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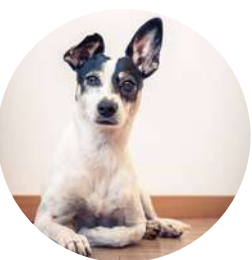
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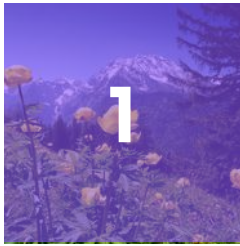
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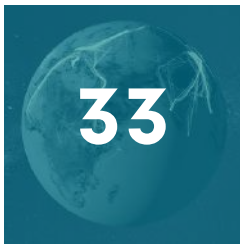
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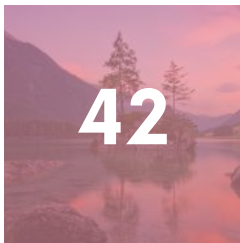
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MISSION EARTH

SAVE THE WILD



NEW

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 humans preserve the last invaluable areas of wilderness of the earth and with it the diversity of species?

The three-part documentary series provides answers to one of the most urgent questions at present, by documenting fascinating animal worlds in breathtaking landscapes. From the rearing of endangered species in special protection zones and rescue operations for animals in extinction to established and highly biodiverse protected areas, the series takes us around the globe to showcase new but already functioning solutions founded on the intelligent strategies of not only scientists, but rangers, zoo managers and locals working closely together. This series is a call for action, raising awareness on how to preserve the mesmerizing wild paradises left on earth, or even reclaim the ones which have already been lost.

Producers
Broadcaster

ApolloFilm, Filmtank
arte

STEPPE PUMAS



NEW

humans & animals | species protection | predators

4 x 48' / 4K / 2023

Filmed amidst the breathtaking landscapes of the Patagonian steppe, this captivating 4-episode documentary series delves deep into the intricate relationship between humanity and the natural world. The age-old strife between imposing predators and livestock producers is far from novel, yet we find ourselves at a critical juncture where our natural ecosystems are on the brink of collapse. This gripping narrative unfolds within the confines of three National Parks, where the puma has held its dominion for centuries. Here, the tension between these majestic predators and large-scale sheep farmers and indigenous communities escalates. Decisions have to be made. For over half a decade, ecologist Emiliano Donadio has dedicated his life's work to spearheading South America's most ambitious project—to understand the ecology of a top predator such as the puma and generate coexistence mechanisms in shared landscapes. Together with his team, he ventures through the challenging Patagonian canyons and plateaus in search of the elusive animals. Can a more peaceful coexistence be achieved?

Producer
Broadcaster

Jumara Films
National Geographic Latin America

GOOD NEWS FROM PLANET EARTH



NEW

eco-innovation | positive outlook | inspiring

6 x 52' / HD / 2023

Climate crisis, pandemic, destruction of nature – newspapers, internet and television seem to only bring bad news. Yet, scientists and engineers are looking for climate and environmentally friendly solutions, visionaries are founding sustainable startups, corporations are rethinking, citizens are getting involved in countless projects, not to mention the organizations that have been working to protect nature and the environment for years. This series focuses on them and their encouraging solutions and provides information in the spirit of constructive journalism and thus deliberately sets a different tone than usual reporting.

Episodes:

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| – Guardians of the Woodlands | – Wildlife Revival |
| – Cultivating Tomorrow's Earth | – Nature's Reawakening |
| – Urban Metamorphosis | – Conserving Earth's Legacy |

Producer
Broadcasters

Längengrad Filmproduktion
BR, arte

RESURRECTING EDEN

Human Help for Nature's Own Resilience



eco-innovation | positive outlook | renaturation

4 x 52' / HD / 2022

Discover projects in which humans are helping to restore and strengthen nature. Whether rainforests or coral reefs, river courses or marshlands: these visionary projects show that it is possible to counteract the destruction. But it's not enough to plant more trees. To make use of nature's powers of resistance, we must understand the interplay in the complex ecosystems that shape our planet.

Episodes:

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| 1. The Inn - Renaturing an Alpine River | 3. The Baltics - The Return of the Peatlands |
| 2. Curaçao - The Coral Rescuers of the Caribbean | 4. Malaysia - New Hope for the Rainforest |

Producer
Broadcasters

Längengrad Filmproduktion
ZDF, arte

METAMORPHOSES

The Return of the Wilderness



wildlife protection | renaturation | positive outlook

5 x 52' / HD / 2022

This five-part science documentary series takes us to regions that have undergone – and are still undergoing – radical change. Where flora and fauna were once eradicated to make room for agriculture and industry, nature is coming back into its own. Each episode documents compelling projects, which demonstrate that even destruction can provide a new beginning for nature.

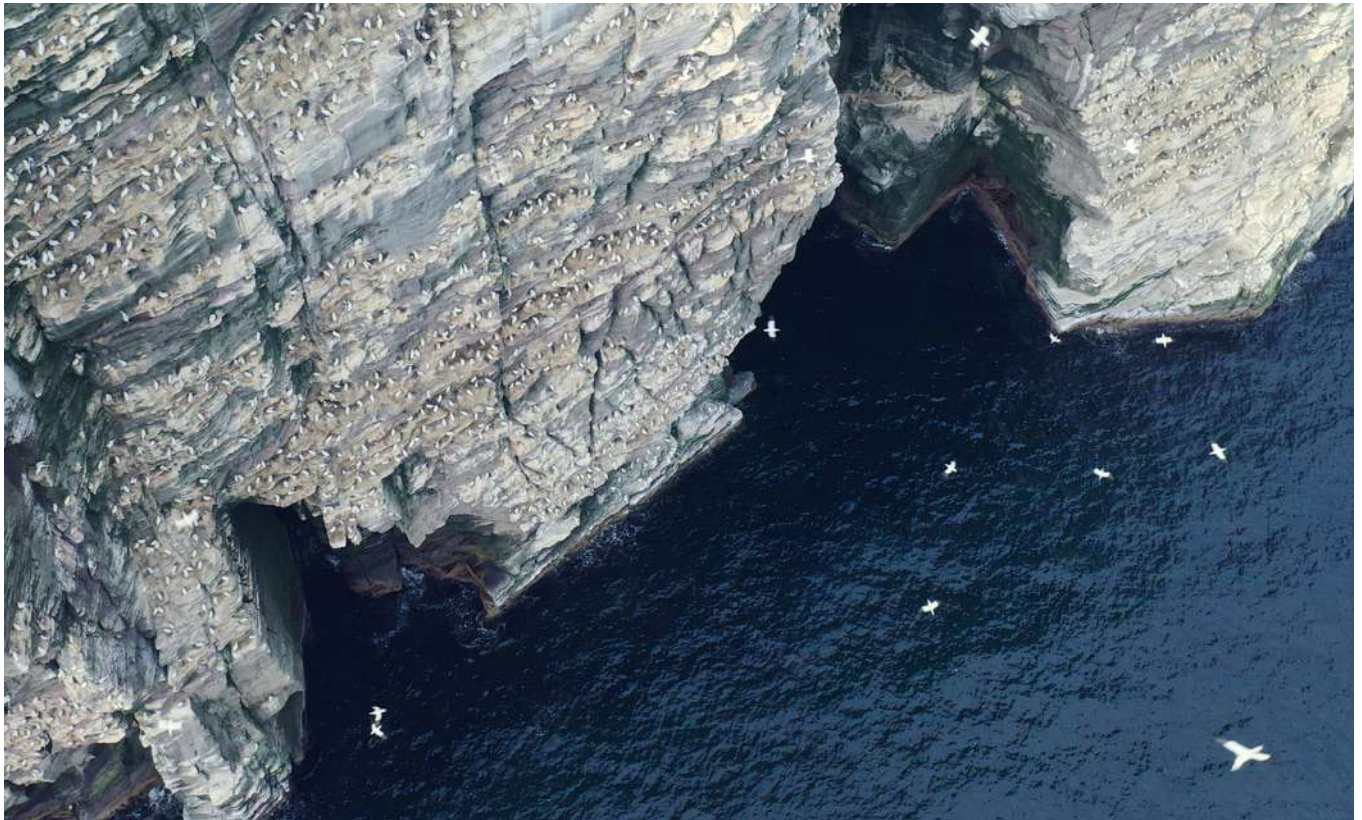
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| Germany - An Experiment in Nature | Costa Rica - Operation Tropical Forest | England's Beavers - The Chaos Effect |
| USA - New Life for Lake Erie | Brazil - Saving the Atlantic Forest | |

Producer
Broadcaster

Längengrad Filmproduktion
arte

WILD ISLES



NEW

remote landscapes | scenic | optimistic

90' / 4K / 2022

Our planet is full of life. From vast oceans to wide-open skies, the diversity of life here seems infinite. But one of those here on earth has been changing the balance for all its residents. The United Kingdom is one of the most nature depleted countries on our planet – yet this is a story of hope, signaling that change is in the air. The feature film travels across the country's most remote landscapes, reaching as far as Shetland, Cornwall, Pembrokeshire, Sea of Hebrides and many more, on a quest to find how humans can peacefully coexist with the mesmerizing nature across Britain's Wild Isles.

Embark on a cinematic journey through key British wildlife locations and meet the people and communities who are making a difference and showing us the way to a brighter, wilder future by restoring our natural world and restoring our faith in humankind.

Producer

Newyonder

WHAT IS WILDERNESS?



ecology | biodiversity | thoughtful

52' / 4K / 2022

Apart from taiga and tundra in the north of the continent, not many unchanged landscapes remain in Europe. And it is almost impossible to designate large nature reserves in densely populated Central Europe. This documentary embarks on a journey through Europe to look for answers. How important are grazing animals for the ecosystem? How can we preserve nature and biodiversity? And how would the loss of wilderness impact the future of humankind?

Producer | nautilusfilm
Broadcaster | arte

HEROES OF THE SEA



social impact | activism | alarming

73' / 4K / 2022

Investigative photographer York Hovest has spent three years traveling the world in search of the heroes creating the visionary solutions to one of the most pressing challenges of our time: saving the oceans from growing plastic waste, limitless overfishing and the supposedly unstoppable climate change. 'Heroes of the Sea' is an encounter with people who are passionately fighting a hard, yet not always promising battle, but the award-winning film ultimately offers a positive outlook on the environmental crisis.

Producer | York Hovest



renaturation | bird migration

NEW LAND

The Islands of Marker Wadden

52' / 4K / 2021

Half of the Netherlands would be sea if it wasn't for dykes and polders. After a severe flood in 1953, enormous mega-structures were built to protect the land, but with a cost for nature. Now one of the biggest restoration projects in Western Europe is in progress, aiming to restore the ecosystem of one of Europe's largest lakes, the Markermeer.

Producer | Ispida Wildlife Productions
Broadcaster | BNNVARA



cute | award-winning | conservation

THE OTTER

A Legend Returns

52' / 4K / 2021

After the otter went extinct in the Netherlands, conservationists have worked for decades to reintroduce it. Today, the otter is making a comeback. But success is fragile and the perils of habitat loss, traffic and pollution prevail. Few people manage to catch a glimpse of this elegant but mysterious animal.

Producers | Hilco Jansma Productions,
Ispida Wildlife Productions
Broadcaster | EO



humans & nature | quirky | rewilding

GLORIOUS BUSTARDS

52' / 4K / 2021

In many regions the Great Bustard is facing extinction. A handful of unswerving enthusiasts are struggling to rescue the heaviest of all flying birds from that fate. Together with scientists, they started an unprecedented rescue initiative. The German model project is raising international interest and hopes. An immersive conservation story, told as an odyssey of a species and its safeguards.

Producer | Altayfilm
Broadcasters | MDR, arte



award-winning | conservation

PARADISE PRESERVED

5 x 52' / HD / 2019

This series tells the stories of five exceptional and fantastically beautiful landscapes. They represent role models for new approaches to nature conservation: Instead of banning inhabitants, businesses and tourists from these species-rich territories, some of the areas' natural resources are exploited – responsibly. And it's producing remarkably successful results!

Producer | Längengrad Filmproduktion
Broadcaster | arte



green-tech | innovative | eco-activism

WATER IS OUR FUTURE

5 x 52' / HD / 2018

This documentary series tells the story of five exceptional regions that prove that a huge problem for mankind can be solved: our handling of the element that's vital for life – water. Visually powerful, highly relevant and future-oriented, this five-part series covers the whole issue of water – based on the model of Längengrad's successful documentary series on renewable energy 'Islands of the Future.'

Producer | Längengrad Filmproduktion
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



green-tech | innovative | eco-activism

ISLANDS OF THE FUTURE

5 x 52' / HD / 2015

The world is in an energy crisis. Coal is fueling global climate change. People are searching for ways of freeing themselves from the fetters of fossil fuels. And answers to this challenge are being found in the sea, off the coast of the continent – on the islands of Europe. Through their history and mentality islanders are well equipped for mastering the transition to a new energy future.

Producer | Längengrad Filmproduktion
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



award-winning | humans & nature

WILD HEART OF EUROPE

The Return of an Ancient Forest

52' or 90' / 4K / 2020

In the Bavarian Forest National Park, a vision has become a pioneering model project worldwide: Humans do not interfere with nature. The unique experiment triggered resistance at first. The result continues to amaze to this day. A primeval forest is growing out of the former commercial forests. What can we learn from it in times of climate change?

Producer Lisa Eder Film
Broadcasters SWR, arte, Theatrical release



award-winning | alerting | ecosystems

ONE IN A THOUSAND

52' / HD / 2019

The ecosystem of a small creek is complex and diverse – the shocking reality is that in Central Europe today only one in a thousand is still intact. What happened to our streams and brooks? This blue-chip wildlife film portrays the diverse wildlife inside and alongside a stream, explains the importance of this habitat and identifies the sources of its destruction.

Producer nautilusfilm
Broadcasters BR, arte, NDR, ORF



climate change | around the world | homage

HERDERS

Guardians of the Earth

5 x 26' or 90' / HD / 2020

They are true masters of adaptation – the shepherds of our earth. Their way of life is one of the oldest, yet from an ecological aspect it points towards the future. This documentary series visits five pastoral communities around the world. But the thousand-year-old knowledge of the herdsmen is endangered by climate change and overgrazing.

