



WWFF TUTORIAL

Running a WWFF National Program

- World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) was established in 2012
- WWFF encourages portable ham radio operations, with a particular focus on operating from nature reserves and other protected areas
 - Those operating from WWFF “references” (= areas) are *activators*
 - Those trying to work the activators from home are *hunters*
- Website at <https://wwff.co>
 - Directory of WWFF references
 - “Logsearch” plugin: log, award, and directory handling + statistics
 - DX cluster and “Agenda” for upcoming activations
 - Global rules: https://wwff.co/wwff_cont/uploads/2023/04/WWFF-Global-Rules-V_5.9.pdf
- As of April 2025, there are over 63,000 WWFF references in 301 DXCC countries
- WWFF is busy every day of the year
 - In 2024, about 1,400 activators made 1,500,000 QSOs from 10,000 WWFF references in 79 DXCC countries, with 18,000 hunters making min. 10 QSOs



General

- World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) consists of country-level Flora & Fauna programs = **national programs** (62 listed as of April 2025)
- WWFF can be seen as an umbrella organization that provides
 - General rules
 - IT infrastructure (log, award & directory management, statistics)
- The national programs have duties **for their countries**
 1. Receiving, checking, and uploading activator logs to “Logsearch”
 2. Issuing country-specific activator & hunter awards
 3. Managing the WWFF reference directory in “Logsearch”
 4. Communicating with the WWFF decision team
- The national programs have the freedom and flexibility to
 - Create country-specific awards
 - Run local events
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General

- The program name is the prefix + FF for “Flora & Fauna”: 4OFF, 4XFF, etc.
- Usually the programs also have a dedicated logo, a website, etc.



4OFF Montenegro
Coordinator : [4O4A](#)



Web : [4XFF Israel](#)
Coordinator : [4X1RE](#)
Logmanager : [4X5KE](#)
Awardmanager : [4X4DX](#)
Refmanager : [4X5KE](#)



5BFF Cyprus
Coordinator : [5B4AIX](#)



Web : [9AFF Croatia](#)
Coordinator : [9A3ST & 9A2GA](#)



Web : [7XFF Algeria](#)
Coordinator : [7X2KF](#)



Web : [9MFF Malaysia](#)
Coordinator : [9W2WF](#)



Web : [A6FF United Arab Emirates](#)
Coordinator : [A65D](#)



Web : [CTFF Portugal](#)
Coordinator : [CT7AOV](#)
Logmanager : [CT7ARW](#)
Awardmanager : [CT7AOV](#)

See: <https://wwff.co/awards/national-programs/>



- The national program is managed by a “National coordinator”
 - The coordinator is authorized by the WWFF decision team
- In small programs, the coordinator can handle all duties
 - Receive, check, and upload activator logs
 - Issue country-specific activator & hunter awards
 - Manage the WWFF reference directory
 - Communicate with the WWFF decision team
- In large and busy programs, the duties can be shared between several individuals, as appointed by the national coordinator
 - National coordinator (general management and development)
 - Log manager(s)
 - Award manager
 - Directory manager
 - Website manager
 - etc.
- Please notify team@wwff.co of any personnel changes



- The national program can set up for example an e-mail address for receiving activator logs in the country
 - Log file format: ADI
 - Log file naming convention: DL1ABC-P @ DLFF-1234 20250315.ADI
 - <https://wwff.co/rules-faq/confirming-and-sending-log/>
- Together with the submitted log, the program may request GPS-based evidence – like a phone screenshot – to prove that the activator was inside the claimed WWFF reference (see rule 3.15)
- **Tasks of the national coordinator or log manager(s)**
 - Check the log internally for consistency: date, callsign, WWFF reference, etc.
 - Check the possible GPS-based evidence
 - Upload the log to the wwff.co “Logsearch” database
- Instructions for log upload to Logsearch:
https://wwff.co/wwff_cont/uploads/2017/10/WWFF_TUTORIAL_LogUploading_AwardManagement_version1.1.pdf



- WWFF handles activator & hunter awards for global totals
 - <https://wwff.co/awards/global-awards/>
- National programs are encouraged to have their own awards
 1. **Activator & hunter awards for WWFF references within that program**
 2. Worked all geographic regions within the country
 3. Band/mode-specific awards
 4. Special event awards
- Logsearch supports #1: activator & hunter awards with desired levels
 - For example 10, 44, etc. activated references; 10, 44, 100, etc. hunted refs
 - Logsearch users can apply for awards after reaching the numerical threshold
 - After a user applies, Logsearch sends an e-mail to the manager
- **Tasks of the national coordinator or award manager**
 - Prepares the award templates
 - Prepares award PDFs based on received applications
 - Sends the award by e-mail to the recipient
- Instructions for award handling in Logsearch:
https://wwff.co/wwff_cont/uploads/2017/10/WWFF_TUTORIAL_LogUploading_AwardManagement_version1.1.pdf



- WWFF references **must** be protected areas or similar nature reserves
 - Eligible areas/reserves may often be listed on <https://www.protectedplanet.net>
 - National government listings may be more up to date and precise
 - See WWFF rule 15.3: having an IUCN category number is another clue about area eligibility
 - NOTE: regular parks without protected status **do not** qualify
 - Naming convention is “National program - Number”: DLFF-0023, VKFF-2411, ..
- A national program can add 200 new references per year
 - Exceptions for geographically very large countries
- New references are added through a form in Logsearch, then approved by the global WWFF directory manager
- Global WWFF maps are available at <https://wwff.co/directory/map/>
 - Some national programs also maintain their own custom maps (e.g., <https://kartta.ohff.fi>) and/or Google Earth KMZ files for showing reference boundaries (e.g., <https://dlff.info/index.php/dlff-gebiete/>)
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https://wwff.co/wwff_cont/uploads/2017/10/WWFF_TUTORIAL_Directory_Management_version1.0.pdf