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New judges announced for the 2021 Galapagos Photography Competition



Animals in Action category winner: Young marine iguana sneezing © Kim de Buitel  r/GCT

Judges include James Honeyborne - Creative Director at Freeborne Media, Mark Brownlow - Series Producer of BBC's *Blue Planet II*, and Jay McLaughlin - professional photographer.

Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT) is pleased to announce that a new judge has been added to our panel: James Honeyborne who is Creative Director at Freeborne Media and Executive Producer of BBC's *Blue Planet II*. He joins last year's judges Mark Brownlow, Series Producer of BBC's *Blue Planet II*, and professional photographer, Jay McLaughlin.

The competition celebrates the wonders of the Islands, while also aiming to raise awareness of the environmental issues that affect the wildlife there. While not many people will have travelled to Galapagos this year, GCT are encouraging those who have been lucky enough to visit in the past to spend time looking back over their photos and reminiscing about their travels.

James Honeyborne is the Creative Director of Freeborne Media, who are in creative partnership with Netflix to produce a range of science and natural history programming and features. He was the Executive Producer of the BBC's Emmy and BAFTA winning *Blue Planet II*, which was broadcast in 2017 to record global audiences of half a billion.

Returning from last year is judge **Mark Brownlow**, Executive Producer of the BBC's next wildlife television blockbuster *Frozen Planet II* and previously the Series Producer of *Blue Planet II*. Also joining the panel again is British fashion and portrait photographer **Jay McLaughlin** whose work has been published internationally. Jay has worked with clients such as Harper's Bazaar, Bulgari, TopShop, and Vogue and also contributed to the *Exploring Ecuador* photography book with all profits from the book going to GCT.

This year's competition categories are *Birds of Galapagos*, *Coastal and Marine*, *Up Close and Personal*, *Animals in Action*, *Landscape* and *Urban Life*. Following an announcement of the winners, there will be a *Public's Choice* vote including all of the winners and runners-up as well as some of the shortlisted images. The overall winner of the 2021 competition will have their image included in GCT's 2022 calendar and receive a year's free membership to GCT.

The 2021 Galapagos Photography Competition is open until Monday 7 June 2021 with winners announced in July. To enter the competition and for terms and conditions, please visit galapagosconservation.org.uk/get-involved/photography-competition

NOTES TO EDITORS:

- The Galapagos Photography Competition has been run by Galapagos Conservation Trust since 2001. Its categories include Up Close and Personal; Animals in Action; Landscape; Coastal and Marine; Urban Life; and Birds of Galapagos. Find out more about the competition here: galapagosconservation.org.uk/get-involved/photography-competition

- Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT) is the only UK charity focussed solely on the conservation of the Galapagos Archipelago, one of the most ecologically important places in the world. With over 25 years of experience, we partner with Ecuadorian authorities, NGOs, local communities and leading researchers to support impactful conservation programmes across the Archipelago. As a charity we rely on the generosity of donors in the UK and abroad to raise money to support our work so that we can preserve Galapagos for generations to come. To find out more, visit: galapagosconservation.org.uk

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