Producer Neue Celluloid Fabrik
Broadcasters SWR, arte



animal behavior | scientific | insightful

DARWIN IN TIMES SQUARE

The Science of Urban Evolution

52' / 4K / 2020

We live in the age of cities. Urban sprawl eats up natural habitats, sending plant and animal populations in worrying decline. How does nature react to this loss of biodiversity? Our film accompanies teams of researchers who unravel the secret of urban evolution, showing that plants and animals adapt much faster than previously believed possible.

Producer sagamedia
Broadcasters ZDF, Arte



humans & nature | conservation

GORILLAS UNDER STRESS

52' / 4K / 2020

At the end of 2018, great news went around the world: the number of wild mountain gorillas has risen to more than 1000! A rare story of success in the protection of endangered species. But this success is bringing about new challenges. What happens if the number of mountain gorillas grows, but their habitat does not? How strongly should conservationists and experts intervene?

Producer in one media
Broadcasters MDR, arte



Jackson Wild Award | alerting | spectacular

ON THIN ICE

52' / 4K / 2020

Roughly two thirds of the Arctic belongs to the world's largest country. For the first time, scientists are beginning to explore Russia and what they find is alarming. Enormous layers of permafrost are thawing out. In the Russian Arctic, climate change is not a question anymore. It is happening, now and at a worrying pace. Gripping imagery and stories from one of the remotest areas of the world.

Producer Altayfilm
Broadcasters MDR, arte



national park | conservation | insightful

DARKWOODS

Where Nature Survives

52' / HD / 2018

The film takes us into the nearly impassable Darkwoods in Canada, with its ecosystems of old growth valleys and alpine meadows. Until today, these remote mountain ranges are home to rare mountain caribou, endangered bats, grizzly bears, wolves and unique birds. It's no wonder Canadian authorities plan to make it the country's showcase region.

Producer Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters SWR, BR, HR



award-winning | touching | epic

QUEEN WITHOUT LAND

52' or 72' / 4K / 2018

This is the story of Frost, a beautiful polar bear mum. During a four-year journey, wildlife filmmaker Asgeir Helgestad follows her as she struggles to survive and raise her cubs with her home melting away under her paws. Vast landscapes, unforgettable light, and all forms of life from algae to huge walruses come together to illustrate an unprecedented struggle for survival in the Arctic.

Producer Artic Light AS
Broadcasters NRK, SVT, NDR, Smithsonian



mystery | rare species | nature & science

VANISHING DRAGONS

The Disappearing Iguanas of Galapagos

43' / HD / 2017

Once called hideous and cumbersome animals by Charles Darwin, marine iguanas have survived for billions of years and adapted to the hostile environment of Galapagos. A few years ago, however, they started to die in huge numbers. For the first time scientists from all over the world want to solve the big mystery of the vanishing marine iguanas.

Producer Blue Planet Film
Broadcaster WDR



conservation | rare species

BACK TO NATURE

52' / HD / 2017

Eric Bairao Ruivo runs Beauval Nature – a foundation devoted to re-introducing rare or endangered species, such as pandas, gorillas and condors, into the wild. As we follow Eric on his mission around the world, we get an insight into the work of the conservationist. However, his trickiest mission is yet to come: For the first time he will set free two magnificent Langur monkeys that grew up at Beauval Zoo.

Producer Nomades TV
Broadcaster TF1



award-winning | alerting

THE BLACK TEARS OF THE SEA

The Lethal Legacy of Wrecks

52' / HD / 2017

75 years after the end of the World War II the future is overshadowed by an oppressive legacy from the past: Lying on the seabed and rusting away are 6,300 ship wrecks which together contain an estimated 1.5 to 12 billion liters of oil. Many times more than what the Exxon Valdez leaked into the oceans. The question is: how long will it stay inside?

Producer Längengrad Filmproduktion
Broadcasters WDR, arte



award-winning | unlikely habitats

IRON JUNGLE

Nature's Return to the Ruhr Valley

52' / HD / 2016

For more than 150 years the Ruhr Area was Europe's most extensive industrial zone. Mines, steelworks and chemical industries had taken their toll on the ecosystem, but recent industrial decline proved a chance for a unique comeback: A whole variety of animals returned to fill lost places and revive an iron jungle.

Producer Light & Shadow
Broadcasters WDR, NDR



green tech | inspiring & alerting

THE SOLAR NATION OF TOKELAU

45' / HD / 2015

This is the story of Tokelau, the first 100% solar-powered nation in the world. Ironically, this exemplary nation is critically affected by the emissions of the rest of the world: Tokelau belongs to the atolls whose existence is threatened by sea level rise. The film gives a unique insight into the way of life on a small atoll.

Producer PACIFICA Productions
Broadcasters SWR, arte



award-winning | investigative

THE FOOD RACE

Pesticides, GMO's and Organic Farming on the Test

52' / 4K / 2015

The world's food supply becomes more and more imbalanced with one billion people starving worldwide while the world's food production is at its peak level. This film reveals the causes and impacts of this imbalance and tries to find solutions how we can get prepared to feed our growing population.

Producer Leonardo Film



award-winning | nature & humans

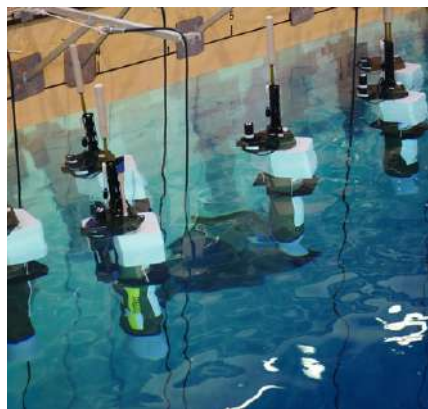
GIANTS OF FORTUNE

The Whale Sharks of Oslob

52' / HD / 2014

This film tells the story of the Filipino fishermen of Oslob, their daily hassle trying to get along with typhoons and overfishing and their special ties with a giant whale shark. And it shows how a tourist's photo of the shark on the internet turns the lives of the villagers and the whole region upside down.

Producer Ulf Marquardt
Medienproduktion
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



climate change | insightful

KING OF CURRENTS

A Gulf Stream Journey

2 x 52' / 4K / 2017

How is global warming affecting Europe's central heating? The Gulf Stream is the fastest, mightiest and warmest current. We travel it on research vessels, measure it with buoys, and show its importance with computer animations and CGI. Is the Gulf Stream becoming warmer, weaker, or even stopping? What consequences would a weaker stream have for people?

Producer Along Mekong Productions
Broadcasters SWR, arte



award-winning | epidemics

KILLER IN THE CAVES

52' / HD / 2013

An estimated 6.5 million bats have died in the last years in North America – one of the greatest wildlife disasters in US history. Bat-expert DeeAnn Reeder and wildlife manager Greg Turner fight against the disease. The epidemic is still a riddle. DeeAnn Reeder and Greg Turner piece together information like criminal investigators.

Producers SNI/SI Networks, Taglicht Media
Broadcasters Smithsonian, WDR



surprising | humans & animals

THE SEISMIC SENSE

How Animals Predict Earthquakes

52' / HD / 2012

Earthquake prediction is perhaps the greatest failure of modern science. Geologists use sophisticated instruments but they still are nowhere near to a prediction. Some scientists started studying animals displaying a peculiar behavior just days before an earthquake strikes. Could their observations help predict earthquakes in the future?

Producer Leonardo Film
Broadcasters WDR, arte, PTS, LIC China

A photograph of two lionesses in a savanna environment. The lioness on the left is shown in profile, facing right, with its mouth open as if roaring or calling. The lioness on the right is facing forward, looking slightly to the left. The background is a soft-focus landscape with dry grass and some greenery. A large, white, stylized number '2' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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NATURE & WILDLIFE

WEBS & WINGS

Nature's Tiny Ballet



NEW

macro-photography | microcosmos | surprising

3 x 52' / 4K / 2023

When much-awaited spring is finally here, nature in Provence, deafened by winter, reveals itself in an explosion of warm melodies. Little creatures emancipate themselves from their winter hiding places, some crawling, others flying or weaving. In the course of one season, let's discover a swarming, buzzing and communicating reality as close as it is foreign and incomprehensible to us, organized into societies far more evolved than we could possibly imagine – The world of bugs.

They bring life to meadows, revive the essence of our forests, purify gardens and vegetable patches and are, above all, indispensable. This series follows the lives of three of them: the unloved fly, our discreet pollinator swept away by an ungrateful hand; the beautiful rounded ladybug, our mercenary of gardens and vegetable patches; and finally the bewitching spider, which fascinates as much as it terrifies.

Producer
Broadcasters

Flair Production
arte, France Télévisions

WILD CROSSINGS

Animals on the Move



NEW

humans & wildlife | conservation | solutions

52' / HD / 2023

Many animal species cross our roads on their migration routes. Collisions with traffic often end up fatal for the animals, but thousands of people are also injured as a result of wildlife accidents. Our ever expanding network of roads is threatening the survival of many species in multiple ways. Because they not only kill, they fracture habitats. This isolation can lead to genetic impoverishment. Are there any solutions to these problems?

Road planners and conservationists are trying to minimize losses among different wildlife species and reconnect disjointed habitats. Green bridges and toad tunnels are created, bat bridges, squirrel ropes, catwalks for otters or a deer radar with high-tech solutions are also tried out. For the first time, this nature film documentary shows the successes and failures of various measures to ensure that wild animals can cross roads safely. The efforts have revealed astonishing insights into the behavior of wild animals on roads. Just as entertaining as it is exciting, this film tells of a previously unnoticed problem in our environment.

Producer
Broadcasters

Längengrad Filmproduktion
WDR, arte

THE MYSTERY OF PELICAN ISLAND



NEW

survival | iconic species | epic

52' / 4K / 2023

Situated in Russia's Manych reservoir, the only great white pelican colony in the country and one of Europe's largest hosts up to 2,000 breeding pairs annually. What attracts the birds to this area between the Caspian and Azov Seas to breed and raise their offspring? However, the future of the pelicans on the island is in danger. Climate change and agricultural water withdrawal imperil the pelicans. As water levels drop and islands connect to the mainland, foxes prey on pelicans. Rarely have wildlife filmmakers come so close to these majestic birds. During the filming, unique footage of the animals' behavior was captured, from breeding to the young birds' first attempts to fly, from the perfectly organized hunt for fish to the chicks' fight against the heat and enemies.

Producers

Längengrad Filmproduktion, Nadezhda Dorofeeva

Broadcasters

ZDF, arte

GAME OF FISH



NEW

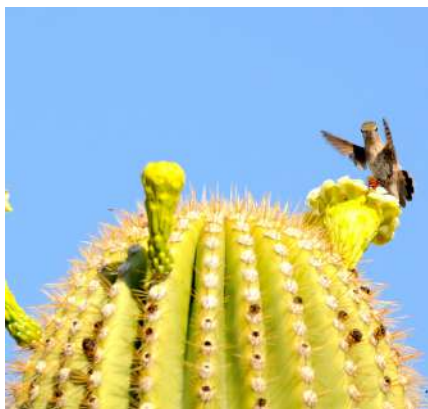
aquatic saga | ecosystems | blue-chip

52' / 4K / 2023

10,000 years ago the vanishing ice sculpted a mesmerizing landscape in Scandinavia — a stage for the captivating Game of Fish. The Atlantic salmon, Northern pike, and Atlantic cod are the apex players. The pike's astonishing speed, the salmon's epic journey up waterfalls, and the cod's secret love life are spotlighted. An ensemble cast includes sea lamprey, eels, perch, and tench, all players in this spectacular game, full of tricks and hacks, betrayal and friendship. Yet, human actions, like overfishing and habitat disruption, strain this ecosystem. The game is not yet over for this wonderful underwater world – but it is urgent that we start playing by the rules.

Producer

Ecofilm



NEW

family-friendly | quirky

CACTUS HOTEL

52' / 4K / 2023

In the desert of Arizona, a luxurious 'hotel' is a precious oasis for many wild guests. From the roots in the 'basement' to the flowery 'rooftop bar', this film tells entertaining stories about an old Saguaro cactus and its various wild visitors, an unusual band of neighbors... some fly, some crawl and some hop. And they all have one thing in common: they will cross paths at the fabulous 'Cactus Hotel'.

Producer Altayfilm
Broadcasters WDR, arte



NEW

wildlife & ecology | ecosystems

KINGDOM OF FISH

3 x 60' / 4K / 2023

'Kingdom of Fish' is the story of Sweden's relationship with its remarkable waters and of all the fish and creatures that live in and around it. Yet it's not just a love story: human beings have caused great damage to this unique marine ecosystem through overfishing, urban expansion and hydro-electric power. But hope springs eternal, thanks to dedicated people who realize that it's up to us to turn the tide.

Producer Ecofilm
Broadcasters SVT, NRK, DR



NEW

blue-chip | predators | survival

BEARLAND

52' / 4K / 2023

This remarkable documentary reveals the challenges bears must overcome and shows just what amazing survivors they are. The film travels to the breathtaking nature of the Arctic, the coasts of the Pacific Ocean and the enigmatic forests of the sea of Japan to bring the story of the incredible polar, brown and black bear to light. All while taking a paw-swipe at a few myths about bears.

Producer Altayfilm
Broadcasters MDR, arte



NEW

wildlife & history | artefacts

BESTIARY

A Shepherd's Legacy

47' / 4K / 2022

As our ancestors transitioned from nomadic to sedentary life, our connection with nature and its creatures dwindled. Yet, some, like shepherds, remained wanderers and created remarkable artifacts... This bestiary serves as a window into the world of these humble shepherds, offering insights into their environment over a century ago.

