



WORLD SURFING RESERVES APPLICATION FORM
-Standard Submission-

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Background Information

World Surfing Reserves is an initiative designed to enshrine and protect the world's greatest surf spots: the most sacred, cherished, environmentally rich and culturally significant areas. The program proactively designates and preserves outstanding waves, surf zones and their surrounding environments, around the world. It serves as a global model for protecting wave breaks and their surrounding areas by recognizing the positive environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits of waves.

WSR eligible waves and surf zones are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1) Quality and consistency of the wave or surf zone;
- 2) Environmental characteristics of the area;
- 3) Surf & ocean culture and history of the area;
- 4) Local community support

Minimum criteria to become a World Surfing Reserve include the following:

- 1) World class wave or surf zone in terms of quality and consistency;
- 2) Unique and diverse environmental characteristics of the area;
- 3) Rich, documented surf & ocean culture, as well as history of the area;
- 4) Strong community support evidenced by government, NGO, and other local endorsements

Application Instructions:

Please fill out the following application completely and thoroughly. The application enrollment period is rolling and remains open all year long. World Surfing Reserves will notify you immediately to confirm successful receipt of a WSR application, and within one month of receipt reply with an update on its status. The WSR Vision Council meets several times per year to evaluate pending applications from around the world.

Note: If the above minimum criteria are not met or any of the elements in the enclosed application are not properly completed, World Surfing Reserves will notify you immediately to either request additional information, or to inform you that the site does not meet the minimum criteria. Incomplete applications may delay the review process.



WSR APPLICATION

Name of Submitter:

Contact Info (email/phone/ mailing address):

Date of Submission:

Name of Organization(s) to which submitter is affiliated to:

Name of Country/ National Governing Body of Surf Zone:

Name of Submitted Wave or Surf Zone:



Eligible Criteria of the Wave or Surf Zone

I. Quality and Consistency: (Max 500 words)

note: Please include description of style (pointbreak, reefbreak or beachbreak) and season for quality waves

II. Unique Environmental Characteristics: (Max 750 Words)

note: Please include if the Surf Zone is located near any national parks, marine protected areas, and if there are any endangered species (flora or fauna) in the area.

III. Surf Culture, Ocean Culture, Indigenous Culture and Additional History of the Area: (Max 750 Words)

note: Please mention local and internationally renowned: 1) surf events (contests, art shows, environmental campaigns) that have taken place in the area (past and present); 2) surfers and coastal/ocean environmentalists (past and present) that were brought up and groomed in the area;

IV. Community Support

The World Surfing Reserves program depends on generous, on-going support from the surfing community at the local, national, to international level.

Please describe or list public authorities that support the WSR designation, that have jurisdiction or influence over this surf zone, including for example: local city and council contacts; local county, state or national parks or other government contacts;

(Max 750 Words)

Please describe the estimated amount of support from the private sector or NGOs for this surf zone, including for example: local environmental organizations, local businesses, local surf companies, surf clubs, surf schools, and other potential means of private support:

(Max 750 Words)

Level of Threat of Surf Zone

Save The Waves Coalition continually monitors threats to surf spots worldwide, and we have many active campaigns to fight threats to the surf zone, no matter where in the world they are.

Please describe if there are any current threats, and what type of threat —marina/harbor development, water or land pollution issue, public access, and/or other—that is posed on this surf zone:

(Max 750 Words)