



INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION

Dear Potential Member,

Thank you for your interest in joining the International Ranger Federation (IRF); a federation of park ranger associations that aims to further the professional standards of rangers and to provide a forum for rangers from around the world to share their knowledge and experiences.

Membership of the IRF is open to associations that represent rangers who are involved in the protection and preservation of wild lands and their resident flora and fauna; the protection and preservation of historical and cultural heritages; the provision of recreational and educational opportunities in natural settings; the interpretation of natural, historical and cultural themes, and; the administration of protected areas.

There are several types of membership of the IRF, including

- **Regular membership**, which is open to national, state and territorial ranger associations, as approved by the International Executive Council.
- **Provisional membership**, which may be granted to groups of rangers or individual rangers where no formally constituted ranger association is in existence.
- **Associate (non-voting) membership**, which is open to groups or individuals who further the cause of the IRF or protected areas.

How to apply

- To apply for **Regular membership** of the IRF:
 1. Review the aims of the IRF, the criteria for membership and the statement of affiliation (attached).
 2. Seek a sponsor from your region for your application - a sponsor is an association that is already a regular member of the IRF.
 3. Complete the application for membership form (attached) and sign the statement of affiliation.
 4. Obtain the foundational documents for your association (these are the documents used to establish your association and those that govern the association (the constitution, by-laws, statutes etc.))
 5. Forward the application, statement of affiliation and foundational documents to your chosen sponsor for them to sign.
- To apply for **Provisional membership** complete steps 1, 2 and 3.
- To apply for **Associate membership** of the IRF no sponsor is needed, all you need to do is complete steps 1 and 3.

Finally, mail your completed application, signed statement of affiliation and other relevant documents, including foundational documents if you are applying for Regular membership, to the IRF Secretary.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this application.

We look forward to welcoming you in to the international world of park rangers!

Best wishes

Elaine

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership category applying for (*please select one*) Regular Provisional Associate

Country _____
Name of Association/Group/Individual _____
Web site of Association _____
Federal/State/National/Other _____
Number of members employed as rangers? _____
Percentage of total membership that are rangers? _____

Are your members involved in the following duties (please tick which ones)?

Protection of wild lands and their resident flora and fauna?
Protection and preservation of historical and cultural heritage?
Provision of recreational opportunities in natural settings?
Interpretation of natural, historical and cultural themes?
Administration of protected areas?

President/Chairperson

Name _____
Postal address _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

Secretary

Name _____
Postal address _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

IMPORTANT

Attach to this application

- the foundational documents of your association (these are the documents used to establish your association and those that govern it (such as the constitution, by-laws, statutes etc.); and
- a copy of the statement of affiliation (attached) signed by your sponsor association. If you cannot find a sponsor association, please contact the IRF Secretary for assistance.

Forward all documents to the IRF Secretary

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STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION

POTENTIAL MEMBER

We endorse and support the purposes and objectives of the International Ranger Federation and hereby subscribe our association or national ranger organisation as a **Regular member**.

- or -

We/I support the purposes and objectives of the International Ranger Federation and agree to act as a **Provisional member** until such time as a ranger organisation is formed or until such time as the Federation deems necessary.

(Delete where necessary)

We agree to meet the basic requirements for being a member in good standing:

- Pay annual dues or report on how dues are supporting IRF work;
- Submit an annual report to the Secretary;
- Submit at least one article each year to the Thin Green Line.

Nation

Association

President, Chairperson or Designee

Signature and Date

SPONSOR

We, the undersigned association, endorse the membership of the above association as a **Regular member** of the **International Ranger Federation**

- or -

We, the undersigned association, endorse the above organisation/person to represent their nation pending the establishment of a ranger association/organisation.

(Delete where necessary)

Nation

Association

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Signature and Date