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A close-up photograph of a wolf's face, looking directly at the camera. The image has a green tint. The wolf's fur is grey and black, and its eyes are light-colored.

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NATURE & WILDLIFE

SURFING HIPPOS

Gabon's Jungle Beach



NATURE & WILDLIFE

conservation | cinematic | Africa

50' / 4K / 2026

On the coast of Gabon, the rainforest of the Congo Basin meets the Atlantic Ocean. At this rare frontier, animals normally hidden deep in the jungle gather on the beach. Forest elephants, antelopes, monkeys and hippos – some even entering the surf – come in search of food, minerals, shelter, or relief from parasites. By night, the shoreline becomes a cradle of life, shaped by rhythms thousands of years old. But ocean currents now carry plastic waste to one of Africa's last untouched shores. This film explores this fragile ecosystem, where ancient natural cycles collide with modern threats.

SURFING HIPPOS is a cinematic journey into a unique ecosystem where forest and ocean meet, and ancient natural cycles collide with modern threats – a powerful portrait of a world on the edge, and a balance slowly slipping away.

Producer
Broadcasters

Altayfilm
WDR, NDR, ORF, arte

BORDERLANDS JAGUAR



NATURE & WILDLIFE

big cats | conservation | US-Border

52' / 4K / 2025

A rapidly expanding border wall has been constructed on three out of every four miles in Arizona, New Mexico, and California, threatening to sever the potential for the jaguar's return to the United States and halt the flow of wildlife at a continental scale. Filmmakers Austin Alvarado, Ben Masters and local conservationists discover matriarch Libélula, a twelve-year-old Jaguar whose cubs could potentially migrate to the United States. For eight months they film Libélula, with the dream that her story can help stop further construction of a border wall and inspire increased conservation efforts in the shared ecosystem of the US-Mexico borderlands.

Producer

Fin and Fur Films

DUST



NATURE & WILDLIFE

blue-chip | powerful | Africa

52' / 4K / 2025

In a remote corner of Botswana, where the Okavango Delta dissolves into the baking sands of the Kalahari, water and desert are locked in a perpetual struggle. Dust follows that battle over the course of a year through flood and dust, abundance and starvation anchored by the longest terrestrial zebra migration in Africa and the animals whose lives hinge on the arrival of rain.

Dust blends big-screen spectacle with emotional, character-driven storytelling. It's a blue-chip, visually interesting natural history film with powerful, timely themes: climate, water, resilience, and the cost of survival in a rapidly changing world.

Producer

All Around Project

NATURE'S NURSERIES 2



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cute | surprising | Europe

50' / 4K / 2026

Whether in the wilderness, on fields and pastures, or living right beside us, all animals share the same task: ensuring the survival of their young. Every species on Earth has developed strategies — and often astonishing tricks — to give its offspring the best possible start.

NATURE'S NURSERIES 2 showcases remarkable, touching and surprising animal stories. The film explores our immediate surroundings, where many wild and domestic animals find ideal conditions to raise their young. We witness a donkey giving birth, a rare and emotional moment for a species that now depends heavily on human care. Some animals arrive by choice: sparrows thrive near us, using buildings as nesting sites and benefiting from our constant supply of food.

Producer
Broadcasters

nautilusfilm
SWR, arte

LIFE IN THE OAK

A Stag Beetle Story



NATURE & WILDLIFE

scientific | macro | Europe

50' / 4K / 2025

Oak trees, both dead and alive, are infinitely important to the stag beetle. Its larvae have been populating the fallen oak tree for decades. Wild boars, woodpeckers and jays are after the fat ground dwellers, which they can hear working on the old oak tree and thereby turning it into valuable humus over decades. A stag beetle larva spends 3-7 years in the ground before, usually after a thunderstorm, ending its secret life and leaving the ground as a majestic beetle. Only an intact mixed oak forest, such as the one on the Polish side of the Oder River, provides optimal living conditions for the stag beetles, which have become so rare.

Producer
Broadcasters

Text+Bild Medienproduktion
ZDF, arte

ANIMAL UNDERWORLD



NATURE & WILDLIFE

parasitism | nature | humour

52' / 4K / 2025

With stories of theft, manipulation, fraud, and even murder, this science-based wildlife documentary draws a bold parallel between animal parasites and organised crime. From ticks and wasps to vampire bats and mind-controlling fungi, the film exposes a hidden ecosystem where the majority of species cheat the system to survive. Through a visually striking and narratively playful approach, charismatic voiceover leads us through ecosystems teeming with biological tricksters. ANIMAL UNDERWORLD invites viewers to rethink what they know about nature, justice, and the survival of the fittest. In this world, crime isn't punished, it's part of the plan.

Producer
Broadcaster

nashProds
arte

EUROPE

One Continent – Five Worlds



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | award-winning | blue-chip

6 x 50' / 4K / 2025

From the icy desert of Svalbard to the sun-kissed Mediterranean, this six-part wildlife series explores Europe's most important and fascinating habitats and meets their most remarkable wild inhabitants. Blue whales, polar bears, and soaring golden eagles star alongside rarely seen marvels such as the rare Persian leopards. Packed with spectacular imagery and new-to-science behaviour, Europe is one of the most ambitious wildlife series ever made. EUROPE is a glorious homage to the incredible natural history of our home continent, and a timely reminder that a world of stunning wildlife is often closer than we realise.

