I.F.F.A.
- Italian Flora Fauna Award -
Rules



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1) The **I.F.F.A. (Italian Flora Fauna Award)** is issued by Section A.R.I. of Mondovì (Cuneo) for O.M. and S.W.L. in order to raise awareness of the National Parks, Regional Natural Parks, Reserves, Oases and Natural or Protected Areas, recognized by the "Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica", in the various points of the Italian geography and enhance their heritage.
2) For obtain the Award, which will be issued in only one category, the applicant must demonstrate that he has contacted the following number of Flora Fauna:
   - Italian and Foreign stations: **10 different references** for the HF bands.
   - Italian and Foreign stations: **5 different references** for the VHF bands (50MHz and above).
3) Contacts can be made on all amateur radio bands, from 2 to 160 meters, and in the SSB, CW and Digital modes.
4) Contacts with stations operating from the Flora Fauna references starting from **01 August 2009** are valid.
5) The **I.F.F.A.** Award is issued **free of charge in PDF format** to each O.M. or S.W.L. by presenting to **Award Manager (Massimo Balsamo, IK1GPG)** or to **Technical Award Manager (Betty Sciolla, IK1QFM)** of the **Section A.R.I. of Mondovì**, C/o Segreteria, Via Torino 89, I-12084 Mondovì (Cuneo) Italia**,** as follows:
   5.1) Compiled **"Online" request form** from the home page of the site https://www.dcia.it/iffa or https://wwff.co/logsearch
   5.2) **LOGs** and **QSLs** are not necessary because all QSOs are registered in the portal https://www.diplomaradio.it
6) Owners of I.F.F.A. Award may use the **IFFA logo** on their QSLs, correspondence and Web Sites.
7) The O.M. that has activated at least **3 References** is entitled to the **I.F.F.A. Operator Award** with the rules point 5.
8) The list of **IFFA references** can be consulted on the portal https://www.dcia.it/iffa
9) Diploma participants will be able to consult and download their QSOs, updated in real time, using the portal https://www.diplomaradio.it

Section Activators

10) An activation, for the Award, will considered valid only if will be respected following rules:
10.1) The radio station (including the antenna and power supply) must be located **within the perimeter** of the reference, which can be consulted on the website https://www.diplomaradio.it
10.2) For activations of references that have never been activated or already validated, at least **50** QSOs on HF or **15** QSOs on VHF must be made and more than **30 minutes**.
10.3) An **exemption will be granted**, with clear justification, if a quorum is not reached and the activity more than 1 hour.
10.4) Multi-operator activations must comply with the following rules:
10.4a) For activations with the use of a **Radio Club or Special Call**, the reference will be credited, both to the owner and to all the operators who participated in it (including special or Radio Club calls), upon reaching **50 QSOs** in at least two bands.
10.4b) For activations with the use of **personal Callsign** (**on the same day**) once the **1st OM** has complied with the point 15.2 or 15.3, from the **2nd OM** onwards, to obtain accreditation, at least **20 more QSOs** must be made with your own Callsign, without time limit.
10.5) **Activations declared QRP** are permitted only under the conditions of reaching a QSO quorum.
10.6) It is not possible to activate **more than 1 reference at the same time**. The duration of each activation **must exceed 30 minutes** and, in addition to the **40 meter band**, the **20 meter band** must be used.
10.7) The documentation must be sent **within 7 days** of activation through the portal https://www.diplomaradio.it
a) **The Log** exclusively in the **ADIF** format (according to the instructions indicated in the FAQ pages);
b) At **least 2 photographs** of the reference in JPG format, **one of them geo-referenced**;
c) At **least 3 photographs** proving the activation of which **2 are geo-referenced** (one at the beginning and one at the end of the operation);
For the residents, photos (possibly geo-referenced) of the shack and the antennas of the house are needed.
It is highly recommended to use the App **DiplomaRadio2**, that can be downloaded for free for Android and iPhone.
d) The **accreditation request form** which **must be generated** through the portal https://www.diplomaradio.it
e) **N. 1 files .kmz** generated by the **Google Earth** program (according to the instructions indicated in the FAQ pages) of the transmission station which will be necessary to determine whether the operation actually took place within the IFFA reference.
f) **Short movie of the activation** in AVI, MOV. MP4, MPEG or others format (NOT mandatory).
g) Any permits or authorizations for access to the reference.
10.8) **Resident activators** are always obliged to send logs to allow Hunters automatic accreditation.
10.9) At the activator is recommended to send the QSLs. **The final courtesy of a QSO is always the QSL card.**
10.10) The activator must necessarily finish an activation before starting another one.
In the event that it is impossible to complete it, it will be archived in the **NON-Validations list**.
10.11) The **IFFA Award** was born on **01 July 2009** from an idea of IK1GPG Massimo and IK1QFM Betty and was established on **01 August 2009**, the starting date of validity of the QSOs.
It was born under the patronage of the **WFF** (World Flora Fauna) and since November 2012 it has been in partnership with the **WWFF** International Diploma (World Wide Flora & Fauna) https://wwff.co of which the IFFA Managers are the coordinators for Italy.
The activations of IFF references will be automatically credited by the IFFA Award Manager to the WWFF International Diploma, but it is **mandatory** to respect the rules of the **I.F.F.A** Diploma. which have **primary value**.
That said, **starting from 01/10/2022**, the **IFF** activities can be combined simultaneously with references belonging to other Diplomas of Global relevance (**DCI-WCA**, **IFF-WWFF**, **IIA-IOTA**, **WAIL-ARLHS**) or of Historical relevance, or the **DLI** (Italian Lakes Diploma of 2003) and the **DAI** (Italian Abbeys Diploma of 2007).

