RULES FOR THE "GOLDEN OAK" AWARD ASTURFORESTA 2027

1. PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The "Carbayo de Oro" Award aims to recognise and honour an individual, company, organisation, institution, project or initiative that has made a particularly significant contribution to the forestry sector.

The award seeks to highlight initiatives that stand out for their innovative nature; their contribution to the development and competitiveness of the sector; the sustainability and protection of forest resources; research and technological development; the prevention and management of forest risks; the processing and added value of forest products; and the promotion and enhancement of the forestry sector.

The "Carbayo de Oro" Award will have a single category and will be presented during the ASTURFORESTA 2027 International Forestry Fair, to be held on 27, 28 and 29 May 2027 at Monte Armayán, Tineo (Asturias, Spain).

2. ORGANISING BODY

The "Carbayo de Oro" Award is organised by the ASTURFORESTA Organising Committee, which is made up of representatives of the forestry sector.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

The following may be nominated for the "Carbayo de Oro" Award:

Individuals, companies and other private entities, public administrations and public bodies, universities, research centres and scientific or technological entities, associations, professional organisations and representative bodies of the sector, as well as projects, initiatives, programmes or activities developed by any of the aforementioned entities or individuals.

Nominations may be submitted from both Spain and abroad.

4. TYPES OF NOMINATION

Nominations may recognise:

- An outstanding professional or business career.
- An innovative project or initiative.
- Scientific or technological research or development.
- An activity involving the protection, conservation or sustainable management of forest resources.
- A significant contribution to the prevention and management of forest fires and other risks.
- An activity related to the processing, industrialisation or added value of forest products.

- An initiative involving digitalisation, mechanisation or the introduction of new technologies in the sector.
- An activity involving the dissemination, training or promotion of the forestry sector.
- Any other activity which, in the opinion of the Jury, constitutes a significant contribution deserving recognition.

5. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Nominations will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Criterion	**Maximum score**
Innovation, originality and distinctive character	25 points
Contribution to the development, modernisation and competitiveness of the forestry sector	20 points
Sustainability, protection and responsible management of forest resources	20 points
Impact, results achieved and significance of the activity	20 points
Transferability, practical application, dissemination or generation of knowledge	15 points
TOTAL	**100 points**

The Jury may also take into account the nominee's track record, scope, national or international reach and exemplary nature, always within the criteria set out above.

Where possible, nominations should include information or documentation supporting the merits claimed.

6. JURY

The Jury will be composed of the members of the ASTURFORESTA Organising Executive Committee.

The Director of ASTURFORESTA will act as Secretary to the Jury, with the right to speak but not to vote.

The Jury will examine and assess the nominations submitted in accordance with the criteria set out in these rules.

The Jury may request clarifications, supplementary information or additional documentation whenever it considers this necessary for the proper assessment of nominations.

Jury members must refrain from taking part in the assessment of any nomination where circumstances may compromise their impartiality or give rise to a conflict of interest.

7. ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND DECISION

Each Jury member will award each nomination a score in accordance with the scoring system set out in Section 5.

The final score for each nomination will be the sum of the scores awarded by the Jury members.

The nomination receiving the highest score will be proposed as the winner of the "Carbayo de Oro" Award.

In the event of a tie between two or more nominations, the Jury will hold a vote among the tied nominations. If the tie persists, further votes will be held until a decision is reached.

The Jury may decide not to award the prize if it considers that none of the nominations submitted has sufficient merit.

The Jury may also exclude nominations that do not meet the requirements set out in these rules.

The Jury's deliberations and decision will be recorded in the corresponding minutes.

The Jury's deliberations will be confidential.

The Jury's decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

8. THE AWARD

The "Carbayo de Oro" Award will consist of an artistic piece specially created for this recognition.

The piece was created by Lucas Santiago, a jewellery designer and artist from Tineo.

The Award is honorary and, unless expressly stated otherwise in the relevant call for nominations, carries no monetary prize.

There will be a single award, which may not be divided among several nominations, except by an exceptional and reasoned decision of the Jury.

