



Conseil International de la Chasse et de la Conservation du Gibier
Internationaler Rat zur Erhaltung des Wildes und der Jagd
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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

CIC Young Opinion Research Award 2025

Introduction: The CIC is a global non-profit, inter-governmental organization aiming to conserve wildlife through its sustainable use. The Young Opinion working group of the CIC focuses on creating a global network of young scientists under the age of 35, who believe in the values which the CIC is advocating.

Objective: The CIC Young Opinion Research Award is aimed at supporting researchers whose projects contribute to the sustainable use of wildlife for the benefit of natural heritage conservation. Thereby, the goal of the Young Opinion Research Award is to promote scientific research in accordance with the spirit of CIC's convictions. Such research may cover any or all of the three main pillars of sustainable wildlife management: economic, socio-cultural, ecological.

Additionally, research that relates to any of the six Global Biodiversity Framework Targets (GBF) that the CIC prioritized in its Strategic Plan (listed below) will be considered for the prize.

GBF Target 3: Conserve 30% of Land, Waters and Seas by 2030 ("30x30")

GBF Target 4: Halt Species Extinction and Manage Human-Wildlife Conflicts

GBF Target 5: Ensure Sustainable, Safe and Legal Harvesting and Trade of Wild Species

GBF Target 6: Managing Alien Invasive Species

GBF Target 9: Manage Wild Species Sustainably to Benefit People

GBF Target 21: Ensure That Knowledge Is Available and Accessible to Guide Biodiversity Action

Participants are required to send a summary of their research project, explaining the aim, methods and conclusions of the project.

The jury, a committee of CIC experts, will determine the winner, who will be rewarded with a **price of 750€**, as well as participating at the next CIC General Assembly in Doha, Qatar (25-27th of April 2025) and a publication in the next Young Opinion Newsletter. The winners gain the opportunity to present their project in Qatar and get in contact with key representatives and experts in the field of sustainable wildlife management. The prize, on top of 750€ cash, covers the registration fee, accommodation and reasonable pre-approved travel expenses. **The deadline for application is January 12th 2025.** The results will be announced by *early February 2025*.

Requirements: Students of Bachelor, Masters or Doctoral programs under 35 years of age are eligible to apply.

The summary should meet the following criteria:

Cover the research topics dealing with sustainable wildlife management based on one or more of three approaches – economic, socio-cultural, ecological (topic examples: ethics, politics, or history of hunting; wildlife management measures from habitat improvements to harvest strategies)

The abstract should describe the aim of the study, as well as its methods and conclusions

The student's name, University and Department of Studies are specified in the header

Maximum length is 3600 characters/two pages

Working language – English

Please send your submissions to yo.research@cic-wildlife.org with the subject **CIC Young Opinion Research Award 2025 + Name**