Producer

Light & Shadow

Broadcasters

ARD, WDR, NDR, arte, ORF, rbb, hr, SVT, DR, NRK, YLE

SHAPED BY WATER

A Journey through Serbia's Wild Nature



NATURE & WILDLIFE

nature | Europe | biodiversity

52' / 4K / 2025

Millions of years ago, a vast inland sea covered large parts of Central Europe. Home to sharks, manatees, and whales, it lapped against islands and shores populated by rhinos and fur seals. Half of the land of what is now Serbia was covered by this ancient sea. Gradually, it dried up. Yet even today, it is water that shapes this Balkan nation and gave Serbia its many faces. The Danube and the main rivers such as the Sava, Morava, Drava, and Tisza still carry water into Serbia from half of Europe. Water shapes the land and gives it protection, food, and life. The result: a unique habitat with various ecosystems, a hotspot of biodiversity in Europe.

Producer

Westend Film & TV

Broadcaster

arte

GREDOS: KING OF THE MOUNTAINS



NATURE & WILDLIFE

pure wildlife | Europe | impressive

52' / 4K / 2025

Through the cycle of the seasons, this film immerses us in a visual and emotional journey through one of the most impressive natural spaces in Europe: the Sierra de Gredos Regional Park. This film reveals the biological richness and majesty of its landscapes, from ancient glacial cirques to endless gorges, culminating in the imposing Almanzor Peak, the highest peak of the Central System at 2,591 meters. The main protagonist is the Spanish Ibex, an undisputed symbol of the mountain range, which guides us through a territory shared with other extraordinary inhabitants.

Producer

José Manuel Hiniesto

PORTUGAL'S WILD WONDERS



NATURE & WILDLIFE

pure wildlife | Europe | mini-series

2 x 52' / 4K / 2025

This documentary highlights Portugal's unique wildlife, featuring the elusive Iberian lynx, the majestic Sperm Whale, and the vibrant European chameleon, alongside many other remarkable creatures that inhabit its wetlands, mountains, and coastlines. Through breathtaking cinematography, the audience is transported into the heart of nature, witnessing the dramatic interactions between species in their natural environments. The two-parter combines striking visuals with poignant storytelling, ultimately celebrating the incredible richness of life found within this remarkable country and inspiring viewers to appreciate and protect the natural world.

Producer

Tatu Films

WILD FACES OF SCANDINAVIA



NATURE & WILDLIFE

animal behavior | blue-chip | mesmerizing

52' / HD / 2025

From Finland's tranquil lakes to Norway's Arctic coast, this film captures loons, foxes, bears, and reindeer navigating seasonal challenges. In Lapland's tundra, reindeer roam freely while birds fiercely guard their young. Sweden's taiga forests host crossbills and cranes, and Norway's Dovrefjell sees musk oxen braving the elements. As autumn fades, thousands of migrating cranes and starlings gather at Sweden's Lake Hornborga, in a mesmerizing farewell to the season. With breathtaking cinematography and intimate wildlife encounters, this film captures the untamed spirit of the North and the incredible resilience of the creatures that call it home.

Producer

Sailer Images

NORWAY

A Call from the Wild



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | award-winning | climate change

52' or 81' / 4K / 2024

Filmmaker Asgeir Helgestad (Queen without Land) documents the state of nature at his home country Norway, where he has photographed all his life. From the lives of bees at his farm, to wild reindeer on the high mountains and puffins at the ocean's edge, he shows the beauty of threatened nature and tracks down human actions responsible for its decline. This is a personal story on our connection with the non-human world, the relations between the small and the big, and a reminder of nature's strength and vulnerability.

Producers

Artic Light AS, Doclights

Broadcasters

ARD, NDR, SVT, NRK

WILD BALI



NATURE & WILDLIFE

conservation | marine life | Asia

52' / 4K / 2025

Renowned for its rich cultural heritage and breathtaking scenery, the island of Bali is also home to a diverse array of wildlife that is facing mounting challenges. This film explores the island's unique ecosystems, from sacred forests to coral reefs teeming with life. Through compelling storytelling and stunning visuals, the film showcases the extraordinary species that inhabit Bali, including the critically endangered Bali starling, long-tailed macaques and vibrant marine life. Join us on this inspiring journey to witness the resilience of Bali's wildlife and the unwavering commitment of those dedicated to safeguarding the island's ecological treasures.

Producer

Tatu Films

THE OCEAN'S FOREST

Life in the Kelp



NATURE & WILDLIFE

sustainability | marine life | Africa

52' / 4K / 2025

Stretching along the picturesque coast of South Africa is one of the most fascinating yet little-known ecosystems on Earth: the kelp forest. Composed of meter-long brown algae, it stores as much CO2 as the Amazon rainforest. The kelp forest is also home to countless plant and animal species and a true haven of biodiversity: Creatures ranging from crabs and starfish to small sharks and octopuses find shelter among the kelp. Kelp is also a healthy source of food which is why the brown algae is currently enjoying a surge in popularity in South Africa. Roushanna Gray develops seaweed-based recipes to introduce the public to this marine vegetable.

Producer

Broadcasters

Timeline Film+TV Production

HR, arte



rewilding | European wildlife | birds

THE SPOONBILL IN A STIRRING WORLD

52' / 4K / 2025

The iconic white wading bird, with its distinctive spoon-shaped bill, stands as a symbol of one of the Netherlands' greatest conservation successes. Once nearly extinct in Western Europe, it is now making a remarkable comeback. The Wadden Sea serves as its safe haven, yet spoonbill chicks are even being raised near Amsterdam. Using cutting-edge scientific techniques, this documentary follows the bird's epic journey from the Netherlands to Southern Europe and deep into Africa.

