

# Program FFF

# France Flora Fauna

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France Flora Fauna was created in 2010 to promote the protection of fauna and flora in France and its territories by broadcasting on amateur radio bands from protected sites recognized by the French government and according to the decisions of the IUCN International Union for Conservation of Nature. <http://www.iucn.org/fr/>

Currently, the following are included in the FFF program: National parks, regional parks, natural reserves, Natura 2000 areas, RAMSAR sites, Coastal Conservatory sites, Sensitive natural areas, national or territorial forests, marine natural parks, ZNIEFF zones, Biotope areas, Biosphere reserves. This list is not final and will be reviewed annually by the committee according to the files presented. This program is part of the international WWFF program (formerly WFF), World Wide Flora Fauna. <http://wwff.co/>

## **RULES FOR AWARDS FFF**

1 / The FRANCE FLORA FAUNA (FFF) awards are intended to promote the protection of fauna and flora by broadcasting on the amateur radio bands and make it possible to discover the different protected areas cited below.

- National Natural Parks (<http://www.parcsnationaux.fr/>)
- Regional Natural Parks (<http://www.parcs-naturels-regionaux.tm.fr/fr/accueil/>)
- Natural Reserves (<http://www.reserves-naturelles.org/>)
- Natura 2000 Zones (<http://inpn.mnhn.fr/site/natura2000/listeSites>)
- RAMSAR Zones ([http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-home/main/ramsar/1\\_4000\\_1\\_](http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-home/main/ramsar/1_4000_1_))
- Sites of the Conservatoire du Littoral (<http://www.conservatoire-du-littoral.fr/>)
- Sites of the Conservatory of Sensitive Natural Areas (<http://www.reseau-cen.org/>)
- National or territorial forests (<http://www.onf.fr/>)
- Marine Parks (<http://www.aires-marines.fr/>)
- ZNIEFF areas (<https://inpn.mnhn.fr/programme/inventaire-znieff/presentation>)
- Protection of a biotope, a natural habitat or a site of geological interest (<https://inpn.mnhn.fr/programme/espaces-proteges/protections-reglementaires>)
- Biosphere Reserves, *central zone* (<http://www.mab-france.org/en/biospheres/>)

2 / Start date: 2008 July 1°

3 / These awards may be obtained by any station holding an official amateur license, as well as SWL under the same conditions.

4 / Contacts on all amateur radio bands are valid

5 / All authorized transmission modes are valid (SSB, CW, RTTY, SSTV and other digital modes)

6 / The national manager establishes the list of protected areas (parks, reserves ...). He follows the different lists established by the governmental or associative authorities that govern the protected sites.

7 / He assigns references as activities progress. The list of references is published regularly on the site: <http://www.france-flora-fauna.fr/>

8 / Parks, reserves or other protected sites receive a reference in the form: FFF-0001, FFF-0002, .... No whimsical reference for any event is permitted.

9 / Conditions of validity of contacts

- The station (antenna, radio,...) is located inside the protected site (unless the protection is justified by the activator)
- A minimum of 100 QSO must be made in HF or 30 in VHF / UHF.
- Reactivation 50 QSO in HF or 15 in VHF / UHF. (See *special cases*)
- Relay contacts are invalid
- Contacts in HF / VHF / UHF ... can not be cumulated.
- It is not allowed to activate two or more FFF references at the same time.
- Duration of the activity will be at least 2 hours before activating another reference. For a reactivation, the duration will be 1h 30 mn.
- HF activity must take place on at least 2 amateur radio bands (eg 40 m and 20 m). (See *special cases*)
- Log of the activity will be sent in ADIF format in the format:  
"INDICATIVE @ FFF -xxxx-YYYYMMDD.ADI"  
xxxx for reference site.  
YYYYMMDD for activation date (or the first day of activation on expedition)  
*Exemple* : « F5SSN@FFF-0031-20170101.ADI » ou « F5SSN p@FFF-0032-20170101.ADI »
- Activator should send his report within fifteen (15) days to the national manager: [wwff44@france-flora-fauna.fr](mailto:wwff44@france-flora-fauna.fr) . The deadline may be extended by supporting documents. (See *special cases*)
- Activity report must contain, in addition to the log, photographic documentation proving the activity.
- Activating residents must provide a topographic map showing their position.
- kmz file with the location information produced by the Google Earth program will be attached to the report (not required, but recommended in case of dispute)
- Video of the activity in MOV, MP4, MPEG or other format will be attached to the report (not mandatory but recommended in case of dispute)

9a/ Special cases

- Flora Fauna references are present in the mountains. Activities from summits take place under conditions that are often difficult or limited in time. The committee will accept all portable activities without minimum contact and time, if the rest of the conditions are respected.
- Deadline for the report, fixed at 15 days, may be extended by supporting documents. Thus an expedition or a trip with multiple activities can be validated after study of the file.
- The obligation to participate in at least two bands will not be mandatory for the following events: RAMSAR Day (February 2) and Green Party (scheduled for June each year). However, the rest of the regulations are mandatory.

