INTERNATIONAL MARINE WORK ORGANIZATION

Recognition Programme Framework

Rules, evidence, assessment, jury independence, decisions, challenges and corrections

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Document control and contents

This consolidated framework applies to the inaugural IMWO Recognition programme. A dated call may activate categories, set dates and thresholds, and add stricter administrative requirements. It cannot waive the common evidence, attribution, independence, conflict, decision-record or challenge safeguards in this document.

Owner	International Marine Work Organization
Applies to	The inaugural programme and any dated call issued under it
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Current cycle	imwo.org/recognition-cycle
Rules online	imwo.org/recognition-rules

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SECTION 01

Purpose, scope and current status

IMWO Recognition records documented achievement in ports, dredging, coastal infrastructure, marine utilities, waterfronts and specialist marine works. Merit rests on attributable work and evidenced outcomes, not project value, brand prominence, media reach or paid visibility.

As at 14 August 2026, the framework is public but the inaugural cycle is not open. IMWO has issued no dated call, submission route, jury appointment, assessment, decision or result.

Programme principles

Technical merit	The marine works problem, constraints, engineering response, execution control and accepted configuration.
Demonstrated outcomes	The baseline, measurement period, denominator, exclusions, limitations and responsibility for the result.
Accurate attribution	Credit stops at the contribution supported by the record and distinguishes every material role.
Transferable learning	A useful public explanation of the achievement, evidence basis, limitations and professional lesson.
Commercial separation	Sponsorship, advertising, partnership, membership, directory presence and data provision cannot purchase eligibility, a score or a result.

Programme boundaries

Publication in an IMWO project record, directory, analysis, report or performance record does not confer nomination, finalist or recipient status. Research corrections remain available independently of Recognition. A category may produce no recipient.

SECTION 02

Award categories

A dated call identifies the active categories. Each entry states one principal subject, contribution and assessment point. Category selection follows the contribution being assessed, not the size or publicity of the wider project.

Marine Works Project Award

A completed or accepted marine works project demonstrating engineering quality, controlled execution and a documented delivery result.

Assessment point: The entered works, or a clearly bounded phase, has reached formal acceptance or an equivalent documented close-out point.

Essential record: Scope and constraints; responsibility; temporary works and logistics; quality, safety and environmental controls; changes; tests; surveys; acceptance; outcome.

Boundary: Award, mobilisation, progress percentage or planned completion does not establish project achievement.

Marine Asset Performance Award

A marine or waterfront asset with an operating record demonstrating reliable function, capacity, maintainability or service improvement.

Assessment point: The operating period is long enough to test the result against demand, exposure, maintenance or service conditions.

Essential record: Accepted configuration; baseline; measurement period; demand and availability denominators; downtime; interventions; exclusions; sustained outcome.

Boundary: Design capacity, commissioning output or one operating milestone is not sustained performance.

Specialist Marine Engineering Award

A distinctive engineering or installation contribution in dredging, geotechnics, mooring, marine structures, subsea utilities, heavy lift or related work.

Assessment point: The contribution has been implemented and verified in the conditions for which it was designed or selected.

Essential record: Problem definition; alternatives; design basis; interfaces; temporary states; execution method; hold points; verification; attribution.

Boundary: Participation in a prominent project is insufficient unless the specialist decision, method or result is isolated.

Coastal and Waterfront Resilience Award

Delivered work reducing coastal or waterfront risk with demonstrated performance across hazard, response, consequence, recovery or adaptation.

Assessment point: The intervention is supported by post-delivery monitoring, observed event response or another independently reviewable performance record.

Essential record: Baseline hazard and consequence; loading or design event; residual risk; monitoring period; outcomes; limitations; maintenance; adaptation.

Boundary: Projected benefit, permitted scope or modelled performance alone is not an observed resilience outcome.

Marine Works Knowledge Award

A method, standard, dataset, investigation or documented operating lesson that materially improves professional marine works practice.