Producer

Hilco Jansma Productions



conservation | cute | quirky

BURROWING OWLS

A Love Story

56' / 4K / 2025

The remarkable work of owl biologist David H. Johnson has helped restore one of North America's most endangered birds to part of its historic range. He has single-handedly rescued a fragile population of burrowing owls in Eastern Oregon amidst the shadowy bunkers of a cold war military depot. This film tells an uplifting story about how animal conservation efforts can start small, but can have an enormous positive impact on a species and its habitat.

Producer

Reel Earth Films



predator | birds | UK

VALLEY OF THE FALCONS

52' / HD / 2025

From the tips of their feathers to the muscles inside their eyes, Peregrine falcons are the ultimate aerial predators. But their physical adaptations are only one part of the story. There is a lot to learn for a young Peregrine, growing up in a wild valley in southern England. As the seasons pass, her world expands. Unexpected neighbours reveal the complexity of the ecosystem: nesting woodpeckers, fishing herons, playful kestrels... each filling their own niche in their shared home.

Producer

Miguel Antón



urbanisation | birds | adaptation

BIG CITY STARLINGS

Berlin's New Winter Guests

43' / HD / 2024

The otherwise shy country birds were changed by the city of Berlin: Now almost tame, they beg for food on the railway platform and eat from the hands of city folk. Nowhere else can you get this close to the glittering starlings. They are becoming true city dwellers, while the population of this once ubiquitous bird is declining dramatically across Europe, they seem to have found a remarkable new home here in the centre of the metropolis – at least in winter.

Producer

Broadcasters

Loupefilm

ZDF, arte

THE RIGHT WHALE

Tales of Resilience and Hope



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | coexistence | survival

52' / 4K / 2025

Plunge into the hidden world of the right whale, where colossal beauty meets deep vulnerability. From the icy calving grounds of the sub-Antarctic to the bustling, urban waters of the northern oceans, this unforgettable journey reveals the lives of these extraordinary creatures like never before. Alongside scientists, we witness groundbreaking behavior, emotional bonds between mothers and calves, and a breathtaking rescue that will leave you on the edge of your seat. THE RIGHT WHALE is a powerful exploration of peril, resilience, and the urgent fight to protect a future where giants still roam the sea.

Producer

Spindrift Images

BACK IN THE BLUE

Return of the Humpback Whales



NATURE & WILDLIFE

Canada | coexistence | survival

52' / 4K / 2025

Off the wild west coast of Canada, between the mainland and Vancouver Island, a quiet miracle is unfolding: the return of the humpback whales. Once nearly extinct in these waters, these ocean giants are making a remarkable comeback, bringing visible changes to the marine ecosystem. For nearly two decades, marine biologist Jackie Hilderling has documented this transformation. Working with the Marine Education & Research Society (MERS), she shows how whales shape the underwater world, not just through their presence, but through the nutrients they spread. Their return creates thriving habitats for sea otters, seals, and more.

Producer

streetsfilm

Broadcasters

arte, HR

AMONG THE WOLVES



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | award-winning | artistic

52' or 81' / 4K / 2025

Wildlife painter Yves Fagniat and photographer Olivier Larrey set out on an extraordinary journey to spend a year observing a wolf pack in the remote wilderness of Northern Europe. Instead of tracking the wolves, they embrace stillness, immersing themselves in nature's rhythm and waiting for the elusive animals to appear. Through the changing seasons, they remain motionless for weeks on end, learning to exist in harmony with the landscape. This documentary captures the fragile beauty of the wild and serves as an invitation to slow down, reconnect with nature, and witness the wolves on their own terms.

Producers
Broadcasters

Le cinquième rêve, Belgica Films
arte, RTBF, Proximus, RTS

WILD PORT OF EUROPE

Nature on the Edge



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | coexistence | survival

52' or 82' / 4K / 2025

This artistic and reflective nature documentary tells the story of two conflicting worlds sharing the same space: On one hand, the wild and untamed natural world, seriously threatened by human expansion. Struggling, in all its beauty. On the other hand, our dominant modern world: man-made, fully industrialized. Driven by a relentless need for space, energy, minerals and commodities. WILD PORT OF EUROPE is about the ultimate contrast, set in the biggest port in Europe – the Port of Rotterdam. A gigantic industrialized area covering more than 12,500 ha of land and waterways, stretching more than 40 km inland from the North Sea.

Producer
Broadcaster

Veldkijker Films
ZDF, arte

An underwater photograph showing a sea turtle, likely a leatherback, entangled in a fishing net. A black buoy is attached to the net, and the entire scene is set against a deep blue background. The turtle's head and front flippers are visible, and it appears to be struggling within the mesh.

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MISSION EARTH

DIRTY CHOCOLATE



MISSION EARTH

sustainability | activism | investigative

52' / HD / 2025

They are in favour of fair trade, sustainability and against child labour. Critical consumers who browse the websites of chocolate manufacturers quickly feel good about their purchases. Chocolate, it seems, can be bought without a guilty conscience. But is that really true? A television crew travels to the Ivory Coast and uncovers appalling conditions: numerous children are toiling there under miserable conditions. The cocoa beans they harvest are also found in chocolate bars that bear a seal of sustainability and fair trade. The hunger for chocolate is a disaster not only for children, but also for nature. In order to plant more and more cocoa, the rainforest has to make way. Every year, enormous areas of forest are cleared to make room for the sweet, brown gold.

A gripping film about the bitter side of chocolate – most people's favourite sweet treat –, it reveals the bitter truth behind the sweet temptation and confronts viewers with the question of how much the enjoyment of chocolate is worth to us.

