

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## MAPBIOMAS AWARD

### What are the categories of the 8th Edition of the MapBiomass Award?

The 8th Edition of the MapBiomass Award has seven categories: General, Youth, Highlight Application in Public Policies , Highlight Application in Business, Highlight Application in Schools, Actions to Reduce Deforestation and Climate Emergency:

- General Category: This category is open to any work meeting the eligibility criteria outlined in **3.6**. All entries submitted in other categories are automatically considered for the General Category, regardless of the specific area of application.
- Youth Category: This category is exclusively for works where the main author is **30 years old or younger** and is either currently enrolled in an undergraduate program, or graduated in 2025 or later. This category encourages young talents to use MapBiomass data in their projects and research.
- Category Highlight Application in Public Policies: This category is for works that use data from any MapBiomass initiative to support the development, implementation, or evaluation of public policies. This category highlights projects demonstrating the practical application of data in formulating concrete solutions for environmental management and sustainability.
- Category Highlight Application in Business: This category is for works showcasing how MapBiomass data can be integrated into innovative and sustainable business models. Eligible projects must demonstrate contributions to natural resource conservation and sustainable management, combining economic value with environmental preservation.
- Category Highlight Application in Schools: This category is for works that use MapBiomass data in **primary or secondary education** (e.g., early childhood, elementary, or high school levels). Examples include incorporating data into teaching materials, curriculum-based or extracurricular projects, pedagogical activities, or developing educational resources for schools. The goal is to highlight educational practices that promote scientific literacy and engage students with environmental topics.
- Special Category Actions to Reduce Deforestation: This category is for works that use data from any MapBiomass initiative to support actions aimed at reducing, combating, or monitoring deforestation. Projects in this category should demonstrate significant contributions, preferably already applied or in the process of being implemented, to preserve native

vegetation, enforce environmental regulations, and combat illegal deforestation.

- **Special Category Climate Emergency:** This category focuses on works that leverage MapBiomass data to address climate change mitigation and adaptation. Projects should demonstrate the application of data in strategies for reducing vulnerability to extreme climatic events, adapting public policies, and fostering climate resilience. These works should contribute to solutions addressing the global climate crisis.
- **Special Category Traditional Peoples and Communities:** This category seeks to recognize and value the use of MapBiomass data by Indigenous Peoples, traditional communities, and quilombolas in their territories. Submissions may be made by members of Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities (e.g., quilombolas, caiçaras, extractivists, riverine communities), individually or collectively, provided that at least one of the authors belongs to one of these groups. Special consideration will be given to initiatives that generate results or applications directly benefiting these communities or contributing to the defense, conservation, and appreciation of their ways of life and territories.

### **What are the awards for the 8th Edition of the MapBiomass Award?**

- 1st place in General Category - value of R\$ 15,000.00 (fifteen thousand reais);
- 2nd place in General Category - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- 1st place in the Youth Category - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- 2nd place in the Youth Category - value of R\$5,000 (five thousand reais);
- Highlight Application in Public Policies - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- Highlight Application in Business - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- Highlight Application in Schools - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- Actions to Reduce Deforestation - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- Climate Emergency - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais);
- Traditional Peoples and Communities - value of R\$ 10,000 (ten thousand reais).

### **What is the registration period?**

Applications will take place from October 2nd, 2025 to March 22nd, 2026.

### **How to apply?**

Registration is free and 100% online. The author must fill in the form here, within the application period, with personal data and the work being submitted according to the category in which they are competing.

### **What type of work can be submitted?**

Works (studies, articles, monographs, dissertations, theses, reports, practical applications), individual or co-authored, by students from technical, undergraduate or graduate schools, professionals from private companies, can

compete for the 8th Edition of the MapBiomass Award. or from NGOs, public administrators, etc. Entries must use or cite data from any MapBiomass initiative, including initiatives from other countries (eg MapBiomass Chaco, Amazon, Bosque Atlântico, Pampa Sul-Americano and Indonesia), and from different products, such as MapBiomass Alert, MapBiomass Fire, MapBiomass Water.

**Can only academic works be submitted?**

No, MapBiomass Award accepts many formats of works, but there are some recommendations. For scientific works, it is recommended that the work contains an introduction, objectives, materials and methods and results, which may include figures, graphs, maps, tables, photos and/or others. For non-academic works, related to applications in public policies, business or schools and for the Special Category Actions to Reduce Deforestation, it is suggested that the work contains an introduction with the relevance of the work, description of the activity or process in which the MapBiomass data were used, results and impacts achieved by this work, which may include figures, maps, tables, photos and other records about the work.