Starting from 15/09/2025, the **POTA** (Parks on the Air 2017) can also be combined.
Starting from 14/09/2026, the **DTMBA** (Diploma Theaters Museums and Fine Arts) can also be combined, **but only if the activations will be in a portable setting.**
Therefore, joint operations with references from **other Diplomas** cannot take place, under penalty of non-validation of the activity.

10.12) To the activator who behaves differently from the Regulations or commits other improprieties, at the unquestionable judgment of the Award Manager and of the President of the Section ARI of Mondovì holder of the Diploma, having heard the opinion of the Technical Award Manager, and after having been informed by letter (also in electronic form), the following sanctions may be imposed:
a) warning
b) suspension from activations for a period of not less than 1 month and up to a maximum of 24 months
c) definitive and irrevocable disqualification as IFFA activator

10.13) Once the log has been sent, **after three months** from the date of activation, additions are not permitted with the exception of the correction of clearly incorrectly typed names; therefore the activator is asked to carefully check the log with the help of the https://www.diplomaradio.it portal which reports errors before sending.

10.14) **During the Meeting IFFA**, which takes place on the 3rd weekend of September, **activations will not be possible**.

10.15) All radio amateurs (activators and hunters), who participate in this Diploma, must follow an exemplary conduct in compliance with the International Radio Amateur Code of Ethics.

a) The practices listed below are totally illegal and penalize the activities; consequently both the activator, responsible for his own way of conducting operations which risks the deduction of all QSOs thus made, and the hunter who risks the cancellation of the QSO:
   i. through "compliant stations";
   ii. with operators who carry out the contact using different identifiers than their own and therefore for third parties;
   iii. made with voice recordings, by telephone, via Skype, Google-talk or similar programs.
b) Furthermore, no contact with the Radioclub call sign is permitted if the operator is not in the QTH of the same Radioclub, otherwise the call sign must always be used followed by the /P
c) It may lead to disqualification if intentional irregular practices, using foul language or ethically improper behavior in any aspect of participation in this Diploma are noted. The disqualification leads to the non-validation of the activation for the activator and consequently he will not be allowed to make other DCI activations, while for the hunter the elimination from the rankings and the warning to participate in any IFFA activity.
d) It is good practice to announce any operation using the portal https://www.diplomaradio.it and/or the specially prepared "group" dci-iffa_news-group@googlegroups.com, where all members of the expedition can advertise the activations that they intend to perform. In order to promote the use of these tools, if other activators decide to operate from a reference that has been previously announced by another activator, this second operation will not be validated, provided that between the first activation announcement and the execution of the same has not passed more than a month.
e) The announcement of the expected date of activity must not be more than 1 month old.
If the announced activation cannot take place for various reasons, the activator has the moral obligation to communicate that the activation will not take place and that it will therefore be rescheduled, effectively releasing the reservation of the reference.

10.16) The activators are invited to respect the current HF Band Plan of the IARU Region 1 which can be consulted at the following address: https://www.iaru-r1.org

11) The references will have the following syntax: IFF-0001 (IFF-Progressive number).
Requests for new references must be submitted within **31st May** and **30th November** of each year, to the **I1ASU** Technical Manager to the email address gianpiero.asselle@gmail.com and a copy to the email address Managers iffa@dcia.it
Following a favorable technical opinion, the Award Manager will assign new references.
The request form available on the website https://www.dcia.it/iffa must necessarily be accompanied by sources taken from books, reliable websites or declarations institutional.
The **time** set for the **paternity of the new references** is **15 days** from the date of officialisation.
Activation by other activators during the authorship period will not be validated.
If an assigned IFFA reference no longer meets the required characteristics, or if in the meantime the state is such that it is no longer considered acceptable, it must be canceled using the appropriate form.