Producer
Broadcasters

HTTV Produktion
WDR, NDR

ECO CRIMES



MISSION EARTH

sustainability | activism | investigative

3 x 50' / HD / 2024

Organised crime has expanded into a new area that experts consider just as serious as arms and drug trafficking: ECO CRIMES – crimes against the environment. These involve illegal dealings with climate-damaging refrigerants, pirate fishermen targeting fish stocks in the world's oceans and poaching of the last remaining tigers, which has driven the big cats to the brink of extinction. However, there is also good news, as investigators and environmental activists around the world are on the trail of eco-criminals, achieving impressive successes: They are busting smugglers, thwarting the raids of illegal fishermen, and have helped more than double the number of tigers in India.

Episodes: Of Dangerous Gases and Ruthless Smugglers | The Hunt for Pirate Fishermen | The Fight for the Last Indian Tigers

Producer
Broadcaster

Längengrad Filmproduktion
WDR

GOOD NEWS FROM PLANET EARTH

NEW: Three more episodes



MISSION EARTH

eco-innovation | positive outlook | inspiring

9 x 52' / HD / 2024-2026

Climate crisis, pandemic, destruction of nature – bad news all around. Yet, scientists, engineers, corporate visionaries, citizens and conservational organisations are working on ways to face our environmental challenges. This series focuses on them and their encouraging solutions and provides constructive journalism and thus deliberately sets a different tone than usual reporting.

THREE NEW EPISODES: A Greener Tomorrow, Today | Engineering Resilience | Everyday Conservationists

Producer
Broadcasters

Längengrad Filmproduktion
BR, arte

SAVE THE WILD



MISSION EARTH

conservation | international projects | positive outlook

3 x 52' / 4K / 2023

Biodiversity loss is one of the most alarming catastrophes in the world today. How can we preserve the last precious wilderness areas and their diverse species? This three-part documentary series explores stunning animal worlds in breathtaking landscapes, showcasing effective solutions from scientists, rangers, zoo managers and local communities working together around the world. It's a call for action, raising awareness on how to preserve the mesmerising wild paradises left on earth, or even reclaim the ones which have already been lost.

Producers
Broadcaster

ApolloFilm, Filmtank
arte

A person wearing a hat and a red jacket stands on a rocky ridge, looking out over a vast, forested valley. The sun is setting in the distance, creating a warm, orange glow across the sky and the landscape. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, emphasizing the scale of the natural environment.

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DESTINATIONS

OASES

Islands of Life



DESTINATIONS

fragility | nature & culture | series

5 x 52' & Best-of / 4K / 2025

This series sets out to paint enchanting portraits of five exceptional oases, discovers plants and animals that fight a daily battle with the environmental extremes of their homes, and delves into the lives of people who have learnt to live with the challenges of life on a knife-edge. Each oasis must find ways of coping with its harsh surroundings and makes exceptional demands of its inhabitants. Additionally, the list of serious threats to these frail mini-ecosystems is long: Climate change, exploitation, political unrest, pollution, the disappearance of keystone species, overpopulation – while their loss would have even more grave consequences.

Producer
Broadcasters

k22film
arte, ZDF

BEACHES OF EUROPE



DESTINATIONS

summer feeling | nature & culture | exciting

6 x 52' / 4K / 2024

This series presents six different beaches: we accompany researchers on the island of Spiekeroog as they demonstrate impressively how islands are formed, follow divers in Italy who explore the archaeological treasures of the sunken city of Baia, discover the special features of winter on the Curonian Spit in Lithuania, fly with paragliders above Europe's highest dune in France, find out what a volcano has to do with a black beach on Santorini and learn why there is no longer as much sand by the sea on Sardinia as most people might think.

Producer
Broadcasters

Marco Polo Film
arte, ZDF

THE PHILIPPINES

Secrets of a Tropical Archipelago



DESTINATIONS

fragility | nature & culture | series

3 x 52' / 4K / 2025

This three-part documentary series explores the rich and diverse wildlife across three strikingly different islands in the Philippine archipelago. Each island reveals its own unique geological and ecological features, showcasing distinct landscapes, species, and challenges faced by both humans and animals: The journey begins on Palawan, the most pristine of the featured islands. The second episode turns to Luzon, the largest and most populous island in the Philippines – and also the most volcanically active. The final episode travels to Bohol, an island where unique and endangered species are being actively protected.

Producer

Rühle Filmproduktion

Broadcasters

ZDF, arte

AFRICA'S FREEDOM RAILWAY

A Train Journey to Victoria Falls



DESTINATIONS

discovery | nature & culture | Africa

52' / 4K / 2025

A trip on the historic "Pride of Africa" train from Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe allows you to immerse yourself deeply in the nature of Africa. Each stop reveals new wonders in the landscape: from Nyerere National Park to the Miombo dry forest area and the Great Rift Valley, a key site for early human research, all the way to Victoria Falls. As the train passes through different ecosystems of the countries of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the audience gets to experience the importance of their natural heritage and the difficulties of protecting it.

Producer

Timeline Film+TV Production

Broadcasters

HR, arte



resilience | community | stunning

NORDIC ISLANDS – Lofoten and Vesterålen

2 x 52' / 4K / 2025

The Norwegian islands north of the Arctic Circle experience extreme light conditions: in midsummer, the sun does not set for months, while in winter, eternal night reigns. This two-part documentary explores how light and darkness on the Vesterålen and Lofoten islands influence the rhythms of life for humans, animals, and nature. Between these constantly changing conditions lies a natural and cultural world like almost no other.