9. NOMINATION DEADLINE

Nominations may be submitted from 1 November 2026 until 2:00 p.m. on 15 January 2027.

Nominations submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

10. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations may be submitted by the individuals or entities concerned themselves, or proposed by third parties, entities, institutions or associations.

The documentation must include, at a minimum:

1. Nomination application

A covering letter addressed to the ASTURFORESTA Organising Committee or an official application submitted to Tineo Town Council.

The application must include:

- The full name or name of the individual or entity submitting the nomination.
- Contact details.
- The name of the nominated individual, entity, project or initiative.
- The applicant's signature.

2. Nomination statement

A brief explanatory statement setting out:

- Identification of the nominated individual, company, entity or project.
- Description of the activity, track record or initiative.
- The merits supporting the nomination.
- Its innovative and/or distinctive nature.
- Its contribution to the forestry sector.
- Results or impact achieved, where applicable.
- Any other circumstances considered relevant to the assessment.

The statement must not exceed 3 pages, although supporting documentation may be attached.

3. Supporting documentation

Any documentation that substantiates the merits claimed may be provided, such as publications, awards, reports, graphic material, links to projects, technical documentation or other relevant material.

The Jury may request additional documentation whenever it considers this necessary.

11. PLACE AND METHODS OF SUBMISSION

Nominations may be submitted:

a) a) To the General Registry of Tineo Town Council, at Plaza del Ayuntamiento, s/n, 33870 Tineo (Asturias, Spain).

b) Through the electronic office of Tineo Town Council, where applicable.

c) At any of the other places and by any of the other means provided for in Article 16 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

Legal entities are required to communicate electronically with the Administration under the terms established in Article 14 of Law 39/2015.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECISION AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

The Jury's decision will be communicated to the winning individual or entity and made public through the channels determined by the ASTURFORESTA Organising Committee.

The "Carbayo de Oro" Award will be presented during the official opening events of ASTURFORESTA 2027 at Monte Armayán, Tineo (Asturias, Spain).

The Organising Committee may publicly announce the winner and the merits that led to the Award being granted.

13. PUBLICITY OF NOMINATIONS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Submitting a nomination shall not, under any circumstances, transfer any intellectual, industrial or other property rights held by their owners in relation to the projects, research, works, products or initiatives submitted.

Within the limits established by applicable law, participants authorise the ASTURFORESTA Organising Committee to use the name of the nominated individual or entity and a description of the nomination solely for the purpose of communicating, promoting and publicising the Award and ASTURFORESTA.

Any use of documentation, images or materials supplied by nominees will respect the rights held by their owners.

14. PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Personal data provided in connection with participation in this call will be processed by Tineo Town Council, as data controller, for the purposes of managing the call, processing nominations, carrying out the assessment, communicating the decision, and managing the presentation and promotion of the Award.

Data will be processed in accordance with the applicable personal data protection legislation, in particular Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 and Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December.

Data subjects may exercise their data protection rights under the terms established by applicable legislation and through the channels provided by Tineo Town Council.

15. CONFIDENTIALITY AND CUSTODY OF DOCUMENTATION

The documentation submitted will be treated confidentially throughout the assessment process, without prejudice to any applicable legal obligations concerning publication, transparency or access

to public information.

Submitted documentation will not be returned to participants.

Once the procedure has concluded, the documentation will be kept and retained in accordance with the applicable legal requirements on archiving and records management.

16. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

Participation in this call constitutes express acceptance of these rules in their entirety.

Submitting a nomination also implies acceptance of the assessment procedure and the Jury's decision.

Any matter not expressly covered by these rules will be resolved by the ASTURFORESTA Organising Committee or, where appropriate, by the Jury, within their respective remits and in accordance with applicable law.

17. PUBLICATION OF THE RULES

These rules will be published through the communication channels of ASTURFORESTA and Tineo Town Council, as well as through any other means the Organising Committee considers appropriate to ensure awareness of the call and encourage participation.