Assessment point: The knowledge is available in a stable form and has documented application, adoption, citation or independent technical review.

Essential record: Authorship; purpose; method; provenance; validation; reproducibility; use; limitations; access; demonstrated value.

Boundary: Promotional publication, undocumented opinion or an inaccessible claim is not an assessable contribution.

SECTION 03

Eligibility and nomination

A call may accept a project, programme, asset, engineering contribution, operating improvement, technical method, dataset or documented professional knowledge within its published marine works scope. The contribution must be mature enough for outcomes to be assessed.

Eligibility conditions

Entry authority	The submitter identifies the person or organization represented, its relationship to the work and its authority to provide the material.
Accurate attribution	Every material role and contribution is bounded and capable of verification.
Assessable maturity	The work has an accepted configuration, completed output, operating period or applied knowledge record sufficient to test the achievement.
Rights and consent	The submitter has the right to share the material and identifies restrictions on documents, images, names and confidential information.
Category fit	One lead category is selected. Any transfer occurs before scoring and is recorded.
Evidence completeness	The entry satisfies the evidence standard. Unsupported superlatives and promotional reach do not establish merit.

Who may nominate

An owner, authority, developer, concessionaire or operator may enter its own work or a bounded delivery contribution. A designer, contractor, specialist, supplier, researcher or joint team may enter its contribution with verifiable attribution. An informed third party may nominate work with the nominee's consent and a stated basis for first-hand knowledge.

Common nomination package

Component	Required content
Category statement	Selected category, exact subject, assessment point and reason this is the principal contribution.
Case statement	A concise account organized around the five criteria, separating results from forecasts and intentions.
Contribution schedule	Named parties, roles, interfaces and attribution boundaries.
Outcome schedule	Each result with unit, baseline, period or event, denominator, exclusions, responsibility and current status.
Evidence index	Every material claim mapped to a dated source, record owner, evidence type, access route and publication permission.
Proposed citation	A factual description that does not imply certification of unassessed work.
Supporting material	Relevant plans, images, tables, reports and references with dates, provenance and reuse rights.
Declarations	Authority, consent, conflicts, commercial relationships, disputes, incidents, corrections, confidentiality and evidence gaps.

Partial involvement is eligible only when the entry states its extent and duration, interfaces controlled by others and the outcome attributable to the entered contribution.

SECTION 04

Evidence standard

Evidence must establish the identity of the work, the contribution being credited and the outcome relied upon. A record is used only for the claim it can support. Missing evidence is not completed by assumption.

Evidence components

Identity and scope	The work, location, parties, package boundary and relevant dates.
Baseline and constraints	Site condition, demand, hazard, asset state, requirement or prior performance where improvement or difficulty is claimed.
Delivered configuration	As-built, survey, test, acceptance, commissioning or publication records establishing what existed at the assessment point.
Measured outcome	A stated unit, period, denominator, exclusions and measurement responsibility for every performance claim.
Contribution attribution	The distinct client, designer, contractor, specialist, supplier, operator, researcher and public-body contributions.
Independent support	Owner, authority, certifier, operator, regulator, client or other independent records corroborating material claims where available.

Evidence treatment

Record type	Treatment
Primary project records	Contracts, approvals, certified surveys, tests, acceptance records, operating logs, audited data and signed technical records.
Independent public records	Owner, authority, regulator, financier, standards-body and official procurement publications matched to the claim.
Participant records	Designer, contractor, supplier or operator material with clear authorship and independent checking where possible.
Secondary coverage	Trade and media reporting for context or corroboration, not as the sole basis for a technical or performance claim.
Unverified assertion	Promotional copy, social posts, undated claims and unsupported superlatives receive no evidential credit.

Confidential material may support assessment where provenance can be checked, but the public citation must rest on publishable facts and state any material limitation. A submitter must disclose a correction, dispute, incident or reversal that changes a material claim before result publication.