Producer
Broadcasters

Cocoa Film
arte



nature & culture | beautiful | remote regions

THE HIDDEN HEART OF IRELAND

2 x 52' / HD / 2025

More than six million visitors come to Ireland every year and most of them head straight for the coast. Only a fraction of them spend time in the interior. Yet the Midlands are the true lifeblood of the Emerald Isle and there is so much to discover. The first episode is a journey of discovery through the northern midlands of Ireland. The second episode leads through the southern midlands of Irelands, where the heart of country beats.

Producer
Broadcasters

Florianfilm
WDR, arte



biodiversity | nature & culture | Eastern Europe

HUNGARY

2 x 43' / HD / 2025

Hungary, in the heart of Europe, is a land of remarkable natural diversity and striking landscapes. In the northwest, Lake Neusiedl lies among a network of waterways and pastures. Each year, it hosts a stunning spectacle as tens of thousands of migratory birds arrive to rest and breed. Further south, at Lake Hévíz, warm thermal waters support colorful fish. To the center lies Lake Balaton, the "Hungarian Sea," shaped by ancient volcanic activity.

Producer
Broadcasters

K22 Film
arte, ZDF



hiking | travel destinations | entertaining

EUROPE'S HIGHLANDS

4 x 52' / HD / 2022

This documentary series takes a cinematic journey through Europe's highlands and encounters a surprisingly diverse flora and fauna. For years they have been overlooked, but at a time of high interest in sustainable tourism, people are coming to realise that some of the most rewarding holiday destinations are right on their doorstep. Travel across rolling hills, grassy moorlands, spectacular river valleys and expansive forests to discover this stunning landscape.

Producer
Broadcasters

Berlin Producers
rbb, arte

ALONG ANCIENT TRACKS

NEW EPISODES: The Bohinj Railway in Slovenia & By Train Around Mount Etna



DESTINATIONS

vintage | technology | remote regions

5 x 43' / HD / 2023 - 2024

Discover the hidden treasures of Europe's old railway routes in this captivating documentary series. Embark on a mesmerizing journey through the picturesque landscapes of Slovenia, Sicily, Romania, Bulgaria, and Albania, as we delve into the rich history of these ancient train tracks and meet the people whose lives are intricately intertwined with these railway lines. Vintage trains have traversed these remote regions for decades, winding their way through rugged mountains, quaint villages, and untouched wilderness. More than once, they were on the verge of closure, but the local population keeps campaigning for their preservation.

Producer
Broadcasters

Loupe Filmproduktion
ZDF, arte

STORIES FROM EASTERN EUROPE



DESTINATIONS

travel & culture | crafts | uplifting

4 x 43' / HD / 2024

Embark on a captivating journey through Eastern Europe, where traditions, craftsmanship, and cultural heritage come alive in four enthralling episodes, taking place in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Slovenia and Tatarstan. Each episode unveils the rich tapestry of Eastern European culture, celebrating the stories of ordinary people who are shaping their communities and safeguarding their heritage for future generations. Experience the timeless beauty, enduring traditions, and empowering narratives that define Eastern Europe's cultural landscape in this captivating series.

Producer
Broadcasters

B-Picture
MDR, arte

ARCHIPELAGO NEW YORK



DESTINATIONS

urban nature | enchanting | expedition

3 x 52' or 3 x 45' / 4K / 2021

Hardly anyone associates New York with an exciting natural landscape. But New York is not a city by the water, but a city in the water: built on several islands and surrounded by such a diverse biotope that cannot be found in any other metropolis. ARCHIPELAGO NEW YORK is a modern voyage of discovery on an old sailing yacht into this unknown world. Some 70 islands stretch from the Hudson Delta to the eastern end of Long Island. Four hundred years after the arrival of the first permanent European settlers, we set sail again to discover the islands' geography and its nature.

Producer

Florianfilm

Broadcasters

ZDF, arte

CANADA'S NATIONAL PARKS



DESTINATIONS

nature protection | landscapes | nature & culture

5 x 52' / 4K / 2023

Canada is the second largest country in the world and historically the first to recognise the need to protect the diversity of its landscapes and preserve them for future generations. The century-old Canadian National Parks concept plays a crucial role in safeguarding the unique environments and habitats. Employees of Parks Canada face the challenge of balancing tourism and economic interests with conservation efforts. This discovery series delves into these pressing issues, featuring knowledgeable guides: scientists, First Nations people, environmental activists, and artists, who share their deep connections to Canada's landscapes.

Producer

Florianfilm

Broadcasters

Radio Bremen, arte

LAOS

Echoes of Serenity



DESTINATIONS

nature & culture | scenic | fascinating

2 x 43' / 4K / 2023

Laos, often hailed as the gem of Indochina, boasts pristine natural beauty and a plethora of unique wildlife. The country is renowned for its unhurried way of life, but the habitats of gibbons, moon bears, and elephants are vanishing. This documentary explores the intricate balance between development and conservation, in a nation striving to align with the global economy while safeguarding its natural heritage.

Producer

Cocoa Film

Broadcasters

ZDF, arte

LAND OF RIVERS AND PEAKS

The Cévennes and the Rhône



DESTINATIONS

nature & culture | landscapes | mesmerizing

2 x 52' / 4K / 2019 - 2022

This two-part documentary series explores the Cévennes, one of France's largest national parks and the Rhône, one of the longest and most significant rivers in Europe. The first episode unveils the Cévennes' unique landscape and its rare flora and fauna across Lozère, Gard and Hérault. The second episode highlights the Rhône as the lifeblood of Switzerland and southern France. Told through beautiful stories of the people and animals living by rivers and peaks.