12) The **IFFA Technical Staff** is listed on the website https://www.dcia.it/iffa in the dedicated "Home" area and is available to help with the use the website https://www.diplomaradio.it.

13) **Definition of Flora Fauna**. The following types can be identified:
National Parks, Regional Natural Parks, Natural and Regional Reserves, Oases, Natura 2000, Protected Natural Areas of Local or Provincial Interest, Biotopes, Natural Monuments and Alberi Monumentali (Decreto Dipartimentale prot.n.5450 del 19/12/2017).
Effective 14/09/2026, Marine Protected Areas can be referenced.
The activation for the **Marine Protected Areas (as the Natural Monuments and Alberi Monumentali) must take place within a maximum distance of 100 meters.**

Acknowledgments for Activators and Hunters

14) The **Honor Roll I.F.F.A. Hunters** for those who have confirmed **100 different References**.
It consists of a personalized license plate.
The **cost** is equal to **30 Euro** for shipments in Italy (**40 Euro** in Europe and **50 Euro** outside Europe).

15) The **Honor Roll I.F.F.A. Activators** for those who have activated at least **25 different References**.
It consists of a personalized Crest.
The **cost** is equal to **30 Euro** for shipments in Italy (**40 Euro** in Europe and **50 Euro** outside Europe).

16) The **Top Honor Roll I.F.F.A. Hunters** for those who have confirmed **200 different References** and already hold the Honor Roll.
It consists of a personalized license plate.
The **cost** is equal to **30 Euro** for shipments in Italy (**40 Euro** in Europe and **50 Euro** outside Europe).
17) The **Top Honor Roll I.F.F.A. Activators** for those who have activated at least **100 different References** and already hold the Honor Roll.
It consists of a personalized Crest and is **free of charge.**
18) **No.20 Awards Porta-Stickers Avanzamento Attivatori** are provided **free of charge** in **PDF format**:
   a. **#01:** from **0010** to **0075** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   b. **#02:** from **0080 to 0145** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   c. **#03:** from **0150** to **0215** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   d. **#04:** from **0220** to **0285** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   e. **#05:** from **0290** to **0355** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   f. **#06:** from **0360** to **0425** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   g. **#07:** from **0430** to **0495** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   h. **#08:** from **0500** to **0565** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   i. **#09:** from **0570** to **0635** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   j. **#10:** from **0640** to **0705** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   k. **#11:** from **0710** to **0775** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   l. **#12:** from **0780** to **0845** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   m. **#13:** from **0850** to **0915** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   n. **#14:** from **0920** to **0985** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   o. **#15:** from **0990** to **1055** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   p. **#16:** from **1060** to **1125** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   q. **#17:** from **1130** to **1195** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   r. **#18:** from **1200** to **1265** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   s. **#19:** from **1270** to **1335** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
   t. **#20:** from **1340** to **1405** (with a series of **14 stickers** for **5** activations)
19) **No.20 Awards Porta-Stickers Avanzamento Hunters** are provided **free of charge** in **PDF format**:
   a. **#01:** from **0025** to **0250** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   b. **#02:** from **0275** to **0500** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   c. **#03:** from **0525** to **0750** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   d. **#04:** from **0775** to **1000** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   e. **#05:** from **1025** to **1250** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   f. **#06:** from **1275** to **1500** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   g. **#07:** from **1525** to **1750** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   h. **#08:** from **1775** to **2000** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   i. **#09:** from **2025** to **2250** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   j. **#10:** from **2275** to **2500** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   k. **#11:** from **2525** to **2750** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
   l. **#12:** from **2775** to **3000** (with a series of **10 stickers** for **25** activations)
20) During the IFFA Meeting, at the discretion of the A.R.I. of Mondovì, special prizes not included in these Regulations may be awarded.
21) The **Fame IFFA Operator** for the OM or Radio Club/Special Callsign (only the owner) that will have activated the **highest number of references from 1 August to 31 July** and already hold the **Top Honour Roll I.F.F.A. Operator**.
It consists in a personalized acknowledgment. For the first 5 classified, the Diploma will be sent in **PDF format.**
22) The **Fame IFFA Hunter** for the OM or Radio Club/Special Callsign (only the owner) that will have contacted the **highest number of references from 1 August to 31 July** and already hold the **Honour Roll I.F.F.A. Hunters.**
It consists in a personalized acknowledgment. For the first 5 classified, the Diploma will be sent in **PDF format.**

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