



OUR OCEAN PHOTO CONTEST

To commemorate this month's State Department ["Our Ocean" conference](#) in Washington, D.C., U.S. Embassy Ottawa invites Ottawa-area residents aged 12 and up to enter the Our Ocean photo contest!

The U.S. and Canada share three oceans critical to maintaining life on Earth: Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic. But these oceans, along with the others, are facing significant challenges including unsustainable fishing practices, marine pollution and ocean acidification. All of these factors threaten our oceans' sensitive ecosystems which sustain vital sources of food and income for Americans and Canadians alike.

Show us your appreciation of Our Oceans by sending us your pics from above or below the waves!

GENERAL THEME: OUR OCEAN: ATLANTIC, PACIFIC, ARCTIC

The contestant whose photo is selected as the winner will have his or her image enlarged and included as part of the Embassy's Oceans Poster Show. **The show will be mounted on the Embassy's Mackenzie fence line June 6 – 20, 2014. The winning photographer will be invited to the Embassy for the photo's installation on June 16th.**

TO ENTER:

- Send us your photo(s) via Twitter by tweeting @usembassyottawa and using the hashtag #OurOceanPhoto, OR
- Share your photo on Facebook with [U.S. Embassy Ottawa](#)
- Include WHERE and WHEN your photo was taken.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014

RULES & GUIDELINES:

1. Photo must be an ORIGINAL image, not photo shopped, and not plagiarized or lifted from the internet.
2. Photo should be rectangular and *must be available in high resolution* (winning photo will be enlarged).
3. By submitting your photo(s) you agree that the Embassy has permission to use your photo however it likes.

GOOD LUCK!!