Producers

prospect TV, Along Mekong Productions

Broadcasters

ZDF, arte, SWR

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SCIENCE

LIQUID GOLD

A Wastewater Treasure Hunt



SCIENCE

innovation | technology | surprising

45' / 4K / 2025

Out of sight, out of mind: it's hard to imagine exactly what is floating in our wastewater. But if you get over yourself and take a closer look, you will be rewarded: the crude cocktail that we channel through our sewers contains raw materials, energy and information. LIQUID GOLD is a journey of discovery along the various stages that our wastewater passes through on its way to being recycled.

We are in the sewage treatment plant and the chemical factory, but also on the farm and in the university. And we meet researchers who are developing technologies to make even better use of the treasures in wastewater. For the future on Earth and also for exploration in space, an astronaut answers the question: Will it one day be possible to recycle all the wastewater we produce?

Producer
Broadcaster

Marco Polo Film
3Sat

AMNESIA

When the Brain Suddenly Goes on Strike



SCIENCE

medicine | extraordinary humans | personal

52' / HD / 2024

Neurologist Magnus Heier was paddling on a lake in Finland when his memory suddenly stopped working for eight hours. Everything he said or did was forgotten a few seconds later. He experienced what is known as "transient global amnesia", or TGA for short. A condition where the brain stops recording experiences for up to 24 hours. For the neurologist, this incident becomes the starting point for an elaborately shot science road movie about human memory that lets the viewer look deep into the brain. Narrator Magnus Heier transforms abstract neuroscience into a personal, light-footed film.

Producer
Broadcaster

Marco Polo Film
3Sat

BEANS

A Superfood Story



SCIENCE

nutrition | citizen science | education

52' / 4K / 2024

Beans are true all-rounders: they stand for home and tradition, they connect generations and continents, they bring memories to life and are good for the intestinal flora and climate. As part of the project INCREASE, over 1,000 varieties of the common bean will be grown by amateur gardeners in 27 European countries, and characteristics such as growth, flowering time and yields will be meticulously documented for scientific purposes. The film follows the experiment and some of the participants with their different results. How else can we increase our knowledge of the diversity of beans?

Producer
Broadcasters

In One Media
arte, BR

WILD TECH

Conservation Through Advanced Technology



SCIENCE

award-winning | futuristic | biodiversity loss

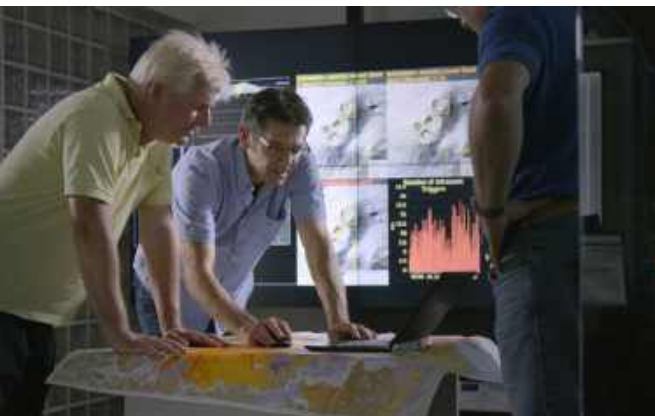
52' / 4K / 2024

The sixth extinction of species is underway, with around 150 species lost every day. In this race against time, scientists globally are turning to high-tech solutions to protect endangered animals. This visually stunning documentary shows the efforts of researchers and conservationists: Martin Wikelski from the Max Planck Institute envisions an 'internet of animals' analysing movement patterns via his big data platform Movebank. In Kenya, AI software will enhance population tracking of giraffes. Off Corsica, marine biologist Alicia Dalongeville searches for the angel shark, believed extinct, using environmental DNA. Could high-tech be the key to conservation?

Producer
Broadcasters

In One Media
BR, arte

THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF ANIMALS



SCIENCE

wildlife & science | animal instincts | migration

52' / 4K / 2024

Long before the internet connected the world, our planet developed a complex system of knowledge that united all living creatures – a secret network of animals. Scientists are only just bringing this invisible network to light, gathering fascinating insights into how migratory animals interact with and rely on complex ecosystems. The documentary follows research projects all around the world in an attempt to reveal the secrets that shape animals' lives and behaviour, investigating how they can warn us about natural disasters, anticipate environmental changes, help us predict the spread of pandemics and ultimately, lead us to better understand our planet.

Producers
Broadcasters

Filmtank, Context-Film, Galafilm
CBC, SWR

THE DARK SIDE OF BRIGHT NIGHTS



SCIENCE

urban nature | wildlife & science | conservation

52' / 4K / 2022

More than half of all animals are nocturnal. Their sensory organs, behavior, navigation and metabolism are adapted to darkness with only the moon- and starlight present. But the night is dotted with artificial light sources in cities, villages, industrial areas, on advertising spaces, roads and paths, and even in outer space. They create a light smog through reflection and scattering of light in the atmosphere. This documentary showcases the extensive research conducted by scientists to understand the consequences of man-made lights. It reveals how little efforts to combat light pollution can have a significant impact on populations of endangered species.

Producer

Marco Polo Film

Broadcasters

3Sat, ZDF

GREEN SHIPPING

Fueling the Future of Maritime Transportation



SCIENCE

sustainability & technology | globalisation | climate change

52' / HD / 2023

Eighty percent of all goods traded worldwide today are transported by ship. But their environmental impact is significant, emitting large quantities of pollutants and contributing to global CO2 emissions. While other transport sectors have embraced energy transition, shipping has lagged behind in climate protection. However, legal requirements and consumer demands are pressuring the industry to transition to climate-neutral fuels. This documentary follows pioneers striving to revolutionize maritime transportation, ensuring profitability while protecting the climate and environment. Can this transformation happen in time?