Producer Planet Alive Film



NEW

unique habitats | stunning

THE WADDEN SEA

Living on the Edge

4 x 45' or 1 x 90' / 4K / 2018, 2020

The Wadden Sea is home to thousands of species of flora and fauna. This emotive and humorous documentary takes us on a journey through the interplay of tides and the rich wildlife that inhabits this stunning coastal region, revealing the intricacies of this fragile ecosystem. Witness the beauty of the Wadden Sea as never seen before.

Producer Ruben Smit Productions
Broadcasters BNNVARA, Theatrical release



NEW

expedition | enchanting

LIVING RIVER

2 x 52' / HD / 2016

The rivers that cut through the Netherlands are so much more than just containers of water. Their ecosystem is full of life, and surprises are waiting behind every reed bed. Sail along a large beaver dam, dancing damselflies, fishing black terns, breeding purple herons and hunting white-tailed eagles. Embark on one man's journey of personal discovery across the Netherlands.

Producer Ruben Smit Productions
Broadcaster BNNVARA

GODWIT!

The Incredible Journey of a Wader



NEW

cinematic | intimate | epic

3 x 45' or 1 x 96' / 4K / 2022, 2023

The black-tailed godwit is a symbol of the Netherlands – yet the iconic national bird seems to be rapidly disappearing from the Dutch country. The traditional image of the perky wader in the flowery meadows of our polders is increasingly difficult to find. How is that possible? And what does that say about the landscape? Following the species on its journey across the world to the Netherlands, this intimate and impressive documentary series and feature film show how the bird strives to survive in a continuously changing world.

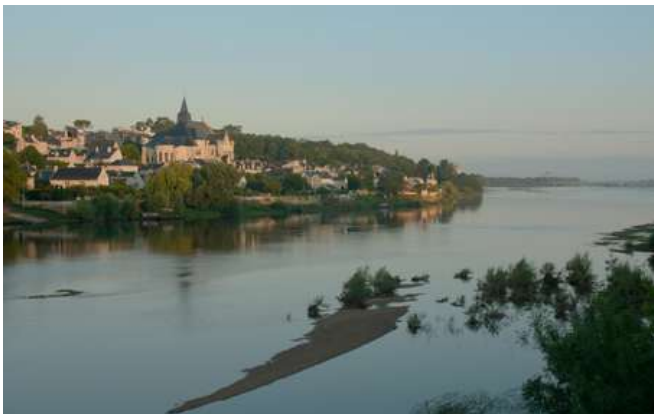
Delivery of 3-part series planned for end of 2023

Producer
Broadcasters

Ruben Smit Productions
BNNVARA, Theatrical release

LOIRE

The Wild Land



NEW

wildlife protection | ecosystems

52' / HD / 2022

In the Pays de la Loire, the balance of the ecosystems is disrupted and threatens the survival of several species, the migration of salmon and the metamorphosis of the magnificent death's-head hawkmoth. But whether they are naturalists or laymen, a few locals are transforming their practices and allowing the return of species that we feared we lost. With the help of these individuals, nature is adapting, fighting to survive. Walk through the vineyards, dive into the underwater jungles and fly with the greylag geese to rediscover this astonishing wild land.

Producer
Broadcaster

Nomades TV
France 3



family-friendly | urban nature | upbeat

WILD PRAGUE

52' or 90' / 4K / 2022

The ancient city of Prague is one of the busiest tourist attractions in the world. But it also has a hidden side. Within sight of the Astronomical Clock and Charles Bridge live hundreds of rare species of wildlife. We follow our main heroes, the luckless moorhen, the innovator mouflon or the old residents like the dormouse in their successes and failures to conquer the city.

Producer Kuli Film
Broadcaster Theatrical release



award-winning | renaturation | ecosystems

WAVES BENEATH THE WATER

Secrets of Fresh Water Life Revealed

52' / 4K / 2022

30 years ago, shooting an underwater film in the polluted and waters of The Netherlands was unthinkable. After much conservation efforts, creatures are returning in great numbers to clean, fresh water. They are the small aquatic residents that tell an environmental success story that should be celebrated.

Producer Ispida Wildlife Productions
Broadcaster AVROTROS



epic | blue-chip | award-winning

WOLF

Wanderer Without Borders

2 x 52' or 90' / 4K / 2022

The wolf was almost completely eradicated in Europe over the past few centuries. Only small populations survived in Eastern Europe. This exceptional television series and cinema production follows the journey of a young, lone wolf westwards on his search for his own territory and mate.

Producers Ispida Wildlife Productions,
BNNVARA
Broadcasters BNNVARA, arte, Theat. release



family-friendly | blue-chip | upbeat

KNOCK, KNOCK

A Woodpecker's World

43' / HD / 2022

Woodpeckers are the greatest builders in the bird world. The housing market in the forest is highly competitive, but when it comes to choosing a place to live, great spotted woodpeckers are open to new adventures. Their holes in insulated house facades cause displeasure among homeowners and arguments among animal squatters: Is this room still free?

Producer Capricornum Film
Broadcasters MDR, arte, SWR



award-winning | family-friendly | blue-chip

SUPERBIRDS

The Secret Life of Tits

52' / 4K / 2022

We see these lovely little birds every day, but barely notice them. This film will take us into the entertaining and dangerous world of these brave little animals to unveil their secrets... Captivating and intimate everyday stories of their lives show us what happens around us millions of times every year - and yet often remains hidden from our eyes.

Producer Altayfilm
Broadcasters MDR, arte, SWR



award-winning | enchanting | hidden worlds

THE MARVELLOUS WILD WORLD OF THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

52' / 4K / 2022

This film delves deep into the world of bumblebees, lacewings, butterflies and earwigs. From the perspective of the garden inhabitants, viewers discover a world full of unique relationships, births and struggles. A wondrous, surprising and exemplary biotope that could be right outside our kitchen windows.

Producers Längengrad Filmproduktion,
Grenouilles Productions
Broadcasters SWR, arte



unique habitat | scenic | bio-diversity

WILDLIFE IN WINDMILL COUNTRY

52' / HD / 2022

In the heart of the Netherlands lies the Alblasserwaard – a unique landscape once created by the country's best known symbol: the windmill. Although their golden age is now long gone, their legacy lives on. Because once you look closely, you will discover a staggering amount of animals who still benefit from the land that was made by windmills.

Producer Stijn Philips Natuurfilms
Broadcaster Theatrical release



epic | blue-chip | natural reserves

ODE TO NATURE

2 x 43' or 1 x 90' / 4K / 2021

'Ode to Nature' is a journey through the sea- and landscapes of central Europe, from the Alps to the coasts and depths of the North and Baltic Seas. In between lies a cinematic foray through steaming forests, shimmering moors and more. In extraordinary images, the film shows nature from its most beautiful side.

Producer nautilusfilm
Broadcasters BR, arte, Theatrical release



award-winning | blue-chip | epic

WILD HORSES A Tale from the Puszta

52' or 88' / 4K / 2020

This is the story of a beautiful wild Przewalski horse foal, born on the Hungarian plains called the Puszta. Some decades ago, they nearly went extinct in their original habitat. The remaining few animals found a new home on the steppes of Hungary. This documentary is a journey into their secret world.

Producers Wild Tales Productions, Doclights
Broadcasters NDR, WDR, SVT, Theatrical rel.



bird migration | natural reserves

KERKINI A Greek Bird Haven

52' / HD / 2022

Lake Kerkini national park in Greece is one of the most beautiful birding sites in Europe offering scenes of unique interactions between birds from all over the Mediterranean such as collective hunts, with more than a thousand birds of different species. But the threatened surrounding forest predicts change for this lake and its feathered inhabitants.

Producer Seppia
Broadcaster arte



unique habitats | funny | all ages

THE BEACH Wildlife Around the Parasol

52' / 4K / 2021

For us humans, beaches are the epitome of holidays and relaxation. But they are also habitats for animals and plants. Often unnoticed between parasols and deckchairs, an amazing microcosm of nature unfolds – if you look closely. The film tells beach stories from the animals' point of view - sometimes funny, sometimes dramatic, and always surprising.

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcaster arte



award-winning | blue-chip | funny

ZOO LIFE

2 x 52' or 1 x 90' / 4K / 2021

A day at the zoo can be an educating pastime. But for many good reasons, animals and their visitors gaze at each other from opposite sides of the fence and much of their everyday animal life remains a secret. This series wants to reveal some of these mysteries, and, at the same time, prove the importance of zoos as modern-day arks.

Producers Längengrad Filmproduktion, Light & Shadow
Broadcaster WDR



unlikely habitats | spectacular | resilient nature

ACCIDENTAL WILDERNESS

Europe's Everglades

52' / 4K / 2020

In the middle of Europe a mysterious, irreplaceable wilderness draws migrating birds from across the continent and beyond. But this was not always the case. Once a place where an entire city's wastewater was deposited, this landscape has become a paradise for Europe's birds.

Producer | Light & Shadow
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



surprising | unlikely habitat | insightful

JOURNEY OF THE PELICANS

An Australian Outback Mystery

43' / HD / 2021

The pelican stands for one of the great mysteries of Australian ecology. This gentle giant bird seems to be synonymous with the seaside. Astonishingly, the pelicans return to the desert to breed. But when and why are they summoned to go? How do they know where to go, and that the desert will provide for them when they get there?

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



surprising | witty | animal behavior

MAGPIES

More than Black and White

43' / 4K / 2021

Magpies live in many places around the globe. We all have seen the black and white birds with the long tail feathers and the nagging call in our neighborhoods. 'Magpies – More than Black and White' goes on a journey around the world to find out more about the magpie's lesser-known traits, such as their surprising social life and impressive intelligence.

Producer | Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters | WDR, Arte



unlikely habitat | animal behavior | upbeat

MAKE NESTS, NOT WAR

The Hidden Nature of Military Grounds

50' / HD / 2021

For 130 years the heath landscape of the Senne in Germany has largely been used as a military training area. Surprisingly, the military means a blessing in disguise for nature. The Senne is home to highly specialized species that have been pushed back elsewhere by agriculture. This film leads the viewer into a charming world that is normally closed to civilians.

Producer | Längengrad Filmproduktion
Broadcaster | WDR



award-winning | blue-chip | funny

AFRICA'S WILD ROOMMATES

How Animals Share Bed and Board

52' / 4K / 2020

Three of the greatest builders of the animal world live in the African savannah: weaver birds, aardvarks and termites. But they do not live alone in their spectacular buildings! A lot of different roommates find themselves in their apartments. These different species do not only live together, they also benefit from sharing a roof.

Producer | Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters | WDR, arte, SWR, HR



humans & nature | invasive species

THEY CAME TO STAY

Our Alien Animal Neighbours

3 x 52' / 4K / 2021

Watching exotic animals roam freely right at your doorstep? What seems like an exciting sight could actually be invasive animals. They compete with the native fauna for habitat and spread quickly. This series takes a closer look at rheas, green parrots and nutrias – uninvited guests in Central Europe who seem determined to stay.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



unique animal behavior | quirky | scientific

MONKEY (R)EVOLUTION

Thailand's Diving Macaques

52' or 43' / 4K / 2020

The cheeky macaques on the island of Piak Nam Yai in the Andaman Sea love to swim and dive, crack mussels using tools and are a real scientific sensation. In a film about animals and science, we learn a lot more about our evolution and get to witness the water games of these extraordinary monkeys.

Producer | Nomades TV
Broadcaster | arte



award-winning | destinations | blue-chip

PORTUGAL

Europe's Wild West

52' / 4K / 2020

This captivating documentary tells the story of Europe's remote, southwestern edge. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, the rocky Atlantic coastline and the sandy beaches of the Algarve Coast Portugal's wild places have survived largely secluded from the rest of the world. This diversity of landscapes reveals a stunning variety of creatures.

Producer | Light & Shadow
Broadcasters | WDR, NDR, Nat. Geographic



award-winning | spectacular | blue-chip

ECHOES OF THE ICE AGE

50 / 4K / 2021

'Echoes of the Ice Age' is a portrait of the wildlife in the breathtaking scenery of the National Park in the Berchtesgaden Alps. The mighty peak of Mount Watzmann is the stone guardian of a remarkable wild region that holds tight to its secret nature above and below the water. Alpine animals, such as the golden eagle and the Alpine ibex, live here. Orchids thrive as they would in a primeval forest.

Producer | nautilusfilm
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



animal youngsters | delightful | springtime

NATURE'S NURSERIES

50' / HD / 2020

It is all animals' most important task to create new life and ensure the survival of the species. Dangers for the young are manifold, but so are the counter-strategies. Using the example of fox pups, lynx pups, wild boar freshlings and many more, this documentary offers heartwarming and breathtaking insights into animal nurseries and how parents do whatever it takes.

Producer | nautilusfilm
Broadcasters | BR, arte



predators | blue-chip | survival

GRIZZLY ENCOUNTERS

non-hosted version

2 x 52' / 4K / 2020

Imagine you are a bear. Strong, wild, confident. As a bear, there is nothing to be scared of except hunger, disease – and other bears. We follow the grizzlies in Denali National Park and Katmai Coast. As we see the world from a bear's point of view, we realize that life as a bear revolves around similar essentials as our own: necessities and emotions.

Producer | Marco Polo Film



hosted | predators | animal behavior

GRIZZLY ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIS MORGAN

2 x 52' / 4K / 2018

Grizzly bears – up to 2.5 metres tall with top weights of 550 kilos, equipped with sharp claws and predators' jaws to match. Renowned bear biologist Chris Morgan is on the trail of the brown bears on the Katmai Coast in Alaska, where he can get closer to them than anywhere else to witness their social lives and survival techniques in intimate detail.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | BR, WDR, arte



award-winning | blue-chip | epic

LAND OF THE FAR NORTH

2 x 52' or 1 x 90' / 4K / 2020

The polar region is one of the most extreme environments on the planet. Where eternal light and everlasting darkness take turns to challenge all animal and plant life, the inhabitants have to turn to extreme measures to survive. In this two-part series, covering both polar day and night, we follow their paths as they lead us through landscapes full of contrasts and magnificent beauty.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



award-winning | blue-chip | emotional

THE MEADOW

Paradise Lost?

