



## 2019 APPLICATION PACKET

### Contact Information:

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### Application Instructions:

Please fill out the following application completely and thoroughly. The 2019 application enrollment period is open from **October 7 – December 31**. The WSR Vision Council will announce the results of the selection process at the Global Wave Conference in February of 2020.

Applications should be submitted via email to [trent@savethewaves.org](mailto:trent@savethewaves.org) in a single PDF document including all attachments to be considered. **Submissions need to be made by December 31, at 5 pm (PST).**

### 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 and capacity evidenced by government, NGO, and other local endorsements

**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 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.



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 WSR sites and surf zones are evaluated and chosen based on the following criteria:**

**I. Quality and Consistency (Max 500 words)**

Please include a thorough description of the wave(s) characteristics including any climate, wave pattern, and, meteorological information that helps display wave quality and consistency. This may also include images. Please give particular attention to the following criteria:

- Quality of wave(s)
- Surf-able days a year
- Site of pro contest
- Wave variety

**II. Unique Environmental Characteristics (Max 750 Words)**

Please consider what makes the coastal environment and surf ecosystem around the proposed WSR boundaries significant, unique, and/or sensitive. Please provide or reference any relevant scientific data to biological, geological, and geophysical studies that have been conducted in the area. Please give particular attention to the following criteria:

- Recognized biodiversity hotspots
- Threatened species present
- Connected to water resources
- Past/present/future wave threats
- Protected designations
- Undeveloped area
- Key issues identified
- Clear avenue for protection identified
- Provides key ecosystem services

**III. Surf Culture, Ocean Culture, Indigenous Culture & Additional History of the Area**

(Max 750 Words)

Please outline the significance of the local surf culture, ocean culture, indigenous culture, or other related history pertaining to this application with particular attention to the following criteria:

- Site of national cultural significance
- Importance in surf history
- Site of regional significance

**IV. Community Support**

(Max 750 words)

The World Surfing Reserves program depends on the, on-going support from the surfing and



conservation communities at the local, national, and international level. Please outline how the local community will mobilize in support of the activities of the WSR, with particular attention to the following criteria:

- Securing community cohesion in support of a World Surfing Reserve designation
- Existence of sustainable financing opportunities
- Surfing as a key part of the local economy
- Clearly identified Reserve Ambassador
- Capable community leaders dedicated to the ongoing WSR management and coordination.

### **Supporting Materials**

(Must provide a letter of support from each of the below and may provide more if desired)

- Please provide a letter of support from the following:
  - Local government officials
  - Regional government officials
  - Governing surfing association
  - Local conservation/environmental NGOs
  - Local community group outside of surfing (eg. community development, youth leadership, homeowner's association)
  - Local business/tourism interests
  - Academic institution.
- Please provide a provisional list of Local Stewardship Council members, including their affiliations and contact information.
- Please provide a one-page (max) description of how you envision WSR approval supporting the conservation interests of your community? How can this program help your community better protect your surfing resources?

Thank you for your application to the World Surfing Reserves program. If you have any more questions about the application process, the program structure and what to expect, or any questions about Save The Waves Coalition, please reach out to the contact below.

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