Producer

Längengrad Filmproduktion

Broadcasters

MDR, arte



climate change | alarming | fossil fuels

LETHAL LEAKS

On the Track of Escaping Methane

44' / HD / 2022

Every year over 80 million tons of methane escape into the atmosphere. The extremely hazardous greenhouse gas is the main component of natural gas. Using special cameras, satellite images and data analytics, scientists are on a quest for those responsible. Step by step they reveal badly maintained installations, indifference and profit avarice in the extraction of oil and gas. Even though the technology for preventing methane leaking out, has long been available.

Producer
Broadcasters

Längengrad Filmproduktion
ZDF, 3sat



technology | innovative | hopeful outlook

SUPER STORAGE

The Race to Capture Green Energies

52' / 4K / 2023

Humanity is in the midst of an energy revolution. To save our climate, we must phase out fossil fuels. But wind and solar power aren't always available everywhere. This thrilling science documentary explores the exciting race to develop new energy storage technologies that could bring stability to green energies. The film takes us behind the scenes of research facilities and start-ups that are shaping the future of energy storage.

Producer
Broadcasters

sagamedia
ZDF, arte



wildlife & science | threatened species | conservation

DORMOUSE DETECTIVES

A Science Mystery

52' / 4K / 2023

Although garden dormice are at home in large parts of Europe, only few people initially noticed when the animals began to suddenly and inexplicably disappear. Hurriedly a task force of unprecedented size and scope was formed. The Dormouse Detectives strive to find out how many, where and why the garden dormice are disappearing. Citizen scientists, students, veterinarians and forensic experts are all in search for decisive clues.

Producer
Broadcasters

Marco Polo Film
BR, MDR, arte



pandemic | wildlife & science | animal behavior

SUDDEN SILENCE

How Animals Reclaim a World in Lockdown

52' / 4K / 2023

April 2020: COVID19 is forcing people around the globe to restrict their freedom of movement. Suddenly, humans weren't omnipresent. Suddenly, there was silence. How did wildlife respond to this unique break from humans? With impressive footage, the film accompanies scientists in their exciting project of researching the behaviour of various animal species during the "anthropause". The results show a complex picture of necessities and chances.

Producer
Broadcasters

In One Media
MDR, arte



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HISTORY

LIBERATION DIARIES



HISTORY

female perspective | contemporary witnesses | World War II

52' / HD / 2025

This documentary interweaves the diaries of three women in Italy, France and Germany at the end of the Second World War. Linked by contemporary historians, this creates a moving testimony of universal dreams of freedom and personal nightmares of war. The innovative combination of archive images, diary excerpts, animated protagonists and contemporary experts unites and condenses personal and collective history in an intimate space. In **LIBERATION DIARIES**, past and present coexist on a level that makes the dramatic days of liberation emotionally tangible.

Producers

Ladoc, Docdays, Drôle de trame

Broadcasters

RAI, ZDF, arte, LCP

FLIGHT OF LEGENDS

The Quest to Conquer the Atlantic



HISTORY

aerial history | competition | 20th century

52' or 90' / HD / 2025

Charles Lindbergh was one of the most prominent personalities of the 20th century. His fame stemmed from his victory in a competition that moved the world. In 1919, New York hotelier Raymond Orteig offered a prize of \$25,000 for the first non-stop flight between New York and Paris. The film follows the individual competitors and describes the increasingly heated media environment on both sides of the Atlantic. Fatal accidents, total crashes and the disappearance of the Frenchman Nungesser and his co-pilot Coli over the Atlantic shape the scene until Lindbergh finally wins with his historic solo flight.

Producer

Florianfilm

Broadcasters

Radio Bremen, arte

BUFFALO BILL

The Inventor of the Wild West



HISTORY

indigenous history | biography | icons

52' or 88' / HD / 2024

The American pioneer era, better known as the Wild West, has been romanticized in countless novels and films. But the Wild West as we know it was invented and staged by adventurer and showman William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, a self-made man who went from being an insignificant bison hunter to the most famous American of his time. Some adventures staged in his show "Buffalo Bill's Wild West" he had experienced himself, others were fictitious. His version of the Wild West, which he also brought to Europe at the end of the 19th century, only showed a small part of the true story and largely concealed the atrocities of the American pioneer era.

Producer
Broadcaster

Florianfilm
arte

THE KENNEDYS

The Story of an American Dynasty



HISTORY

American history | icons | insightful

52' or 90' / HD / 2023

The Kennedy family has been an American cultural icon for decades, representing glamour, power, and tragedy. A troubled family with still little-known facets: nine siblings, including five sisters, whose lives set highlights of the American century, and revealed its abysses. This time, the focus is not just on the lives and deaths of the famous brothers. Rather, this documentary explores the intricate web of relationships between all family members, revealing the complexities of their dynamics and the everlasting influence of their Irish heritage.

Producer
Broadcaster

Florianfilm
arte

PIRANESI

Visionary of Shadow and Stone



HISTORY

architecture | biography | 18th century

52' / HD / 2025

The name Piranesi evokes a world of mystery and imagination. The Italian architect, engraver, and archaeologist gifted us with dreamlike visions – labyrinthine spaces where stairways lead to nowhere and shadows stretch into the unknown. At the same time, he celebrated the monumental beauty of ancient Rome in his iconic vedute – vivid panoramas of the “Eternal City” that spread far and wide across Europe. But who was Giovanni Battista Piranesi, the man behind these extraordinary creations? This documentary seeks to trace his footsteps, to delve into the enigma he left behind and to bring us closer to understanding the mind of a genius.