52' or 90' / 4K / 2020

Follow us on an adventurous journey that leads you... just around the corner! What at first glance seems like an untended pasture covered with weeds is revealed through the lens of a camera as a vibrant and colorful universe and home to some of the most beautiful and bizarre creatures: the meadow.

Producer | nautilusfilm
Broadcasters | BR, arte, Theatrical release



award-winning | scenic | destinations

VLTAVA

River of Gold

52' / HD / 2020

The Czech Republic's longest river starts its course in the Sumava moorland, taking on the characteristic yellow color that makes it look almost like liquid gold. 'Vltava - River of Gold' follows this lifeline and discovers the treasures of nature and culture found on its riversides, from the Golden City of Prague to the wilderness where lynxes and wolves roam.

Producer | Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



award-winning | blue-chip | spectacular

MAGICAL ICELAND

52' or 30' ambient version / 4K / 2019

Volcanic activity has shaped Iceland's awe-in- spiring and breathtaking rugged northern wilderness like no other place on earth, both above and below water. How do animals survive in this harsh terrain? What does it take to live among glaciers, deserts and volcanoes? This is Iceland as you have never seen it before.

Producer | nautilusfilm
Broadcasters | WDR, BR, arte



national park | award-winning | scenic

MATSALU MOOSE

Wild Giants of the Baltics

52' / 4K / 2019

Matsalu National Park at the Baltic Sea is known for being one of Europe's most important stopover places for migrating birds. However, few know that an exceptionally large moose colony also lives here. The documentary shows the moose life at this very special place through the eyes of two yearlings.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | WDR, SVT



blue-chip | animal behavior | upbeat

NATURE'S DRESS CODE

Who Wears What and Why?

52' / 4K / 2019

Every living creature needs a suitable coat. Nature relies on ingenious materials and daring designs. Every style of fashion seems to be allowed. Sea goldies even change their sex with their clothes. Nature does its best in terms of fashion, but even in the animal kingdom, appearance is not everything.

Producer | Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters | BR, WDR, HR, arte, SWR



award-winning | through the seasons

STORIES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FOREST

6 x 52' / HD / 2019

The Mediterranean Basin is considered to be one of Earth's biodiversity hotspots. Occupied by human beings for more than 8000 years, it has experienced dramatic changes to its forest and woodland areas. All of its habitats are home to thousands of animal and plant species, whose paths cross on their adventures through life. And each one of them has a story to tell...

Producer Planet Alive Film



family-friendly | award-winning | blue-chip

GOING NUTS Tales from the Squirrel World

52' / 4K / 2019

Squirrels thrive in diverse habitats all over the world, showcasing remarkable adaptability. This documentary delves into their fascinating species, revealing how they excel in extreme environments and interact with curious humans, offering a captivating glimpse into the world of these beloved hoarders.

Producer Altayfilm
WDR, arte, SWR,
Broadcasters CuriosityStream, SVT, NRK



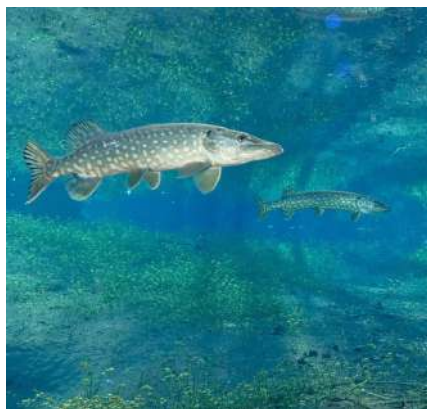
humans and nature | sustainability

THE SECRET LIFE OF COWS

2 x 52' / 4K / 2019

Most people think they know everything about cows. Cows are generally held to be peaceful and a bit stupid. That's actually a big misunderstanding. Cows have personalities, are sensitive, able to learn and socially oriented, but also quite able to defend themselves. In two parts, these films tell the story of some quite surprising aspects of a cow's life.

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



award-winning | visually stunning

THE INVISIBLE RIVER Under Water Between the Black Forest and the Vosges

52' / 4K / 2019

The largest groundwater reservoir in Europe forms an underground river, which gives rise to wetlands of unique beauty. Underwater cameraman and biology professor Serge Dumont has captured this unknown world in breathtaking sequences.

Producers Längengrad Filmproduktion,
Seppia
Broadcasters SWR, WDR, arte, France TV



animation | family-friendly | mysterious

BEASTS & WITCHES

4 x 52' or 4 x 43' or 1 x 90' / 4K / 2019

We've all developed our imagination by reading the fairy tales of our childhood, which shaped humans' fears and beliefs for centuries. Mixing animation (drawings by John Howe, Artistic Director of The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit) and wildlife images, this series will give these badmouthed species a new image, leaving legend behind to discover their part in nature and extraordinary beauty.

Producer Nomades TV
Broadcasters arte, Ushuaïa



humans & nature | hosted | suspense

IAN REDMOND The Ally of the Cave Elephants

52' / 4K / 2018

In May 2016, the renowned elephant researcher Ian Redmond is attacked by an elephant cow in the middle of the Kenyan forest. Why did the lead cow Kali attack him? Ian Redmond wants to meet Kali again. In his search of her, he comes closer to uncovering the secrets of the cave elephants and their behavior that is unique among elephants.

Producer Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters BR, HR, SWR



cycle of life | feature film

THE MAGICAL FOUR

Our Seasons

90' / HD / 2020

Our seasons shape the cycle of life and present nature with new challenges. The film takes us on a journey of discovery. Extraordinary animal stories – some humorous, some dramatic, but always with an eye to the season's special features – bring the magic and transformative power of our seasons to life in a captivating storybook.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcaster | WDR



cycle of life | feel-good

DAYS OF SUMMER

52' / HD / 2019

In summer, an abundance of warmth, light and food should ideally make for a carefree time. But nature can't afford to take a holiday. Animals and plants must use these warm and heady days to grow and reproduce. In opulent images, the film reveals how the plant and animal worlds deal with the many challenges of summer.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcaster | WDR



cycle of life | beautiful | scenic

AUTUMN

World of Colours

52' / HD / 2018

Life and death, partings and new beginnings – hardly any other season finds these extremes as close together as they are in autumn. Fallen leaves strew vibrant colour and there is abundant food available for the animals. But winter, with all its hardships, lurks around the corner, and a race against time, full of dramatic challenges, changes and dangers, begins.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcaster | WDR



cycle of life | romantic | festive

CHRISTMAS WINTER WONDERLAND

52' / HD / 2014

Winter casts a very special, magical spell. But indigenous animal life pays no heed to this human idyll. Snow-covered fairytale landscapes, and touching wildlife stories create a special heart-warming winter atmosphere: Contemplative, amusing and fascinating all at the same time, the film lyrically illustrates the charm of 'Christmas Winter Wonderland'.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcaster | WDR



cycle of life | animal youngsters

SPRINGTIME STORIES

52' / HD / 2016

The sheer force of nature is never more tangible than during spring. Creatures of all kinds begin to have their young as nature awakens from its winter sleep. Unusual animal stories create a very special springtime feel. Upbeat, amusing and exciting, the film illustrates vividly that spring is the loveliest season of all.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcaster | WDR



shorts | around the world | best of

FASCINATING PLACES

26 x 15' / HD / 2019

This series of short documentaries explores the world's most fascinating places. Taking us to, amongst others, Madagascar, Antarctica, Switzerland and Patagonia, it focuses on breathtaking landscapes, intriguing animal behavior and impressive encounters with the human inhabitants.

Producer | Marco Polo Film



scenic | spectacular | destinations

WILD FACES OF SWITZERLAND

4 x 52' / HD / 2018

Switzerland is a surprisingly big little country: it has many wild faces – some familiar and some hidden. It's a country that's astonishingly rich in wilderness and scenic wonder. Mighty Alps, dense forests, lush green valleys, mysterious moors and roaring waterfalls and mediterranean lakes come together in one small geographical location.

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcaster SRF



award-winning | surprising | discovery

CUCKOO The Enemy in My Nest

52' / HD / 2017

Cuckoos are brood parasites: they lay their eggs into the nests of other bird species – and let them raise their offspring. But why do other parent birds let this happen? Turns out: they may even profit from having strangers' chicks in their nest! So is the cuckoo's behavior a phenomenal trick or an evolutionary riddle?

Producer Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters WDR, SWR, arte



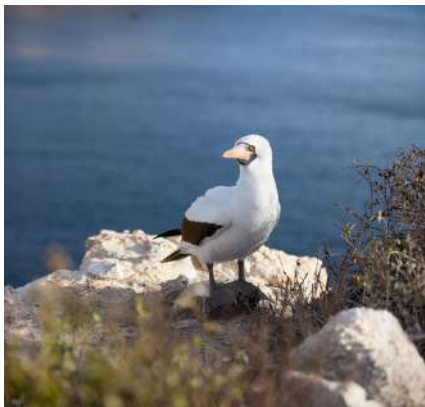
insightful | animal behavior

TALES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

43' / HD / 2018

The film tells the story of the probably most unpopular garden dweller - the mole. Its famous hills are the entrances to its basement apartment complete with sleeping kettle, pantry and seemingly endless corridors. Through impressive footage we get a surprising picture of an animal that everyone thinks they know, but hardly anyone ever sees.

Producer Naturfilm Hinz
Broadcaster WDR



award-winning | blue-chip | spectacular

WILD GALAPAGOS

2 x 52' / 4K / 2017

In the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, a world of its own exists that is one of a kind. Millions of years ago, new land emerged out of the ocean that would play host to some of the strangest creatures on earth – Galapagos!

Take a closer look at the most famous islands in the world! Be prepared to see Galapagos like you have never seen it before – and you'll be in for a surprise!

Producers Doclights, Blue Planet Film
Broadcasters NDR, CuriosityStream



award-winning | family-friendly | cute

THE DASSIE A South African Survival Specialist

52' / HD / 2017

They're small, cute and rather special – rock hyraxes, also known as dassies. Visitors of the South African coastline marvel at their heart-stopping capers among the rocks. They may look like groundhogs, but their closest taxonomic relatives are actually the elephant and the manatee. And that's by far not the only odd thing about them.

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcaster WDR



award-winning | surprising | humorous

LEMMING The Little Giant of the North

52' / HD / 2017

They are small. They are angry. And once every few years they appear in masses seemingly from nowhere, while the next year hardly one is in sight. Meet the Norway lemming, perhaps the most misunderstood and mysterious animal of the Scandinavian mountains.

Producers Wild Tales Productions, Doclights
Broadcasters NDR, SVT, arte



award-winning | blue-chip | dramatic

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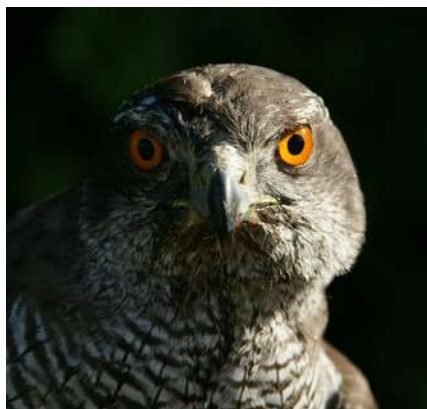
Africa's Lost Wolf

52' / HD / 2017

This is the touching story of Megeti, a lone Ethiopian wolf who lost her pack and is left to fend for herself, wandering across the barren highlands on the Roof of Africa. Life for this highly endangered species is anything but ordinary and when an unwelcome guest arrives, the narrative takes a dramatic turn.

Producers
Broadcasters

Altayfilm, Doclights
NDR, France5, SVT, NRK, YLE, DR,
CuriosityStream, Terra Mater



predators | action | entertaining

HUNTERS OF THE SKIES

52' / HD / 2018

Birds of prey are symbols of power, speed and splendor. Their amazing use of different senses, their incredible feats of flight as well as their multitude of different hunting strategies are astounding. Hawks, buzzards and eagles have conquered every habitat on earth – from the dry south all the way up to the sparse high mountains. Some of them can even hunt in the forest.

Producer
Broadcasters

Jürgen Eichinger Film
BR, arte



predators | insightful

CIRCUS IN THE SKY

52' / HD / 2017

Birds of prey make some of the most impressive appearances in the sky. Eagles, falcons and hawks are most known. However, they aren't the typical hunters circling around fields and grasslands: it is kites and harriers – the lightest of all birds of prey – that are the most fascinating.

Producer
Broadcasters

Text + Bild Medienproduktion
BR, arte



blue-chip | quirky | iconic species

DOWN TO EARTH

Flightless Birds

52' / HD / 2016

They've given up the art of flying. Or was it an art they never possessed? There are about 40 non-flyers amongst the birds of the world. It's perfectly understandable that the birds in New Zealand forgot how to fly: for millions of years there were no enemies on the ground. But why did the ostrich opt for a life on the ground? Does it know more than it's telling us?

Producer
Broadcasters

Text + Bild Medienproduktion
BR, WDR, arte



blue-chip | spectacular | ecosystems

WILD HOLLAND

The Living Delta

2 x 52' or 1 x 90' / HD / 2017

The film celebrates the diverse natural heritage of the Dutch delta region and presents a portrait of this unique wetland as never seen before in an important moment of change – a time when new life is flooding back into the delta. Scenes that capture the beauty of these waterways are contrasted with intimate portraits of the animals that live there.

Producer
Broadcaster

EMS Films
VARA



award-winning | predators | invasive species

LIONFISH

New Pirates of the Caribbean

52' / HD / 2017

Armed with eighteen venomous spines, he hunts, invisible to its prey, in packs: the Red Lionfish. He has grand ambitions, too, spreading to new and unprepared waters: the Atlantic Ocean. The film sheds light on uniquely fascinating behavior and stunning abilities that let the lionfish conquer foreign waters, and by doing so threaten entire ecosystems.

Producer
Broadcaster

U. Marquardt Medienproduktion
WDR



extreme habitats | spectacular

ANTARCTICA

Tales from the End of the World

52' / HD / 2016

The Antarctic region is undoubtedly one of the most remote and inhospitable, yet one of the most beautiful landscapes of the world. Only by an icebreaker can we reach the remote coasts of the continent where Emperor Penguins defy the life-threatening environment of the vast ice desert at the end of the world.