**Should the work be unpublished?**

No. In addition to unpublished works, those published from 2025 in the form of scientific articles, theses, monographs, books, reports, etc., as per the notice, can compete. For published articles, or those in submission process or accepted for publication in a scientific journal, remember that the MapBiomass Prize winning works will be released in an open and free way to the public, so it is necessary for the article to be published under an Open Access model.

**Can I compete again with work submitted in the 6th Edition of the Award?**

Yes, as long as it is unpublished or published from 2025 in the format of scientific articles, theses, monographs, books, reports, etc., as per the term of reference.

**Can other databases be used besides MapBiomass?**

Yes. However, entries must use and/or cite data from a MapBiomass initiative.

**In the Young Category, do all authors need to be under 30 years old?**

No. Only the main author, responsible for the application, needs to be under 30 years old. In the other categories, however, there is no age limitation.

**In the Special Category Traditional Peoples and Communities, do all authors need to belong to these groups?**

No. However, at least one of the authors must belong to one of these groups and must have actively participated in the conception, planning, or execution of the work.

**Can an author submit more than one work?**

Yes, it is possible to submit more than one work, either individually or collectively. However, each work can only be awarded once.

**How many works will be awarded?**

Nine works will be awarded: 1st and 2nd places in the General Category; 1st and 2nd place in the Youth Category, a winner in the Highlight Applications in Public Policy Category, a winner in the Highlight Application in Business Category, a winner in the Highlight Application in Schools Category, a winner in the Actions to Reduce Deforestation Category, one winner in the Climate Emergency Category and one winner in the Traditional Peoples and Communities Category.

**Are works accepted only in Portuguese?**

No. It is possible to submit works in Portuguese, English or Spanish. All three languages are supported.

**I want to submit my monograph/dissertation/thesis to the MapBiomass Award, does my advisor or supervisor need to sign the authorization form?**

The advisor does not need to sign the authorization form, but we suggest including him/her in the question about the mentorship in the application form ("Was your work carried out under the guidance/supervision of someone? If so, please provide the name of the advisor/supervisor"). Also, if your monograph/dissertation/thesis has chapters written in the format of a scientific article that involve the participation of co-authors, everyone must sign the term.

**Is it a prerequisite for the work to be published in an electronic medium before registration?**

It's not a prerequisite. The work can even be developed with the objective of competing for the prize.

**Does the work need to be related to public policy?**

Only in the category "Highlight Applications in Public Policies". The categories "General", "Youth", "Highlights Applications in Business", "Highlight Applications in Schools", "Actions to Reduce Deforestation", "Climate Emergency" and "Traditional Peoples and Communities" need not be related to the theme.

**Who can submit work for the category "Highlights Applications in Business"?**

Organizations with a set of activities, which are constituted without the participation of the public sector, and may be for profit or not, that use data from a MapBiomass initiative in their work.

**Are registrations open to people residing outside Brazil?**

Yes. People from other countries can apply for the award.

**Are individuals able to enroll individuals without ties with universities and/or companies?**

Yes. We do not require an institutional bond for registration.

**Can news articles compete for the Award?**

Entries are not accepted in the format of news articles, given that the works must include an introduction highlighting the relevance of the work, a description of the activity or process in which MapBiomass data were used, results, and impacts achieved by this work, which may include figures, maps, tables, photos, and other records related to the work, as per the guidelines of the 8th edition. However, if the news article includes data analysis from any initiative or module of MapBiomass, it may be submitted if accompanied by a text contextualizing it (in the suggested format of introduction with the relevance of the work, description of the activity or process in which MapBiomass data were used, results, and impacts achieved by this work).

**In the declaration (Annex I of the award notice), can the authors' signatures be digital?**

Yes, authors' signatures can be digital.

**What accounts for the 10,000-word limit established in the award notice?**

The entire body of the text counts for the 10,000 word limit. What does not count: (1) attachments or supplementary materials, (2) scripts, algorithms and codes used for the analyses, (3) general information about the article such as the title or name and institution of the authors, (4) abstract, (5) references, (6) for published/submitted articles, information from scientific journals, such as the name of the author or the journal in the footnotes or headers of each page.

**How to proceed in case the full version of my work (dissertation, thesis and/or article) exceeds the limit of 10,000 words, as established in the award notice?**

We suggest adapting your work with a maximum limit of 10,000 words, but that, according to the notice, it presents an introduction, objectives, materials and methods, results, and in PDF format. Submissions exceeding this word limit will be disqualified.

**Will the winning entries be published openly to the public on the MapBiomass website?**

Yes, the winning works will be published openly and free of charge to the public on the award page on the MapBiomass website, as was the case in previous editions.

We were unable to answer your question? Send an email to [premio@mapbiomas.org](mailto:premio@mapbiomas.org)