10 / National manager verifies that the quota necessary for the validation of each reference is respected as well as all the conditions of validity of the contacts.

11 / List of approved activations is published regularly on the site:  
[Http://www.france-flora-fauna.fr/](http://www.france-flora-fauna.fr/)

12 / Each activator undertakes to send the QSL to any request of its amateur radio contacts or SWL.

13 / National manager agrees after validation of the activity, to send the logs to the international committee WWFF visible on the site: : <http://wwff.co/>

- 13a / Special case  
Some Oms will have the possibility of the International Committee to integrate their logs themselves. If these logs do not reach the French committee in compliance with point 9 /, the activities will not be validated and refused even after sending. They cannot be valid for the awards requested.

14 / Operator(s) will be automatically credited to each activity, meeting the criteria of Note 9 /. (In case of use of radio-club call or other, do not forget to mention the call of the operators), the reference will be automatically accredited to them.

15 / The activator "resident" in a protected site, after validation of his first activity complying with the conditions of point 9 /, will remain resident if the following points are respected:

- The station (antenna, radio,...) is located inside the protected site (unless the protection is justified by the activator)
- An annual log (at the date of the assignment of resident status) with a minimum of 100 radio links must be made in HF or 50 in VHF
- Relay contacts are invalid
- Contacts in HF / VHF / UHF ... can not be cumulated.
- The HF activity must take place on at least 2 amateur radio bands (eg 40 m and 20 m).
- Log of the activity will be sent in ADIF format in the format:  
"INDICATIVE @ FFF -.... YYYYMMDD.ADI"  
xxxx for reference site.  
YYYYMMDD for activation date  
*Exemple : « F5SSN@FFF-0031-20170101.ADI »*
- Activator should send his log to the national manager: [wwff44@france-flora-fauna.fr](mailto:wwff44@france-flora-fauna.fr) .

*15a/* With this rules, previous residents registered in the FFF program must, as of 31 January of each year, justify compliance with the points in Note 15 /. The committee commits to recontact the residents every year to avoid any forgetfulness and their eviction from the program.

16 / The SWL will also be able to obtain the status of resident. The following rules must be observed:

- The listening station (antenna, radio, ...) is located inside the protected site and will be justified by topographic map or .kmz file
- QSL must include the FFF and / or WWFF logo and the assigned reference number.
- QSL will be sent to the national committee for information and distribution on the national website: <http://www.france-flora-fauna.fr/>

*16a /* With this rule, residents registered in the FFF program must, as of 31 January of each year, justify compliance with the points in footnote 16 / with respect to the previous year by entering into a written memorandum.

## 17 / Conditions for awards

- For "hunters" on the HF or VHF / UHF bands 3 basic diplomas:
  - 🇫🇷 Contacts of 5 FFF parks, reserves, or sites registered in the FFF program
  - 🇫🇷 Contacts of 10 FFF parks, reserves, or sites registered in the FFF program
  - 🇫🇷 Contacts of 15 FFF parks, reserves, or sites registered in the FFF program
  - 🇫🇷 FFF EXCELLENCE: From 50 FFF references, it will be rewarded with a numbered and personalized plaque.
  - 🇫🇷 FFF HONOR: 100 references FFF
  - 🇫🇷 FFF TROPHY: 200 references FFF
  - 🇫🇷 FFF TOP: references 300 FFF

Extensions in installments of fifty (50) will be awarded afterwards.

A TROPHY will be awarded for all the French departments of the metropolis contacted from the protected sites. If a site covers more than one department, it will be credited with the department according to the activity site of the activating station.

- For activating stations :
  - 🇫🇷 Activations from 5 FFF parks, reserves, or sites registered in the FFF program
  - 🇫🇷 Activations from 10 FFF parks, reserves, or sites registered in the FFF program
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Extensions in installments of fifty (50) will be awarded afterwards.

A TROPHY will be awarded for all the French departments of the metropolis activated from the protected sites. If a site covers more than one department, it will be credited with the department according to the activity site of the activating station.

## 18 / Ethics of conduct

- 🇫🇷 Fair play and sportsmanship are required of all applicants or stations enabling them to obtain a award from the FFF program
- 🇫🇷 An applicant or a station permitting the award, or the representative of that station (QSL manager, ...), may be disqualified in the event of reprehensible acts demonstrating a notorious and constant violation of the spirit OM and the rules laid down in this Regulation.

## 19/ Fees

To obtain the basic awards (5,10,15), send the list of QSOs, certified by 2 Oms (no QSL sending, but can be requested for inspection) accompanied by 10 Euros or 12 \$.

It is possible to obtain free basic awards, by e-mail in PDF format.

For the EXCELLENCE, HONOR, TROPHY and TOP awards, it is necessary to send the QSO list, certified by 2 Oms (no QSL sending, but can be requested for inspection). These plates cost 50 Euros or 70 \$.

Applications should be addressed to:

FFF-Award  
Mr. Marc VERGNES  
37 Rue des Ménigouttes  
36300 LE BLANC  
la France

Mail: [wwff44@france-flora-fauna.fr](mailto:wwff44@france-flora-fauna.fr)