Producer | Marco Polo Film



family-friendly | quirky | iconic species

A IS FOR AARDVARK

Searching for Africa's Most Elusive Animal

52' / HD / 2016

Have you ever heard of the Aardvark?! A medium-sized, burrowing, nocturnal mammal native to Africa. The only living species of the order Tubulidentata. A mythical animal and mythological trickster to many African cultures. We go on a journey to find what is considered the most difficult animal to see in Africa.

Producer | Werwiewas
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



expedition | science & nature | discovery

CHINA'S WILD WEST

52' / 4K / 2017

This is the story of the journey of German and Chinese scientists to find the last Wild Yaks in China. Their goal: to save a rare species and to learn how to use modern cattle industry in highest altitude, with an animal of prime importance for the Chinese. The filming of this wildlife and science documentary was the first ever in Yanchiwan, one of the most sparsely populated regions worldwide.

Producer | Bilderfest
Broadcaster | BR



national park | untouched ecosystems

BAVARIAN FOREST

Deep, Dark and Enchanted

43' / HD / 2016

After an unusual mass reproduction of bark beetles in the 1990's, thousands hectares of old spruce forest were destroyed. Soon after, new healthy trees started to grow – a new primeval forest. Rich and diverse, it has attracted many animals, even lynx and otters. Nature in the Bavarian Forest has come to life again, as it has done for millions of years.

Producer | Jürgen Eichinger Film
Broadcaster | BR



mystery | rare species | nature & science

TRACING THE GOBI BEAR

52' / HD / 2017

For decades hardly anyone had ever met a Gobi bear face to face. The extremely shy desert bears are among the world's rarest animals. Mongolian scientists have now for the first time succeeded in verifying the existence of the legendary small brown bear. A thrilling desert expedition in a breathtaking landscape – tracing one of the most fascinating animals of the earth.

Producer | Luckfilm
Broadcasters | SWR, arte



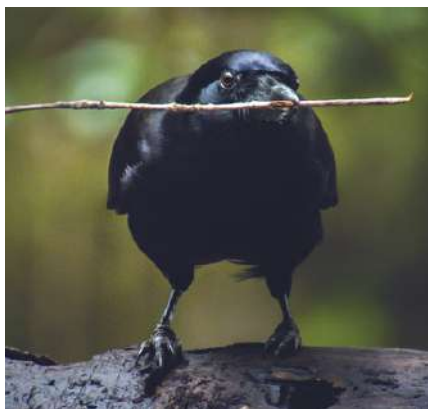
award-winning | scenic | spectacular

WILD SLOVAKIA

52' / HD / 2014

Where can you still find brown bear, wolf, lynx and eagle? Mountainous regions undiscovered by mass tourism? Just where is this place where rivers run through endless forests, where eagles, storks and rare flowers thrive? In Slovakia, in the eastern part of Europe, untouched wilderness and an astonishing fauna and flora still exist.

Producer | nautilusfilm
Broadcasters | BR, WDR, arte, RTVS



award-winning | scientific | witty

BEAK & BRAIN

Genius Birds from Down Under

52' / HD / 2013

Two birds species have attracted special attention from scientists all over the world: the Keas in New Zealand and the New Caledonian Crows. Way beyond known bird behavior, these avian prodigies show very special skills with the most intricate tool culture in the animal kingdom. Who will win the ultimate I.Q. test?

Producer | Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters | WDR, BR, arte



award-winning | animal behavior

KEAS

New Zealand's Witty Daredevils

43' / HD / 2015

There are parrots that totally break the stereotypes: the keas in New Zealand just love snow and the cold, harsh mountain climate. To survive here, these mountain parrots have developed exceptional intelligence and resourcefulness. But despite their extraordinary wit, they are in danger – no one knows how long the species will manage to survive.

Producer | Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



scientific | heart-warming | humans & nature

ADOPTED BY DOLPHINS

Flipper's Family Secrets

52' / HD / 2013

During a worldwide unique science project two researchers are accepted as companions by a big population of bottlenose dolphins in the Red Sea. Willingly, the animals expose their social behavior, their exciting love life, kidnapping of females and even the use of medical substances provided by corals. A capturing story of love, war and drama...

Producer | U. Marquardt Medienproduktion
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



national park | visually stunning

BIEBRZA

The European Amazon

52' / HD / 2016

'Biebrza – The European Amazon' is a poetic film about the four seasons of the River Biebrza's wildlife. Protected by the biggest national park in Poland, the river and its wetlands are some of the most important nature refuges in Europe. From spring to winter, this film shows the secret life of the Biebrza Valley's animals.

Producer | Paolo Volponi



upbeat | animal youngsters | blue-chip

WILD & WIDE AWAKE

Spring Across Europe

2 x 52' / HD / 2015

It is the most exciting time of the year and we often await it eagerly. While the North is still covered in snow and ice, the South will soon turn into a blooming garden. Whether in Mediterranean, the French Provence or the Alps, in each region, spring presents itself in a different light but always fascinating in its beauty.

Producer | Filmproduktion Dr. Thomas Willers
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



humans & nature | award-winning

CAROUSEL OF LIFE

The Traditional Orchard

52' / HD / 2014

Blossoming fruit trees, colorful meadows, buzzing bees and luscious fruit – traditional orchards are natural oases in our modern-day agricultural landscape and a natural habitat for numerous rare species. This vibrant testimony to a traditional farming culture is an invaluable enhancement for nature.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | BR, WDR, arte



nature preservation | enchanting | scenic

THE VOICE OF THE DANUBE

43' / HD / 2016

In large parts a tamed river, a 70-km stretch of the Danube has not been modified by man – yet. It's one of the most bio-diverse places in Central Europe, depicting a mosaic of water and land, forests and dry lands. Should it be turned into a waterway or preserved as the Bavarian “Amazon river”?

Producer | Jürgen Eichinger Film
Broadcasters | BR, WDR, SWR



award-winning | blue-chip | epic

A WINTER'S TALE

The Journey of the Snowy Owls

45' / HD / 2015

Snowy owls live a life full of mystery in the Arctic. They are dependant on their neighbors – lemmings. About every four years, lemmings proliferate in huge numbers. This way, snowy owls have enough feed for their young. Lately, lemmings' mass reproduction hasn't been as regular in some parts of the Tundra. What will happen to the snowy owls?

Producer | Klaus Weissmann Naturfilm
Broadcasters | WDR, BR, arte



award-winning | heart-warming | family-friendly

BEARY TALES

52' / HD / 2014

The touching film shows the adolescence of bear twins as they live with their new “mother” Vaclav. It follows their development from defenseless babies to cheeky 60-kilo bear teenagers. It's the story about two (well, three!) extraordinary characters that manage, despite all the differences, to walk their way together and all learn from one another.

Producer | Text + Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters | BR, SWR



animal youngsters | survival

BAND OF BEARS

In the Forests of Scandinavia

1 x 90' or 2 x 45' / HD / 2015

High up in Europe's north lies the kingdom of the brown bears: hidden in the forests, many thousands of bears live to this day. In the middle of winter, the females give birth to their cubs. Together with the three cubs – the “band of bears” – this exceptional nature film takes us on a journey of discovery in Scandinavia's wild forests.

Producer | Doclights
Broadcaster | NDR



award-winning | family-friendly

HAMILTON'S JOURNEY

Manatees in a New Light

52' / HD / 2014

Only very unlucky manatees are given a name – such as the young Hamilton. As a baby he lost his mother in an accident, which also left him with severe injuries. After two years in a manatee hospital, he is finally released – but new dangers lurk... Yet Hamilton is a go-getter, and his outstanding will to survive will prevail.

Producer | Ulf Marquardt
Medienproduktion
Broadcaster | WDR



award-winning | survival | predators

POLAR BEAR SUMMER

52' / HD / 2014

Have you ever wondered what polar bears do in summer, when there is no ice? This film follows polar bears throughout summer, unraveling the difficulties the animals face in their fight for survival at a time of plenty for all other Arctic inhabitants. Cubs born in December experience for the first time the explosion of life during an Arctic summer.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | WDR, Smithsonian



award-winning | visually stunning

CANARY ISLANDS

In the Shadow of the Volcanoes

52' / HD / 2014

Forged by fire and sculpted by winds and waves, the Canary Islands offer landscapes of almost unreal beauty. From summits to marine abysses, desert plains to rainy forests and lava fields – all hide unique creatures, many of which one won't find anywhere else on earth, which have made their home in the shadows of volcanoes.

Producer | Alas Cinematografia



award-winning | humans & nature

STORKS

A Village Rooftop Saga

52' / HD / 2015

The white stork is the only large European bird that has attached itself to human beings. It builds its nests on roofs and chimneys in towns. The 1-meter tall bird is held to be lucky and features in fables and fairy tales. But, they also cause a lot of bother and work, as this example from one of the most densely stork-populated villages in Europe shows.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



award-winning | feature doc | destinations

SECRETS OF THE NORTH SEA

90' / HD / 2013

The North Sea stands for storm floods, vast tidal landscapes and rugged coasts: it's also one of the most important intersections for bird migration, extraordinarily varied and surprisingly unknown. In over 2.000 days of shooting the team has collected footage of the rarely filmed, hardly accessible and spectacular wildlife of the North Sea.

Producer | Doclights
Broadcasters | NDR, Theatrical release



award-winning | epic | blue-chip

THE NEW WILDERNESS

3 x 52' / HD / 2013

'The New Wilderness' is a spectacle, an ode, celebrating the stark beauty of one of Europe's most dynamic and productive wetlands located at the heart of Europe's most densely populated area. It's a unique experiment in letting nature run its course. 6000 hectares of polder have been transformed into a dynamic wetland – home to some of Europe's rarest birds and its largest herd of wild horses.

Producer | EMS Films
Broadcaster | VARA



scientific | family-friendly

BLUE WHISPER

52' / HD + 3D / 2013

'Blue Whisper' emerges into the ocean's fascinating underwater world to get to the bottom of a widely unexplored question: How do fish communicate? The 3D documentary accompanies a team of specialists during a suspenseful journey around the world to beautiful coral reefs, ancient shipwrecks and sunken submarines where they explore the versatile forms of underwater communication.

Producer | Tesche Dokumentarfilm
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



urban nature | invasive species

RACCOONS

The New Europeans

43' / HD / 2013

Once brought to Germany for their fur, the North American raccoons came upon ideal living conditions and multiplied busily. Today people just want them gone, rumors of insatiable, menacing raccoons keep spreading. Scientists work ambitiously on refuting those charges and having them accepted as constant and usually harmless companions.

Producer | Light & Shadow
Broadcaster | WDR



award-winning | urban nature | funny

BABOON BANDITS

Monkey Alert in South Africa

52' / HD / 2011

The last baboons of the Table Mountain region have become a real plague. They have no respect for humans. According to scientists, the baboons have to relearn that humans are a threat in order to survive. Thus a special force has been recruited: the "Baboon Police". Is there still a chance for humans and baboons to live in peaceful coexistence?

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



German Film Award - Best Children's Film

CHANDANI

The Daughter of the Elephant Whisperer

52' or 90' / HD / 2010

The 16-year-old Chandani wants to follow in her father's footsteps and become a mahout. Against the other mahouts' will, he decides to give his daughter a chance. By working with the young elephant Kandula, Chandani must demonstrate that she is serious about her wish and that she is willing to learn.

Producers Fruitmarket, Tradewind Pictures
Broadcasters WDR, arte, YLE,
Theatrical release



humans & animals | animal behavior

CIRCUS STORIES

5 x 43' / HD / 2011

What is the secret of close relationships between a wild animal and a dedicated trainer? For the first time ever we show amazing and amusing experiments: how do elephants react when they see themselves in a giant mirror? Where do sea lions get their incredible balancing capacities? Intimate observations behind the scenes of international circus rings are backed by studies in the wild.

Producer Matthey Film
Broadcasters WDR, arte



mysterious | expedition | rare species

MOKSGM'OL

The Quest for the Spirit Bear

52' / HD / 2012

Canada's Great Bear Rain Forest is a strange and pristine world. This picturesque part of the earth is a complexly interwoven ecosystem, which scientists have yet to fully understand. But its astounding biological productivity and the adjoining waters have helped the conservation of a true miracle in this incomparable rain forest: The Spirit Bear.

Producer Text+Bild Medienproduktion
Broadcasters BR, WDR



extraordinary habitats | survival | blue-chip

HOANIB

The Secrets of the Desert Elephants

52' / HD / 2013

Hot sand wherever you turn your eyes to – the Namib is the oldest desert of the world, and one of the most hostile ones. Some animals have developed unique ways to adapt to the harsh life in such a dry area. The biggest of them are Desert Elephants! To survive in Namibia's desert they have to travel long distances, full of privations.

Producer Blue Planet Film
Broadcasters WDR, arte



bestseller | scenic | spectacular

WILD FACES OF THE ANDES

52' / HD / 2011

With a north-south expansion of more than 7500 kilometers, the chain of the Andes is the biggest mountain range in the world. Peaks of up to 7000 meters in height do not only offer an imposing view, but also influence the climate. Extraordinary nature and animal stories describe creation and fading, life and death in the spheres of the Andes.

Producer Marco Polo Film



insightful | macro-photography

UNUSUAL WORLD

3 x 52' / HD / 2008

Thanks to their wings, insects have conquered most parts of the planet's environment. What are the reasons for such an amazing biological success? Their infinite colors, their gowns and behaviors constitute a fascinating world that we want to present, before some of these marvels of nature disappear forever. We will show a small great world of fascinating creatures.

Producer | COM4HD



nature & humans | feel-good | destinations

MADAGASCAR

Mystical, Magical, Memorable

43' / HD / 2009

Madagascar is a wondrous land. It is no surprise that the native inhabitants developed a spiritual relationship with their land. This documentary shows the stunning beauty and diversity of Madagascar's nature and traditional culture, and most of all it shows what the local people do to preserve their natural treasures.

