



International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management 2009



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Application Guidelines

This document provides participants with all the necessary information to apply for the International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management 2009. We recommend, however, that you also check the website www.swissre.com/resource for latest updates regarding the ReSource Award.

What is the ReSource Award?

The International ReSource Award is worth USD 150 000 in total and is granted to one or several projects selected by an international jury. Launched in 2002, the ReSource Award is an internationally recognised prize for leadership in implementing the principles of sustainability in watershed management. It is conferred annually. The prize money is awarded exclusively for project implementation activities and not for building-up or strengthening the organizations that are submitting an application.

Who is eligible to participate and how?

NGOs, private, scientific or public institutions and similar bodies are invited to participate in the tender for the International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management. Projects comprising more than one institution (eg public-private partnerships) are also eligible for the award. Bodies with strong links to the local communities of regions where water sources are located are particularly encouraged to participate. However, participants cannot submit more than one project each year. In order to qualify, participants are asked to provide a proven track record in sustainability and project planning and/or management in the specific field of water and source management.

What type of projects are we looking for?

We are interested in projects which genuinely seek to contribute to raising awareness of the ecological, social and economic significance of water sources and watersheds in developing and emerging countries (only projects that are implemented in a non-OECD country are being considered). Preference will be given to those projects which demonstrate innovative preventative measures for protecting water resources, ie projects that have a pioneering character in the local context (cultural, institutional or technological) and involve local community and/or regional institutions. Such projects should be based on transferable concepts and thus enable sustained efforts to be made to protect the quality and availability of (drinking) water in other locations. The project must commence no later than 2009. The milestones on which payment of the award is contingent must be completed no later than 2010.

Applications for the ReSource Award

All information on the ReSource Award, including application form, submission procedures, criteria, schedule etc, can be found on the web site www.swissre.com/resource. The application is divided into two phases i.e. the initial and final application:

Phase 1:

Participants are requested to send the initial application (application form available as download from www.swissre.com/resource) to the e-mail address **resource_award@swissre.com**. Only forms completed in English that do not exceed four pages in total will be accepted. No enclosures will be accepted at this stage.

The deadline for initial submissions for the ReSource Award 2009 is **31 May 2008**. Late applications will not be considered. We shall confirm entry of your application in the competition as soon as we have screened it.

Phase 2:

All submitted applications will be assessed by a team of experts under the supervision of the Jury Committee on the basis of a list of previously defined criteria. At the beginning of July 2008, the 15 - 25 best-ranked initial submissions will be invited to submit a full proposal. From these received proposals approximately 6 projects will be nominated based on a comprehensive assessment. An international and independent jury will evaluate the nominated projects and will decide on the winner project(s).

Any participants who are unable to send their application form electronically are requested to send it to:

ReSource Award
Swiss Reinsurance Company
Corporate Sponsoring
Mythenquai 50/60
P.O. Box
CH-8022 Zurich / Switzerland

If a project obtains alternative funding while in the evaluation process, the representative of the submitting party is to inform the ReSource Award Secretary (resource_award@swissre.com) immediately.

The decisions of the jury are final. Any recourse to legal action is hereby explicitly excluded. We will not enter into any correspondence. Swiss law shall apply.

Dates to note

- 31 May 2008: deadline for initial submission (application form only)
- 2 July 2008: invitation for pre-selected applicants to submit a full proposal
- 15 August 2008: deadline for submission of full proposal
- February/March 2009: official Announcement of ReSource Award winner 2009

Criteria of the ReSource Award 2009

The submitted projects will be assessed along the following areas (see also application form):

- a) **Impact:** What is the expected impact of the project in the ecological, economical and social dimension?
- b) **Innovation:** Why do you think your project is innovative in a general and local context?

- c) **Local involvement:** To what extent are the local community and regional institutions involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the project?
- d) **Feasibility and governance:** Please give details to the feasibility of the project's implementation and the governance structures which will be in place (eg action plan with planned activities, targets and milestones, organisational structure and institutional set-up, references and know-how of staff and partners).
- e) **Financial structure:** Please give a detailed breakdown of the financial structure of the project, including sponsorship, in-kind contributions, and economic viability.