee.
- Gianluca Muñoz Tumba - Student representative of the Natural and Environmental Sciences Course of the Department of Biology.

8. A selection of the competing photographs will be subject to publication on the University of Pisa's web portal (<https://www.unipi.it>), the web portal

(<https://sostenibile.unipi.it/>) and the Instagram channel (@unipisustainable) of the University's Commission for Sustainable Development. It will also be exhibited in print at the Botanical Museum and later at the University of Pisa's San Rossore 1938 Memorial Teaching Pole.

9. All those who participate in the competition, by filling in the registration form, contextually grant the University of Pisa the use, in the present and in the future, of all information requested to publicize the event on its website or through other forms of communication allowed by law. The candidate, moreover, having read the information, authorize the organization to process their personal data in accordance with EU Reg. 2016/679 and subsequent amendments and additions.
10. Persons participating in the contest, when registering on the external platform iNaturalist, must also give consent to the processing of personal data. By participating in the contest, **you authorize** the University of Pisa to use, even in a partial and/or modified or adapted form, free of charge, your photographic works, created and submitted by uploading to the iNaturalist platform between May 19, 2025 and May 25, 2025 (extremes included) for participation in the "World Biodiversity Day/ International Day for Biodiversity 2025 - BIOVERSITY2025 Photo Contest," **regardless of the license indicated on iNaturalist**. It should be noted that iNaturalist provides for the transfer of personal data for registration in the United States, a country not subject to the application of the EU Regulation 2016/679. Regarding the reproduction rights of the photographs, it is clarified that when uploading them to the iNaturalist platform, the participant to the contest will have to choose the appropriate license. To promote transparency and information, we provide below descriptions of the different types of licenses available on iNaturalist to choose from:

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Personal data are processed, in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR, subject to your consent.

Therefore, we provide you with the following information:

1. The personal data you provide (first name, last name, e-mail address, degree/doctoral/specialization course attended, geographical area of residence), will be processed exclusively for the purpose of registration to the "BIOVERSITY2025" photo contest form, for research purposes for evaluation of the effects obtained from the BIOVERSITY2025 contest and bioblitz, and for dissemination and promotional purposes for the exhibition of the winning photos at the University's premises and the publication of the relevant photographic material on the web portals and social channels of the University of Pisa.
2. Personal data will be processed in the following ways: automated. Data will be kept as long as necessary for the purposes for which they were collected and deleted after 7 years from publication.
3. Your participation in the photo contest "BIOVERSITY2025" is free and voluntary and the provision of data is mandatory. Any refusal to provide your data has as a consequence the impossibility to participate in the photo contest, to be selected among the winners and the failure to expose/publish your photo at the Athenaeum premises, on the web portals and social channels previously mentioned. You may, moreover, decide to revoke your consent at any time, upon notification by e-mail to the contest organizing committee, without affecting the lawfulness of the processing based on the consent given before revocation.
4. The data you provide will not be disclosed to other parties; your name and surname will be disseminated through the display of your photo at the University's premises and the publication of the photographic material in question on the web portal and channels social of the University of Pisa.

By participating in the contest, you authorize the University of Pisa to use, even in partial and/or modified or adapted form, free of charge, your photographic works, created and sent via upload on the iNaturalist platform between May 19, 2025 and May 25, 2025 (extremes included) for participation in the "Photo Contest World Biodiversity Day/ International Day for Biodiversity 2025 - BIOVERSITY2025", **regardless of the license indicated on iNaturalist**, for dissemination purposes of the University itself, in particular for publication on dedicated portals and social channels of the University of Pisa on the web portal (<https://sustainable.unipi.it/>) and on the Instagram channel (@unipisostenibile) of the University's Commission for Sustainable Development, as well as on prints of printed materials (posters, brochures, posters, etc.), and on the social channels of the project collaborators present in the Evaluation Committee, as well as to be displayed at the specially prepared exhibitions.

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5. The Data Controller is the University of Pisa with headquarters in Pisa Lungarno Pacinotti 43, in the person of the Rector pro tempore.
6. The persons authorized to process the data will be the contact persons of the University Commission for Sustainable Development and the members of the organizing committee of the Competition (Irene Tatini, Dr. Valentina Serra, Prof. Daniela Ciccarelli).

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