Producer

In One Media

Broadcasters

ZDF, arte

CRIMES THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



HISTORY

scandals | true crime | gripping

3 x 45' / HD / 2023

Most major crimes are burned into our collective memory due to their cruelty or a spectacular plunder. Yet the crime itself often obscures its consequences. If you take a closer look, you will discover cases that made history because they shaped our understanding of morality. Based on historical criminal cases that have had a lasting impact on our lives, this series delves into the past: we experience how human rights grew out of crimes, how individual crimes became state affairs, and why the worst criminals are part of our collective memory. Through this analysis, the series offers a gripping insight on the genesis of our rule of law.

Producer

Doclights

Broadcaster

ZDFinfo



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SPECIALS

NATURE IN FOCUS



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cute | fascinating | short

10 x 5' / HD / 2025

This collection of entertaining short films covers a variety of interesting topics related to the interaction between nature and wildlife in different places around the world.

1. From Pole to Pole – The Incredible Arctic Tern
2. Early Bloomers – Nature's Spring Sprinters
3. Cherry Fruit Fly – The Uninvited Guest
4. Rock Hyraxes – Masters of the Cliffs
5. Indris – Madagascar's Singing Spirits
6. Flying Foxes – Life Upside Down in Australia
7. Birds of Winter – Born for the Cold
8. Autumn's Colours – When Leaves Prepare for Winter
9. Forests of the High Alps – Life at the Edge
10. Doe, Buck, Stag – Who's Who in the Deer World?

Producer

Marco Polo Film

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE USA



POCAHONTAS AND CPT. JOHN SMITH

Love and Survival in the New World

52' / HD / 2009

After adventurer John Smith initiates contact with the Indians and is captured, his life is saved by a Native girl who begs the powerful Chief Powhatan for his pardon – his daughter Pocahontas. The romantic tale of the encounter between Native American girl Pocahontas and Captain John Smith is one of the most lasting American legends. Was this really a love story or have later generations merely glorified this relationship?

Producer
Broadcasters

Westend Film & TV
ZDF, arte



JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN

William Bradford and the Pilgrim Fathers

52' / HD / 2009

To this day, the Pilgrim Fathers are a glorified symbol of American virtue. In search of autonomy and fraught with the desire to preserve their cultural identity, a group of English Puritans left their Dutch refuge in 1620 to bravely set off for the New World. A comprehensive body of legislation, the "Mayflower Compact", was drawn up to foreclose any problems of governance prior to alighting on the shores of what is now Provincetown Harbor.

Producer
Broadcasters

Westend Film & TV
ZDF, arte



THE RETURN OF THE BUFFALO

Restoring the Great American Prairie

52' / HD / 2009

The vast area of the American prairie tells the story of an experiment that has been going for 150 years: the settlement of the American Midwest. Countless ghost towns define the appearance of deserted swathes of land. The radical vision of a scientist couple from New York sparked a new debate about the economic recovery of the region. Their plan is to make the Great Plains a public property, a common area, and reverse it to its original condition.

Producer
Broadcasters

Westend Film & TV
ZDF, arte



WITCH HUNT IN SALEM

52' / HD / 2017

New England, 1692: religious hysteria infects the people of small-town Salem and brings about a ruthless manhunt. At a time when Europe has largely overcome the witch craze, dozens of people are accused of sorcery and executed. It is the puritans' fall from grace, which ends their profound influence in the new world. The episode is a watershed for the young colony and one of the darkest chapters in the history of the United States.

Producer
Broadcasters

Westend Film & TV
ZDF, arte



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COMING SOON

THE TREASURE OF NEWFOUNDLAND



NATURE & WILDLIFE

underwater | fascinating | North America

52' or 43' / 4K / 2025

Newfoundland is a land of extremes. It's America's most eastern island, as large as Iceland, bordering the world's largest estuary and a mecca of world fishing history. Every summer, responding to the vital drive to reproduce, billions of capelins surge toward the coast, with all the predators in the food chain following in their wake. For more than ten years, these turbulent waters dotted with icebergs have been the playground of wildlife filmmaker Didier Noirot, who spends part of each year in Newfoundland, and pours all his passion into unveiling nature's secrets in these wild seas. Didier invites us to witness Newfoundland's great oceanic marvels – a reminder of the responsibility that humankind bears for the future of life on Earth. The filmmaker is a daily witness to the upheavals in this underwater world. But as a naturalist in constant search of both the unknown and the novel, he revels in bringing to light the mysteries of sea life that rekindle our sense of wonder.

Producers
Broadcaster

Subimagery Productions, Le cinquième rêve
arte

WILD ON A HIGH



NATURE & WILDLIFE

animal behavior | nature & wildlife | prime time

52' / 4K / 2025

In the nature documentary *Wild on a High*, the boundaries between instinct and indulgence blur as animals around the world are caught in moments of intoxication.

From swans addicted to opium poppies to dolphins seemingly sharing pufferfish for its psychoactive toxins, this visually stunning series reveals surprising and often unexplored behaviors in the animal kingdom. Are these creatures seeking altered states for pleasure, evolutionary gain, or survival? The film uncovers how various species, from reindeer to lemurs, honey badgers to chimpanzees, interact with mind-altering substances. Blending scientific inquiry with breathtaking cinematography, the documentary challenges our understanding of animal consciousness and asks: are humans truly the only beings who enjoy getting high?

Producer
Broadcaster

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