Producer | Marco Polo Film



animal behavior | scenic | migration

THE LONG FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX

52' / HD / 2008

Every year the flamingos along the Mediterranean shores set off in search of a suitable breeding place. We follow the flamingos on their flight and accompany the bird colony while they raise their offspring. Many dangers threaten this exhausting challenge but in the end the young birds learn to fly. The long nomadic flight of the Phoenix begins again.

Producer | COM4HD
Broadcaster | RTVE



conservation | encouraging | surprising

CHILIES TO THE RESCUE

Easing the Human Elephant Conflict

52' / HD / 2010

Protection measures make an impact: The numbers of elephants are rising almost everywhere in Africa. At the same time the population of humans is growing. Conflicts between both seem unavoidable, but conservationists are researching new methods to establish a peaceful coexistence, with chili peppers playing a crucial role.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



family-friendly | insightful | engaging

CARAVAN OF THE BOOKS

Kenya's Mobile Camel Library

52' / HD / 2010

A library on four legs, the world's only existing Camel Library is located in Northern Kenya. The people of the nomadic tribes eagerly await the arrival of these desert ships. This is the story about the Camel Library, about inquisitive children, about the origins of a book, about a camel and an exceptional librarian in the heart of Africa.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



rare species | alerting | rewilding

THE LAST OF THEIR KIND

Saving the Cat Ba Langur

52' / HD / 2013

The World Conservation Union (IUCN) lists the Cat Ba langur as one of the most critically endangered primates in the world: mere 50 animals are left. Today each of them is important for the species' survival. That is why two females, living isolated on a small island, need to be brought back to the main population. The international rescue operation begins.

Producer | Blackbird Films
Broadcaster | ZDF



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SCIENCE

THE SECRET NETWORK OF ANIMALS



NEW

wildlife & science | animal instincts | migration

52' / 4K / 2023

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 to navigate vast distances and ensure their survival – and what this signifies for us humans in a shared habitat. The documentary follows research projects all around the world in an attempt to reveal the secrets that shape animals' lives and behavior, investigating how their journeys can warn us about natural disasters like volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, anticipate significant environmental changes, help us predict the spread of pandemics and ultimately, lead us to better understand our planet and answer the crucial global questions of our time.

Producers
Broadcaster

Filmtank, Context-Film, Galafilm
CBC, SWR

DORMOUSE DETECTIVES

A Science Mystery



NEW

wildlife & science | threatened species | conservation

52' / 4K / 2023

Although garden dormice are at home in large parts of Europe, hardly anyone really knows these rodents with their Zorro mask and those beady eyes. Hence, only few people initially noticed when the animals began to suddenly and inexplicably disappear throughout the entire continent. But when even classic garden dormouse strongholds reported them missing, researchers and conservationists sounded the alarm. 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. While citizen scientists work with monitoring devices or report sightings, students equip garden dormouse undercover agents with transmitters to learn more about sources of danger in the daily lives of the nocturnal omnivores. While a veterinarian examines corpses of garden dormice, wildlife stations care for their orphans. And toxicology and forensic experts analyze tissue and genetic samples in search for decisive clues. Time is of the essence. Only if the Dormouse Detectives manage to solve this puzzling case fast, may they still be able to save the species.

Producer
Broadcasters

Marco Polo Film
BR, MDR, arte

THE REMARKABLE HAND

From Touch to Triumph



NEW

medicine | extraordinary humans | biotechnology

45' / 4K / 2023

Our hands, with their 27 bones, are extraordinary tools for fine motor skills and sensory perception. As technology replaces manual labor, this film explores the unique abilities of our hands and fingers. They can lift, grip, write, and create with precision. E-sports athletes' hand skills are studied for the first time, and researchers worldwide are developing advanced prostheses. The film observes children learning to write, an accomplished pianist, and the intricacies of bouldering, shedding light on the rapid coordination between hands and the brain.

Producer
Broadcaster

Marco Polo Film
3Sat

THE DARK SIDE OF BRIGHT NIGHTS



NEW

urban nature | wildlife & science | conservation

45' / 4K / 2022

When light pollution causes the night to disappear, a fundamental clock for life on earth is thrown out of balance. Many organisms have found their evolutionary niche in the dark of night and must now adapt. Some succeed, but for many the brightness becomes a death trap. This documentary showcases scientific research on the consequences of man-made lights on the natural world, revealing their impact on populations of endangered species.

Producer
Broadcasters

Marco Polo Film
3Sat

LETHAL LEAKS

On the Track of Escaping Methane



NEW

climate change | alarming | fossil fuels

45' / HD / 2022

Every year over 80 million tons of methane escape into the atmosphere from the oil and gas industry. 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. This is persistently denied, though, by many companies. At the same time, the technology for preventing methane leaking out of extraction plants and pipelines has long been available.

Producer
Broadcaster

Längengrad Filmproduktion
3Sat

SUPER STORAGE

The Race to Capture Green Energies



NEW

technology | innovative | hopeful outlook

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. This 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. From batteries to hydrogen, from traditional hydroelectric dams to supercapacitors and cutting edge flywheels made from carbon fiber, join this thrilling journey into one of the most important areas of research today.

Producer
Broadcasters

sagamedia
ZDF, arte



NEW

pandemic | wildlife & science

SUDDEN SILENCE

How Animals Reclaim a World in Lockdown

52' / 4K / 2023

The spread of COVID19 has resulted in a tragic global crisis, yet it gave animals a break from humans. Scientists around the globe seize this extraordinary opportunity to study the impact of our human actions on wildlife during this "anthropause". The results show a complex picture of necessities and chances for a better coexistence.

Producer | in one media
Broadcasters | MDR, arte



pop science | upbeat | feel-good

WHY WE DANCE

47' / 4K / 2022

A bold exploration of dance as an emergent phenomenon in evolution, 'Why We Dance' investigates the provocative claim that dancing made us human. The science film reveals the evolutionary implications of dance, building toward the thesis that while dance is a continuum across species, humans are unique in that we cannot not dance.

Producer | Kensington Communications
Broadcaster | CBC



geology | fascinating

OF LAVA AND LIFE

The Volcano Eruption on La Palma

52' / 4K / 2022

Following the largest volcanic eruption in Europe in the last five centuries in September 2021, this documentary observes scientists in the field as they witness the rise of a new geological epoch. As new life surfaces and existing species of animals and plants adapt, it becomes a rare chance to experience earth's history in the making.

Producer | Westend Film & TV
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



wildlife & science | surprising | animal intelligence

BIRDS

1 x 52' or 3 x 43' / HD / 2022

Birds are more amazing than we ever imagined. With the help of world-leading scientists, this series reveals a deeper understanding of them. New technologies show an unknown world of bird communication and changing routes of migration due to climate change. New fossil finds tell us more about their origins. Which birds thrive and which strive in this new anthropogenic world?

Producer | Spider Movies
Broadcaster | arte



humans & animals | civilization | wildlife & history

TAMING THE BEASTS

The History of Animal Domestication

2 x 52' or 2 x 43' / 4K / 2022

This series shows the rise of humankind through the animals that have accompanied us for millennia. It's probably one of the greatest strokes of luck in human history: competitors and opponents in the struggle for survival became our companions. The films take an in-depth look at this evolved symbiosis between exploitation and adoration.

Producer | Westend Film & TV
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



urban nature | unsung heroes

NATURE'S CLEANUP CREW

52' / 4K / 2020

This is the story of the busy scavengers who live among us in our cities, recycling the mountains of waste our consumer society leaves behind. To us, it's garbage. To them, it's dinner! With the help of passionate scientists who have come to understand and love them, we find out what makes scavengers tick and debunk myths about them, highlighting the positive role they play in our city lives.

Producer | Kensington Communications
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte, CBC



humans & nature | surprising | around the world

PLANET SHEEP

2 x 52' or 1 x 90' / 4K / 2021

This two-part documentary investigates the joint history of humankind and its woolly companions. Their success story began more than 11,000 years ago as one of the first animals to live under one roof with humans. Today over a billion sheep roam almost every corner of the world. Now, it's time for a glance into their present and future.

Producers | Berlin Producers, Heidefilm
Broadcasters | Radio Bremen, arte



award-winning | surprising | microcosmos

BANQUET OF THE BEASTS

The Cycle of Life

52' / 4K / 2020

What happens when an animal perishes in the depth of the forest? Who clears up the remains? Science is on the trail of a macabre challenge: to dissect in detail what happens to dead animals in the wild. Every death is the initiator of a complex cycle we all depend upon. But despite its importance, we know relatively little about it. A film about life after death.

Producer | Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters | BR, arte



bestseller | family-friendly | feel-good

DOGS & US

The Secret of a Friendship

52' / 4K / 2019

Several thousand years ago, humans and dogs made an emotional pact that is still unbroken. 'Dogs & Us - The Secret of a Friendship' tells the most beautiful and extraordinary real-life stories of dogs and humans around the world, shows dogs' special skills and uncovers why they are essential to our society. What exactly is the secret of this wonderful friendship?

Producer | Leonardo Film
Broadcasters | WDR, arte



archeology | investigative | scientific sensation

OUT OF EUROPE

A New Story of Human Evolution?

52' / 4K / 2019

Does the history of human evolution have to be rewritten? For decades, most experts have been convinced that Africa is the cradle of mankind. Many fossil finds seemed to prove this beyond doubt. But in recent years, researchers have come across more and more finds in Europe that cast doubt on this well-established theory.

Producer | Bilderfest
Broadcasters | SWR, arte



award-winning | surprising | medicine

NAKED MOLE-RAT

Nature's Weirdest Superhero

52' / HD / 2018

The naked mole-rats are a true scientific wonder! They are cold-blooded mammals that do not get cancer, do not feel pain and their bone structure never degrades. But how do they do it? The documentary goes on a journey to unravel the secrets of the naked mole-rat that might have major impacts on medicine.

Producer | Taglicht Media
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte, Smithsonian, National Geographic



medicine & ethics | innovative

THE CRISPR REVOLUTION

Genome Editing

52' / HD / 2018

Is it the latest gene scandal or a blessing for medicine and agriculture? CRISPR is a new tool in the gene laboratory which allows scientists to change the genetic material of all living organisms with great precision. How far should medicine or agriculture be allowed to go? Researchers, ethicists and critics agree on one thing: CRISPR affects all our lives.

Producer | Längengrad Filmproduktion
Broadcaster | SWR



skill vs. tech | fast-paced | upbeat

CHAMPIONS VS. LEGENDS

The True Wintersport Heroes

52' / HD / 2018

What the program 'The Equalizer' did for summer sports, 'Champions vs. Legends' does for athletic events on ice and snow. Renowned sports scientist Steve Haake once again investigates whether today's champions are really better than those of the past, or whether they get their edge from modern sports technology.

Producers Berlin Producers, preTV
Kensington Communications
Broadcasters SWR, arte, ORF, CBC



award-winning | bestseller | skill vs. tech

THE EQUALIZER

52' / HD / 2016

Each year, top athletes set new world records. But are they better than those of the past? Sports scientist Steve Haake meets world-class athletes and challenges them to compete against a legendary athlete using vintage gear. 'The Equalizer' finds out how much modern science and technology factor in to achieve new peaks of performance.

Producers Berlin Producers,
Kensington Communications
Broadcasters ZDF, arte, TV3, Servus TV, CBC



medicine | personal story | engaging

IRON HEART

52' / HD / 2017

Cardiac arrest at 38 – a nightmare for triathlete Elmar Sprink. But with a life-saving heart transplant, he takes part in the IRONMAN just one year after the surgery. A medical sensation: New nerve cells grow around the foreign organ! The film combines emotional moments in Sprink's survival with the search for treatment methods for cardiac diseases.

Producers Leonardo Film,
Images of Adventure
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



myth-busting | nutrition | investigative

MILK

Facts, Figures and Beliefs

52' / HD / 2017

For decades, milk has symbolized a healthy diet. Nutritionists around the world still advise its regular consumption. But is milk really that healthy? There are increasing concerns that modern milk may be the reason for allergies, intolerances, even cancer. Is our dose of milk an overdose?

Producer Neue Celluloid Fabrik
Broadcasters SWR, arte



nutrition | health | investigative

GOOD, BETTER, VEGAN?

52' / HD / 2017

Modern veganism is the lifestyle of a young, healthy generation. Countless ways of replacing milk, cheese, eggs and meat enter the market. But are they really a better choice and are we really on the threshold of a new, sustainable diet? After all, the more mainstream a vegan diet becomes, the more profit-oriented manufacturers enter the game.

Producer Neue Celluloid Fabrik
Broadcasters SWR, arte



myth-busting | entertaining | witty

THE CHOCOLATE DIET

A Scientific Hoax Goes Viral

52' / HD / 2015

Get slimmer by eating chocolate – how scientific studies make us believe the stupidest things! Weight loss companies confront dieters with the scientifically backed claims that failing a diet would be their own fault. On our journey, we investigate how the weight loss industry buys scientific research and uses it in their favor.

Producer k22 Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



award-winning | geopolitics | investigative

OCEAN'S MONOPOLY

How Nations Use Science to Conquer the Sea

3 x 52' / HD / 2021

Who owns the oceans? 'Ocean's Monopoly' is a crime-thriller starring a group of geologists who uncover the backgrounds in a global fight for territories. The results of their research decide who will own the oceans. How objective can they be when economic and strategic interests are at stake?

Producer | werwiewas
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



medicine | ethics | alerting

BATTLE FOR BLOOD

52' / HD / 2016

There is a shortage of millions of liters of donated blood in the world. Scientists and health professionals are looking for solutions in various ways. The film follows various scientific endeavors whose common goal is industrial blood production. What chances and risks come with the new wonder blood?