SECTION 05

Evaluation and scorecards

Eligibility and completeness are checked before merit is scored. Jurors then assess eligible entries independently. A raw score from 0 to 5 is assigned to each criterion with a concise reason and evidence reference.

Weighted contribution = (raw score / 5) x criterion points. The five contributions total 0 to 100. Missing usable evidence scores 0; weight is not redistributed.

Common scoring scale

Score	Meaning	Evidence test
0	Not evidenced	No usable evidence, or the material does not address the criterion.
1	Limited	A relevant assertion or isolated record exists, but basis, attribution or outcome is weak.
2	Adequate	Credible records address the criterion, although material gaps or limitations remain.
3	Strong	The achievement is well defined and supported by coherent, attributable evidence with controlled limitations.
4	Excellent	A substantial, well-controlled contribution and clear result under demanding conditions.
5	Exceptional	An unusually strong, independently supported contribution capable of materially advancing marine works practice.

The category result is the arithmetic mean of valid, non-conflicted juror totals after recorded moderation. The dated call states the overall threshold, any criterion floor, tie treatment and decision method before entries open. The highest score does not compel an award.

SECTION 05A

Category scorecards

Marine Works Project Award

Criterion	Points
Technical achievement	25
Delivery and interface control	25
Safety and environmental responsibility	15
Accepted outcome	20
Transferable learning	15

Marine Asset Performance Award

Criterion	Points
Operational performance	30
Evidence quality and measurement	25
Maintainability and resilience	20
Environmental and user value	15
Transferable learning	10

Specialist Marine Engineering Award

Criterion	Points
Technical contribution	30
Execution and interface control	25
Verification of result	20
Safety and environmental responsibility	10
Transferable learning	15

SECTION 05B

Resilience and knowledge scorecards

Coastal and Waterfront Resilience Award

Criterion	Points
Hazard and consequence baseline	20
Technical response	20
Observed performance	30
Environmental and community value	15
Adaptation and learning	15

Marine Works Knowledge Award

Criterion	Points
Professional value	25
Method and data integrity	25
Originality	20
Application or independent adoption	15
Accessibility and transferable learning	15

Scorecard controls

Total weight	Each category scorecard totals 100 points.
Fixed basis	The scorecard and decision conditions named in a dated call remain fixed for that call.
Reasoned scores	Every raw score records the evidence used and a concise reason.
Missing evidence	An applicable criterion without usable evidence scores 0; its weight is not moved elsewhere.

SECTION 06

Jury, independence and decisions

Recognition decisions require a named, competent and non-conflicted jury. Names, relevant professional backgrounds, jury roles and categories served are published before substantive assessment begins. Current appointment status is recorded at imwo.org/recognition-cycle.

Each category requires at least three voting jurors. At least two thirds must be external to IMWO. A valid decision requires at least three non-conflicted voting jurors, including at least two external jurors.

Jury safeguards

Collective competence	Relevant engineering, delivery, operating, safety, environmental and evidence-review experience.
Conflict declarations	Current and recent employment, advisory, financial, family, project, procurement and other relationships that could affect judgement.
Mandatory recusal	A conflicted juror does not receive, discuss, score, moderate or vote on the affected entry. The recusal is recorded.
Commercial separation	Sponsors, advertisers, partners, entrants and data providers cannot appoint a juror, view confidential scores or influence a result.
Recorded reasons	Eligibility decisions, recusals, moderation changes, votes and the final citation are retained.
Confidentiality	Entry material is used only for assessment, not procurement, investment, recruitment, marketing or competitive advantage.

Decision roles

Role	Responsibility
Programme administration	Receives entries, checks completeness, maintains evidence access, records conflicts and prepares publication material without assigning merit.
Voting jury	Assesses evidence, records independent scores and reasons, moderates differences and decides whether a category produces a recipient.
Technical adviser	Clarifies a specialist matter for all jurors but does not score or vote unless publicly appointed as a juror.
Independent reviewer	Considers an eligible challenge without taking part in the original assessment or holding a conflict.

