**Evaluation criteria for the admission to the PhD in Environmental and Evolutionary Biology (XXXVII cycle)**

**Evaluation grid for qualifications and oral examination.**

**1. Qualifications (maximum 20 scores)**

**1.1 Graduation mark (Master degree, Italian grading system – max 14 scores)**

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| Graduation mark | Score |
| 110 - 110 cum laude | 14 |
| 109 - 105 | 12 |
| 104 - 100 | 10 |
| < 100 | 1 |

The grid 1.1 is replaced by the following for students from Italian universities who will discuss their thesis after the PhD admission deadline but no later than October 31, 2021. Students from non-Italian Universities will be evaluated using the same grid, with current conversion rates for grading systems applied.

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| Average grade of examinations | Score |
| 29 - 30 | 14 |
| 28 – 28.99 | 13 |
| 27 - 27.99 | 12 |
| 26 - 26.99 | 10 |
| 25 - 25.99 | 8 |
| <25 | 0 |

**1.2 Publications (max 3 scores)**

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| Description | Score |
| ISI paper (first author) | 3 |
| ISI paper (co-author) | 2 |
| International congress proceedings | 0.5 |

**1.3 Research experience (max 3 scores)**

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| Description | Score |
| Research experience abroad (at least two months, including Erasmus exchanges), research collaboration contracts, scholarships, research grants, co.co.co, co.co.pro. post-graduate training courses, foreign language certificates, other awards, second degrees | 3 |

**Candidates who have achieved a score of at least 10/20 in the evaluation of qualifications will be admitted to the oral exam.**

**2. Oral interview (maximum 60 scores)**

**The oral exam, in Italian or English, will focus on:**

1. Presentation and "defense" of the selected projects; maximum 3 projects in order of preference. The commission will carefully consider: the candidate's skills with respect to the selected projects, any previous experiences on these topics, knowledge of the proposed methods, knowledge of the state of the art of the selected projects, as well as the applicability of the results in the industrial field.

The commission will also consider the candidate's knowledge on more general aspects related to the PhD course in Environmental and Evolutionary Biology.

**The oral exam is passed with a minimum score of 40/60.**

**The minimum overall score for the admission to the research doctorate is 50/80.**