Producer | ECO Media
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



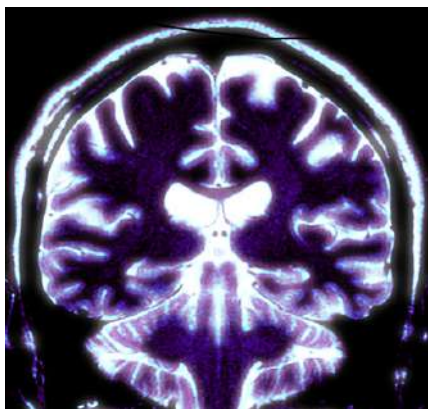
award-winning | investigative | suspense

MYSTERY IN YELLOWSTONE

52' / HD / 2015

The documentary aims to unravel the mysterious disappearance of the elk from Yellowstone National Park by following three researchers. With the help of ground-breaking methods they discover previously unknown connections and grow to appreciate the complexity and beauty of one of North America's most famous national parks.

Producers | SNI/SI Networks,
Taglicht Media
Broadcasters | Smithsonian, WDR, arte



true crime | forensics | psychology

ON THE TRAIL OF EVIL

A Journey to the Center of the Brain

52' / HD / 2012

Evil fascinates us. But what is going on in psychopaths' minds? The very question has neuroscientists and forensic psychiatrists pondering to this day. The documentary features a series of experts showing their theories, their examinations and their results around the question: how decent people can become ruthless murderers.

Producer | Bildersturm
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



botany | invasive species

GIANTS WITH MUD FEET

52' / HD / 2011

'Giants with Mud Feet' joins the race against time for a group of scientists as they struggle to save the plight of the proud, towering elm tree from its tiny enemy. Dutch Elm Disease is caused by a fungus, which is spread by the elm bark beetle. The elms' existence is threatened by a creature whose microscopic size contrasts with the giant size of its victim.

Producer | COM4HD



human evolution | genetics

THE NEANDERTHAL IN US

52' / SD / 2010

The Neanderthal was the "first European". Nobody knows exactly why he disappeared around 30.000 years ago. It was in 1856 when the first bones of this prehistoric man were discovered. Since that time the Neanderthal is surrounded by mystery. Now for the first time the Neanderthal genome has been decoded and the results are extraordinary.

Producer | History Media
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



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DESTINATIONS

LAOS

Echoes of Serenity



NEW

nature & culture | scenic | fascinating

2 x 43' / 4K / 2023

Laos, often hailed as the gem of Indochina, boasts pristine natural beauty, rugged karst landscapes, and a plethora of unique wildlife inhabiting its expansive monsoon forests. The country is renowned for its unhurried way of life, but the habitats of gibbons, moon bears, and elephants are vanishing. Amid Laos' quest for economic growth, preserving this delicate ecosystem becomes a pressing challenge. The documentary explores the intricate balance between development and conservation, revealing the measures taken to protect these endangered species and their habitats in a nation striving to align with the global economy while safeguarding its natural heritage.

**Producer
Broadcasters**

Cocoa Film
ZDF, arte

ALONG ANCIENT TRACKS



NEW

Eastern Europe | technology | remote regions

3 x 43' / HD / 2023

The multipart series "Along Ancient Tracks" showcases a world where time seems to have stood still. These are the last regions in Europe where trains remain the primary connection to the outside world. Their ancient tracks wind through untouched and wild locations, which can only be discovered from the air, on foot, or through the train window. They are a part of the past, defying progress. However, the duration of their operation remains uncertain. Soon, their services may be discontinued forever. Yet, they still provide an opportunity to experience unique stories of nature and humanity.

Episodes:

- Albania's Last Trains
- Bulgaria's Rhodope Railway
- Romania's Oldest Mountain Railway

Producer
Broadcasters

Loupe Filmproduktion
ZDF, arte



NEW

nature protection | landscapes

CANADA'S NATIONAL PARKS

5 x 52' / 4K / 2023

Historically, Canada is the first country to recognize the need to protect the diversity of its landscapes for future generations. With tourism, climate change and economic interests at play, this is a challenging task for the employees of Parks Canada. Will these developments put a strain on the sensitive ecosystems?

Producer Florianfilm
Broadcasters Radio Bremen, arte



NEW

travel & nature | fascinating

THE CANARY ISLANDS

5 x 52' / 4K / 2023

Off the African coast in the middle of the Atlantic, lies a volcanic archipelago: The Canary Islands. Volcanic landscapes, deserts, forests and deep valleys: each of the seven islands has its own face. Plants grow and animals live here that exist nowhere else. Many call the volcanic islands the 'Galápagos of Europe'.

Producer Westend Film & TV
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



NEW

hiking | surprising

EUROPE'S HIGHLANDS

4 x 52' / HD / 2022

Europe's highlands had been overlooked for years, but at a time of high interest in sustainable tourism, people are coming to realize that some of the most rewarding holiday destinations are right on their doorstep. The documentary series takes a cinematic journey through the low mountain ranges and encounters a surprisingly diverse flora and fauna.

Producer Berlin Producers
Broadcasters RBB, arte



NEW

travel & culture | expedition

EUROPE'S WATERWAYS

5 x 43' / 4K / 2020

Discover five regions of the continent from an unknown perspective and visit people who live from, on and with water. Rivers, canals, lake regions: they have shaped Europe's cultures for centuries – they are a place to live, transport arteries and sources of energy. Five journeys on watercourses broad and narrow lead to Italy, Germany, France, Poland, Holland and Belgium.

Producer Cocoa Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



NEW

enclave | personal stories

THE ISLE OF RUM

52' / HD / 2022

Two hours by ferry from the Scottish mainland lies the island of Rum, which boasts only about 35 human inhabitants. Easily cut off from the rest of the world, Rum has been a magnet for unusual humans. Resilient, eccentric and living a life that is often romanticized, three of the inhabitants of the island allow access to their daily life.

Producer Semicolon Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



outdoors | positive outlook | history

HIKE THE LINE European Border Trails

3 x 43' / 4K / 2021

Follow us on some of the most beautiful and adventurous hiking trails in Europe's frontier regions. Bear witness to the peaceful growing together of neighbors once divided by the Iron Curtain, follow the historic Customs Officers' path along the entire coastline of Brittany or discover the unspoiled nature on the Upper Lusatian Mountain Trail.

Producer Saxonia Entertainment
Broadcaster arte



urban nature | enchanting | expedition

ARCHIPELAGO NEW YORK

3 x 52' / 4K / 2021

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 to discover the islands' geography and its nature.

Producer Florianfilm
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



nature & culture | scenic | destinations

THE CÉVENNES

Hidden Beauty in the South of France

52' / 4K / 2022

In 2011, UNESCO declared the Cévennes National Park a World Heritage Site of Humanity. Over the course of almost a year, this documentary goes on a journey into a unique landscape and its inhabitants, including rare flora and fauna. There is much to be discovered in this extraordinary, yet lesser-known, region in the south of France.

Producer prospect TV
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



nature & culture | scenic | destinations

JEWELS OF THE ALPS

Italy's Great Lakes

5 x 52' or 5 x 26' / 4K / 2021

The lakes of Italy's far north are known for their enchanting allure. Each film portrays one of the lakes, showing us a unique natural environment in the cycle of the changing seasons and introducing us to local people with a special connection to the lake. Their stories: authentic and unexpected. A chance to experience the magic of this region up-close.

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



modern classic | expedition | adventure

THE WHITE DIAMOND

87' / HD / 2004

Airship engineer Dr. Graham Dorrington and legendary filmmaker Werner Herzog embark on a trip to Guyana, hoping to fly a helium-filled airship above the tree tops. But this logistic effort will not be without risk. 12 years ago, a similar expedition ended in disaster. Now, with a new prototype, they venture into this remote area of the world, to tell this story in an extraordinary documentary.

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters NDR, NHK, BBC



around the world | health | medicine

THE SECRET WORLD OF HERBS

5 x 44' / HD / 2016

Herbs are fascinating "all-rounders": They are fragrant, tasty, and have healing properties. Since the beginning of human history, they have inspired individuals and cultures around the world. This five-part series undertakes a journey of discovery through 11 countries, exploring the intriguing cultural histories surrounding the use of herbs.

Producer Filmquadrat.dok
Broadcasters MDR, SWR, arte, Ushuaïa



scientific | scenic | renaturation

THE RHÔNE

From the Swiss Alps to the Camargue

52' or 90' / 4K / 2020

The Rhône – one of the longest and most significant rivers in Europe. When it finally runs into the Mediterranean Sea, it has become witness to the multi-faceted fates of all kinds of people living along and with it. This intriguing documentary tells their stories while raising the question of how to overcome the contradiction between constant progress and renaturation.

Producer Along Mekong Productions
Broadcaster SWR



feel-good | hosted | adventure

WANDERLUST!

Europe's Most Beautiful Hiking Trails

10 x 52' / HD / 2015

Hiking is young, green and healthy, and it is about sharing experiences. And you can only get up close when you're on foot! In ten high-end episodes, we follow Bradley Mayhew, who writes travel and trekking guides for Lonely Planet, on his exploration of ten visually stunning, culturally fascinating and simply beautiful long-distance hiking trails in Europe.

Producer Along Mekong Productions
Broadcasters SWR, arte



hosted | adventure | Silk Road

MARCO POLO RELOADED

4 x 52' or 5 x 43' / HD / 2011

Bradley Mayhew is a senior writer for Lonely Planet. He travels the Silk Road on the tracks of its most well-known voyager: the medieval explorer and writer Marco Polo. 700 years after Marco Polo, the exciting journey goes overland, covering the ancient trade-route on its entire length from Venice to Beijing.

Producer Along Mekong Produktions
Broadcasters SWR, arte



authentic | visually stunning | upbeat

GREECE

The Islands & From the Mountains to the Shoreline

10 x 52' or 10 x 26' / HD / 2016

From lush green forests to snow-capped mountains, from towering cliffs to bare sandbars, Greece is a land of a natural beauty rivalled only by its historic relevance. Everyday stories of local people invite the audience to experience the most authentic Greek culture.

Producer Taglicht Media
Broadcasters arte, ZDF, Servus TV



travelogue | people & culture

THE DANUBE

From Its Source to the Black Sea

4 x 45' / HD / 2020

The Danube - a truly European river. With its 2888 kilometers the Danube connects ten countries with very different cultures. It is the most international river in the world. This film series presents nature and people along the Danube and gives insights into their different lives that are shaped by the river.

Producer Filmquadrat.dok
Broadcaster SWR



unique insights | traditions | holiday

CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA

A Summer on the Water

5 x 52' / HD / 2019

On their quest for new horizons, more and more tourists set sail on a cruise ship to the Baltic Sea to follow the path of ancient Vikings. In this series we join them on their journey from picturesque Swedish villages over Finland's bustling capital of Helsinki to historically rich St. Petersburg and the outstanding natural beauty of the Baltic states.

Producer Taglicht Media
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



around the world | scenic | upbeat

CITIES BY THE SEA

10 x 50' / HD / 2018

Cities by the sea are gateways to the world. Their geo-strategic location has turned them into transit points for dreamers and migrants, and into melting pots of people from different cultures.

Episodes: • Hong Kong • Melbourne • Hamburg • Marseille • St. Petersburg • Tel Aviv • Vancouver • Dakar • Barcelona • Amsterdam

Producer Filmquadrat.dok
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



optimistic | insightful | innovative

ISRAEL

Land of Contrasts

2 x 52' / 4K / 2019

This two-part documentary takes us on a journey to Israel. A country full of contrasts and contradictions, challenging its inhabitants to take unusual paths to embrace the future, while at the same time trying to preserve its historical heritage, its natural treasures and unique biodiversity.

Producer k22 Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



photography | spectacular | adventure

OVER THE ISLANDS OF AFRICA

5 x 52' / HD / 2011

The sounds of their names alone conjure up thoughts of pristine beaches, breathtaking mountain cliffs, rocky landscapes and deep forests with diverse wildlife. We follow five internationally renowned photographers as they explore the islands around Africa – Zanzibar, Mauritius, Madagascar, São Tomé & Príncipe and Cape Verde.

Producer Filmquadrat.dok
Broadcasters SWR, arte



scientific | photography | spectacular

THE BORDERLESS SKY

5 x 52' or 1 x 90' / 4K / 2017

This is the story of a handful of dreamers, daredevils and scientists on a mission to capture the night sky in all its magnificence. Armed with hi-tech cameras and telescopes, these intrepid astrophotographers travel to the ends of the earth. Led by this group of visionaries, we will discover that the night sky is anything but dark.

Producer Taglicht Media
Broadcasters ZDF, arte, Servus TV, Theatrical release



spectacular | mountain life

ALTO ADIGE

Italy's Alpine Paradise

5 x 43' / HD / 2016

Breathtaking landscapes, mild sunny climate, a moving history at the crossroads of two cultures, outstanding hospitality and cuisine – Alto Adige, also known as South Tyrol, impresses with its diversity and the unique mix of alpine traditions and Mediterranean flair. Italy's northernmost province is a popular holiday destination.

Producer Sehmannsklub Filmproduktion
Broadcasters SWR, arte



food & dining culture | sophisticated | nobility

CUISINE ROYALE

14 x 26' / HD / 2018

A culinary lifestyle show with a royal difference. In stately homes and royal palaces we will learn about the fine tradition and glamour of the most distinguished kitchens and dining tables around the world.

Producer Berlin Producers
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



fashion | history | lifestyle

SHOPPING HEAVEN

The World's Great Department Stores

4 x 52' / HD / 2017

The series shows the heyday of four big department stores: Galeries Lafayette in Paris, KaDeWe in Berlin, GUM in Moscow and Macy's in New York. They are architectural masterpieces, glamorous icons of the industrial age and mirror the cultural history of modern day.

Producer Telekult
Broadcaster arte



meditative | urban culture | scenic

A GLIMPSE OF PARADISE

Garden Culture in the Islamic World

5 x 52' / 4K / 2017

The series is a journey through the Islamic gardening world. It begins at the Persian Empire, travels on to the Indian subcontinent, North Africa and Southern Spain, before closing with an eye to the future in the Gulf States. The gardens are a vehicle for getting to know and to understand an entire cultural area in all its distinctiveness.

