

GDT Forum Naturfotografie

Recommendations for photographers and photographic associations

Pictures

Your submission

Please be so kind as to send a maximum of 20 photographs (including a portrait of yourself and/or a picture showing you at work). Nature Photography Associations are requested to send a printable version of the society's logo / signet (TIFF or EPS file)

GDT member portfolios: If you have one special photograph in mind in your selection that you would like to be published, just let us know and mark it respectively. Maybe there is even an interesting story related to this photograph / situation?!

1) Slides

Please, do send only originals or first-class dupes, all formats!

Packaging: You are requested to pack your submission in a break-resistant package, do not use glass-mounts, plastic-boxes or paper envelopes from your photo discounter. Please use transparent slide-sheets (recommendation: "print-file" Style no. 2x2-20B, can be ordered at www.monochrom.de, Kunze Journal Box (even they can break during transport!) or comparable style)

2) Scans

a) color space, resolution, etc.

RGB, maximum scanning resolution (4000 dpi or more at 24x36mm)

or 300 dpi AND a minimum of 32 cm at one side (we need a minimum of 30 MB to print on a full page), scanner settings: min. 5% white, max. 95% black (please check in the "navigator" of Photoshop).

We will not print from bad scans!

b) dust & dirt

Remove any disturbances with your software (e.g. ICE) or clean your slides thoroughly before scanning them (by air).

Check for dust & dirt / scratches after the scanning and remove disturbances by carefully using the "stamp" (Photoshop); **we will not accept filthy scans!**

c) color corrections & sharpening

Color corrections: You have to take care of that or send a color-matching proof for each picture.

Sharpening: **Please note if the pictures have been sharpened!** If you want to re-sharpen your pictures after scanning, please use specific software (e.g. nik sharpener) or the "unsharp-mask" in Photoshop (recommendation (roughly): 50-100%; 1,4-2,0; 1-4; dependant on the picture/picture size!)

d) save as

RGB TIFF, with or without LZW compression for Macintosh

We will only use JPEGs on special request (e.g. emailing author's portraits or book covers)

e) CD-Rom

Please check your CD ROM before sending it to us by opening all pictures / the CD in Photoshop or Windows XP "picture/fax browser"

Text

(via email or on CD Rom)

Photographers: date of birth, profession, cv, website, technical data for all pictures, location where the photographs were taken.
Everything else will be discussed in an interview on the phone with one of our editors.

Associations: number of members
year of foundation
events, publications (list)
contact address (incl. website)
full names of all photographers who submitted pictures
competitions: rankings, categories (names), photographers, title of competition
festivals: programme, number of visitors, location, date

Please send your pictures/CD ROM to the following address:

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