SECTION 07

Publication, challenges and corrections

A positive decision is published as a bounded evidence-led citation identifying the category, recipient, exact contribution, evidence date, principal publishable sources and material limitations. It does not certify the whole project, asset, organization or supply chain.

The jury may make no award. Aggregate scoring information may be published, while confidential records and individual juror scores remain protected unless the dated call states otherwise.

Review routes

Route	Standing and timing	Purpose
Factual correction	Any source-backed correction at any time	Correct a name, role, date, scope, measurement or citation. Merit need not reopen if unaffected.
Formal challenge	Entrant or directly affected party within 21 calendar days	Review an eligible material error, conflict, procedural departure or new evidence.
Recipient disclosure	Recipient whenever a material issue arises	Disclose an error, withdrawal, sanction, incident or later evidence undermining a relied-upon claim.

Eligible formal challenge grounds

Material factual error	A demonstrably incorrect fact materially affected eligibility, scoring or the citation.
Undisclosed conflict	A relationship requiring disclosure or recusal was not properly identified or managed.
Material procedural departure	The rules, evidence standard, scorecard, quorum or decision process was materially not followed.
Material new evidence	Evidence unavailable despite reasonable diligence would probably have changed the result.

Disagreement with professional judgement or preference for another entry is not, by itself, a review ground. An independent reviewer may recommend that the result be upheld, the citation corrected, the affected matter re-assessed, or the result withdrawn. A material change is dated and linked to the original citation.

SECTION 08

Requirements before a call opens

A Recognition call must be complete enough to govern a decision before accepting an entry. An informal approach, project listing, directory record, editorial mention, event, membership, partnership or commercial relationship is not an entry route.

Control	Information required before opening
Dates and route	Opening and closing dates, time zone, submission address or form and acknowledgement process.
Scope	Active categories, eligible completion or operating period, geographic scope and category limits.
Assessment basis	Scorecard, evidence requirements, thresholds, criterion floors, tie treatment and no-award condition.
Jury record	Named jurors, relevant experience, appointment basis, conflict declarations, recusals and quorum.
Publication terms	Material that may be public, citation format, result notice, correction route and challenge period.
Data handling	Permitted formats, access, confidentiality, retention and secure disposal terms.

The rules and scorecard identified in a dated call remain fixed for that call. A material change must be published and cannot disadvantage an entry already submitted.

Public records

Current cycle: imwo.org/recognition-cycle
Awards and categories: imwo.org/awards
Evidence standard: imwo.org/recognition-evidence
Evaluation framework: imwo.org/recognition-evaluation
Jury and independence: imwo.org/recognition-governance
Challenges and corrections: imwo.org/recognition-challenges

SECTION A

Definitions

Accepted configuration	The state established by an acceptance, as-built, commissioning, operating or equivalent controlled record.
Assessment point	The date, event or operating period at which the contribution and outcome are evaluated.
Citation	The public statement identifying the recipient, exact contribution, evidence date and material boundary.
Conflict	A relationship or interest that could reasonably affect, or appear to affect, impartial judgement.
Dated call	The notice that activates categories and fixes dates, route, scorecards, thresholds, jury record and publication terms.
Entry	The complete nomination package accepted through the route stated in a dated call.
Evidence boundary	The point beyond which the record does not support a broader claim, role, outcome or period.
Finalist	An entry formally assigned that status under a dated call. Eligibility or scoring alone does not create it.
Juror total	The sum of five weighted criterion contributions assigned by one valid, non-conflicted juror, from 0 to 100.
Material	Capable of changing eligibility, a score, the decision or the meaning of the citation.
Nominee	The subject identified in an accepted entry. Presence in IMWO research does not create this status.
Recipient	The subject of a positive jury decision published by IMWO with a citation.

End of controlled document

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