Producer prospera Medienproduktion
Broadcaster arte



nature & culture | award-winning

MAGICAL OMAN

2 x 52' / HD / 2018

The entire spectrum of diversity of the legendary Orient remains a thriving reality in the small, progressive Sultanate of Oman. It's a country of exquisite extremes: barren desert meets green oases and a picturesque coastline. This is the land of camel races and Bedouins, traditional bazaars and mighty medieval castles.

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



authentic | adventure | rural culture

AMAZING ALBANIA

2 x 43' / HD / 2016

Shrouded by prejudice, Albania lies like a white spot on the map of southeastern Europe. Shaken by wars and decades of isolation from the outside world, it is home to warm people and incredible natural treasures. The two episodes show the unknown and unspoiled regions and the traditions with vibrant places of culture and the people they dominate.

Producer Loupe Filmproduktion
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



visually stunning | nature & culture

GREAT PLACES OF THE WORLD

6 x 26' / HD / 2016

The series explores the natural beauty and cultural diversity of our planet with each episode taking the viewer to one of the world's most fascinating locations. From the idyllic wilderness of the Black Forest and the picturesque village scenery surrounding the Vosges Mountains, we travel to the magic islands of Madagascar, Jamaica and Sri Lanka.

Producer Marco Polo Film



award-winning | adventure | hosted

AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN HEART

On Horseback through the Wild West

5 x 43' / HD / 2016

Survival expert 'Hawk' and actress Marie Bäumer ride on unspoiled trails all the way from the Mexican to the Canadian border. Crossing eight states on horseback, they travel the trails which date back to the days of the explorers on their search for the "spirit of the West".

Producer Westend Film & TV Produktion
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



culture | inspiring | lifestyle

AMERICA'S WEST COAST

5 x 45' / HD / 2013

The five-part series offers the viewers insights into a legendary place. The concept of the series builds on this popular myth of the West Coast and its well-known landmarks to tell unknown stories about fascinating people and overwhelming nature.

Producer Riverside Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



expedition | adventure | scenic

THE WORLD'S GREATEST BALLOON ADVENTURES

5 x 52' / HD / 2012

In this five-part series we explore the world's most fascinating landscapes with hot-air balloons. Emotional human encounters, inspiring cultural experiences and thrilling nature adventures are promising ingredients for a dynamic, exciting and entertaining series about the special life of ballooning enthusiasts.

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



travelogue | people & culture

AYEYARWADY

Life Along Myanmar's Great River

2 x 52' / HD / 2014

The Ayeyarwady is crossing the entire country of Myanmar from north to south, from the foothills of the Himalayas to the Andaman Sea. The river passes almost all of Myanmar's landmarks and cultural treasures. Ancient history, ethnic diversity, magnificent landscapes, people's life - all this is reflected in the waters of the Ayeyarwady.

Producer Along Mekong Productions
Broadcasters SWR, NDR, arte



travelogue | traditions | conservation

COASTS OF IRELAND

5 x 45' / HD / 2012

Beautiful landscapes, living tradition, welcoming people - this is Ireland with its beautiful coastline. One thousand miles of impressive cliffs, natural beauty, long-living traditions and Irish lifestyle. Follow us around the island and discover the five different coastal areas of Ireland!

Producer Blue Planet Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



upcycling | urban lifestyle

HANDMADE

5 x 26' / HD / 2016

Whether it's making your own shoes, soap or urban gardening, this series travels all over Europe to discover the weird, wonderful and flourishing trend of "do it yourself". We are meeting the most eccentric and creative characters from London, Marseille, Stockholm, Turin and Berlin and help them DIY a new something every episode.

Producer Berlin Producers
Broadcasters RBB, arte



quirky | easy-going | feel-good

JAMAICA'S COOL RUNNERS

Pushcarts and the Art of Living

52' / HD / 2014

Jamaica is famous as the home of reggae, Rasta, laid-back Caribbean feeling - and pushcarts. For the owners, the pushcarts are not only the equipment they need for their livelihood, but also a potential way of fulfilling their greatest dream: to become rich and famous by winning the Great Pushcart Derby!

Producer Marco Polo Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



food culture | globalization | upbeat

GLOBALICIOUS!

The Story of the World's Favourite Dishes

4 x 43' / SD / 2009

'Globalicious!' combines elements from informative broadcasts, travelogues and cooking shows in an entertaining way. Each episode focuses on the typical dish of a particular continent or culture. These dishes shed light on the kitchens and pantries of the globalized world.

Producer Taglicht Media
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



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HISTORY

THE KENNEDYS

The Story of an American Dynasty



NEW

American history | icons | insightful

52' / 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

CRIMES THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



NEW

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
Broadcaster

Doclights
ZDFinfo



docudrama | feminism | inspiring

WE ARE HALF THE WORLD

2 x 52' or 1 x 90' / HD / 2018

They were, at best, mocked or ridiculed. At worst, they faced incarceration, torture or even the death penalty. But they would not be deterred. For decades ten thousands of women fought for their right to vote. Hundred years later we tell an emotional story of the international fight for women's suffrage with fascinating protagonists like Emmeline Pankhurst, Marguerite Durand, Marie Juchacz and others.

Producer | Gebrueder Beetz Filmproduktion
Broadcasters | WDR, NDR, arte, BR



royals | tragic | women in history

THE SPLENDOUR & MISERY OF THE LAST TSARINAS

52' / HD / 2017

From Catherine the Great up until the last Russian Empress all the 'Russian' Tsarinas were, in fact, German. This was not because the path of true love led them straight to Petrograd, but the result of European power play at the highest level. 'The Splendour and Misery of the Last Tsarinas' tells the dramatic stories of these young women.

Producer | Berlin Producers
Broadcasters | MDR, arte



politics | philosophy | modern history

THE MARXISTS

52' / HD / 2018

Karl Marx was many things: philosopher, journalist, economist and historian. His revolutionary ideas have literally changed the world. After the collapse of many socialist regimes Marx seemingly became less popular. But 200 years after his birth, Marx's beliefs aren't forgotten. We uncover the developments in society that were actually inspired by Marx – and there are many.

Producer | Berlin Producers
Broadcasters | WDR, DW, arte, SWR



biography | film-avantgarde | adventure

ICE COLD PASSION

Leni Riefenstahl and Arnold Fanck between Hitler and Hollywood

52' / HD / 2018

She is the most controversial artist of the 20th century: Leni Riefenstahl. He is the inventor of the mountain film: Arnold Fanck. In May 1932, both board a ship and depart on a five-month film-making voyage to Greenland. Their mission is the first ever German-American feature film production: 'SOS Iceberg'.

Producer | Gebrueder Beetz Filmproduktion
Broadcasters | ZDF, arte



docudrama | women in history | science history

LISE MEITNER

The Mother of the Atom Bomb

52' / HD / 2016

This is the story of a woman who deserves to be placed on a par with Einstein, Heisenberg and Otto Hahn. The physicist Lise Meitner was ahead of her time. Against the background of the Holocaust, her life becomes an emotional drama of a pacifist who, through her beloved work, created the foundation for the deadliest weapon of all time.

Producer Westend Film & TV Produktion
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



docudrama | national hero | revolution

GARIBALDI

Freedom Fighter and Womanizer

52' / HD / 2018

He was one of the 19th century's most important revolutionaries, an architect of Italian unity and a popular ladies' man: Giuseppe Garibaldi. Featuring interviews with his descendants, collectors and historians and visiting the most significant sites of his revolutionary activities, the film investigates the man who went from guerrilla fighter to national hero.

Producers Berlin Producers, preTV
Broadcasters ZDF, arte, ORF, A+E Italy



docudrama | religion | eerie

WITCH HUNT IN SALEM

52' / HD / 2017

New England, 1692: religious hysteria infects the people of small-town Salem. At a time when Europe has largely overcome the witch craze, dozens of people are accused of sorcery and executed. The episode is one of the darkest chapters in the history of the United States. To this day, the cause of the collective mania remains a mystery.

Producer Westend Film & TV Produktion
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



docudrama | women in history | royals

LOLA MONTEZ

A Mistress' Tale

52' / 4K / 2018

Lola Montez was the first female popstar and her lifestyle was so scandalous that not only was she a constant threat to all the rules of the restrictive Biedermeier society. She single-handedly started a revolution in the free state of Bavaria and was the cause of King Ludwig I's abdication from the throne.

Producer Westend Film & TV Produktion
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



docudrama | award-winning | epic

CHARLEMAGNE

3 x 52' or 1 x 90' or 1 x 120' / HD / 2013

The most powerful man in Europe at the time carved out a medieval empire that comprised almost all of modern Europe. His legacy reaches into our very day. Using the latest in modern research, the film combines vivid live action with cutting-edge CGI and interviews with world-leading Charlemagne experts to bring this scintillating warrior-king to life.

Producers Taglicht Media, preTV
Broadcasters WDR, ServusTV, arte



docudrama | luxury | biography

PASSION FOR SCENT

The True Story of Perfume

52' / HD / 2014

Did Patrick Süskind base his bestseller 'Perfume: The Story of a Murderer' on the creator of the famous 'Eau de Cologne' Giovanni Maria Farina? Farina was the most famous perfume designer of the 18th century. His client list included Louis XV and Frederick the Great, Voltaire and Goethe – all yearned for Farina's perfume.

Producer City Media TV
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



biography | investigative | icons

FIDEL CASTRO

Life for the Revolution

45' / HD / 2014

Fidel Castro had outlived generations of US presidents, Soviet General Secretaries and assassins. The Cuban revolutionary was in power for decades, longer than any other chief of state or government. Yet, the man behind the mask of the revolutionary leader remained largely unknown. Who was Fidel Castro really?

Producer ECO Media
Broadcaster WDR, SRF



WWI | pacifism | national hero

THE ODD DESTINY OF SERGEANT YORK

52' / HD / 2018

A pacifist farmer from Tennessee and an Indian from the Choctaw tribe – both fought bravely in WWI. But while one receives the highest honors, the other never gets notable recognition. These two men are a symbol of courage that young volunteers showed in WWI, and both fates deserve a spotlight in our collective memory.

Producer Nomades TV
Broadcaster histoire



Olympic history | sports scandals

THE RUN

52' / HD / 2016

Germany, summer 1936. Nazi-Germany hosts one of the most political Olympic Games in history. Unnoticed by most, another political drama unfolds which causes controversy up until today: 'The Run' tells the forgotten story of Sohn Kee Chung, the Korean athlete who won a gold medal in marathon while forced to run under the Japanese flag.

Producer Werwiewas
Broadcaster ZDFinfo



pioneer | adventure | technology

FROZEN NORTH

Sir Hubert's Forgotten Submarine Expedition

52' / HD / 2011

Sir Hubert Wilkins was one of the most successful polar explorers of all time. In 1931 he undertook the daring first attempt to reach the North Pole by submarine. The documentary recounts the journey of an obsessed explorer who devoted his life to the exploration and research of the polar region.

Producer Fricke Filmproduktion
Broadcasters NDR, arte



WWII | unseen footage | biography

GÖRING'S SECRET

The Story of Hitler's Marshall

52' / SD / 2011

These reels of film were missing for decades. Films from his private collection show Göring in his favorite role at the height of his power surrounded by cheering masses and as Hitler's most important henchman. These films throw light on a man who was known as the Nazi Number One and eventually took his own life.

Producer History Media



WWII | aviation | military technology

HITLER'S 9-11

The Secret War on America

52' / SD / 2005

From the outbreak of war, Hitler was forging plans to attack the USA. The most daring of these plans involved German fighter planes crashing into Manhattan's skyscrapers. Contemporary witnesses, archive material and original construction plans show how the destructive fantasy turned into a collective and indiscriminate desire for destruction.

Producer Taglicht Media
Broadcasters WDR, arte



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CULTURE & ART



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art market | insightful

CHASING REMBRANDT

How Art Became a Business

52' / HD / 2022

In no other epoch were artists in the Netherlands so productive, the demand for art so great as during the age of Rembrandt. This documentary sets out on the trail of an era in which business and art entered into a marriage for the first time. What significance does this period have for our view of art today?

Producer Westend Film & TV
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



biography | fashion | celebrity

KARL LAGERFELD

An Intimate Portrait

43' / HD / 2014

Karl Lagerfeld was arguably the most famous German of our time. Yet, little is known about the man behind the spotlight. What was he like? What inspired him? This intimate portrait of the designer breaks through this glass wall and shows the person behind the iconic façade.

Producer Berlin Producers
Broadcasters SWR, Deutsche Welle



restoration | technology | fascinating

THE ART OF PRESERVING ART

3 x 52' / HD / 2009

How can we preserve works of art and cultural goods for future generations? Atmospheric pollution and chemical products pose challenges and call for modern methods and technology of restoration. 'The Art of Preserving Art' follows the processes which keep our cultural inheritance alive.

Producer COM4HD



cultural clash | preservation

LAND OF THE DOGON

World Heritage in Peril

52' / HD / 2012

In 1989 UNESCO put both the natural and the cultural heritage of the Dogon in Mali on the World Heritage List. The documentary tells the dilemma of a culture that struggles between adaptation to modernity and the preservation of their unique traditions.

Producer Contact Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



stylish | fashion | photography

AFRICAN BEAUTIES

Hair Art in Mali

43' / HD / 2011

There are hundreds of words that describe the beauty of African women. Works of art, based on ancient knowledge, adorn the heads of women from Mali. The film follows a candidate in the Miss Yayoroba contest in Bamako and takes a look behind the leather curtains of a bridal tent at a Tuareg wedding in the Sahara.

Producer Fact & Film
Broadcasters ZDF, arte



quirky | entertaining | upbeat

THE GREEN OBSESSION

The Hunt for the Perfect Lawn

52' / HD / 2011

Lawns represent a horticultural ideal; no herbs, shrubs or flowers must be found here. It was the British who transformed the lawn into a cult and a concept of lifestyle. Today, a huge industry takes care of this symbol of domestic tranquility and social success. Narrated in a fresh way and enriched by entertaining animations, the film reveals the true nature of lawns.

Producer Werwiewas
Broadcasters ZDF, arte

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