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# **SAVE THE WILD**







MISSION EARTH

conservation | international projects | positive outlook

# $3 \times 52' / 4K / 2023$

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**







MISSION EARTH

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**







MISSION EARTH

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:

– 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

# WILD ISLES







MISSION EARTH

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

# WEBS & WINGS

# Nature's Tiny Ballet







NATURE & WILDLIFE

macro-photography | microcosmos | surprising

# $3 \times 52' / 4K / 2023$

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







NATURE & WILDLIFE

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







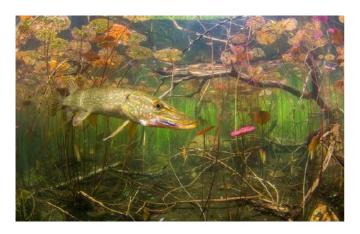
NATURE & WILDLIFE

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.

#### **GAME OF FISH**





NATURE & WILDLIFE

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

# KINGDOM OF FISH





NATURE & WILDLIFE

wildlife & ecology | ecosystems

#### 3 x 60' / 4K / 2023

'Kingdom of Fish' is the story of Sweden's relationship with its remarkable waters. It is the tale of rippling arctic streams and rushing rivers, of hundreds of thousands of lakes and a coastline as long as the globe is round – 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 Broadcasters Ecofilm SVT, NRK, DR

# **CACTUS HOTEL**





NATURE & WILDLIFE

family-friendly | quirky | award-winning

# 52' / 4K / 2023

In the desert of Arizona, a luxurious 'hotel' is a precious oasis for many wild guests. With daily 'check-ins' and 'check- outs', gambles, fights, sex and death, the busy residents and part-time occupants all bring with them amazing survival skills, hunting thrills and housing ideas. 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 Broadcasters Altayfilm WDR, arte

### **BEARLAND**





NATURE & WILDLIFE

blue-chip | predators | survival

#### 52' / 4K / 2023

We often see bears as dangerous, aggressive and somewhat dull. But are bears all bad, or is there a lot more to them than meets the eye? This remarkable documentary reveals the challenges bears must overcome and shows just what amazing survivors they are. With the breathtaking nature of the Pacific Ring of Fire as its backdrop, the film travels to 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 Broadcasters Altayfilm MDR, arte

# **GODWIT!**

#### The Incredible Journey of a Wader





NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | intimate | epic

# $3 \times 45'$ or $1 \times 96' / 4K / 2022, 2023$

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





NATURE & WILDLIFE

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

# THE WADDEN SEA

Living on the Edge





NATURE & WILDLIFE

unique habitats | stunning

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

The Wadden Sea, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most fascinating and unique natural habitats in the world, is home to approximately 5,000 species of flora and fauna. This emotive and humorous documentary series and feature film 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 and the endless interplay between water and earth in the northern edge of Europe as never seen before.

Producer Broadcasters Ruben Smit Productions BNNVARA, Theatrical release

# LIVING RIVER





NATURE & WILDLIFE

expedition | enchanting

#### 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 to be discovered behind every reed bed. This enchanting two-part documentary takes us throughout the seasons and allows us to become one with the man in the canoe. 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, from Lobith on the border with Germany to the North Sea.

Producer Broadcaster Ruben Smit Productions BNNVARA

# THE SECRET NETWORK OF ANIMALS







SCIENCE

wildlife & science | animal instincts | migration

# 52' or 43' / 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







SCIENCE

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







SCIENCE

medicine | extraordinary humans | biotechnology

# 45' / 4K / 2023

Our hands, composed of 27 intricate bones, are astonishingly versatile. Despite the prevalence of computers and cell phones, their fine motor skills and sensory prowess remain unparalleled. We often only truly appreciate their value when accidents occur or illnesses strike. Hands can lift, grip, write with precision, or gracefully glide across piano keys. At the German Sports University in Cologne, Ingo Froböse's team pioneers scientific research into e-sports athletes' hand and finger skills, exploring ways to enhance these abilities. Hands also function as sensory organs, aiding visually impaired individuals in their daily lives. The fingertips house numerous sensory receptors, making them highly sensitive. The film delves into the world of prosthetic advancements, aiming to restore full finger function to those who have lost their hands due to accidents or amputation.

The documentary follows children in the intricate process of learning to write, observes a seasoned pianist's exquisite motor skills, and reveals the remarkable intersection of hands and the brain within milliseconds.

Producer Broadcaster Marco Polo Film

3Sat

# **SUDDEN SILENCE**

How Animals Reclaim a World in Lockdown





SCIENCE

pandemic | wildlife & science

# 52' / 4K / 2023

April 2020: COVID19 is forcing people around the globe to restrict their freedom of movement. Suddenly, there was silence. How did wildlife respond to this unique break from humans? Although the pandemic has resulted in a tragic global crisis, it also represents an extraordinary opportunity to study the impact of our human actions on wildlife. With impressive footage, the film accompanies scientists in their exciting project on the behavior of various species during the 'anthropause'. The results show a complex picture of necessities and chances for a better coexistence of humans and animals.

Producer Broadcasters in one media MDR, arte

# THE DARK SIDE OF BRIGHT NIGHTS





SCIENCE

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





SCIENCE

climate change | alarming | fossil fuels

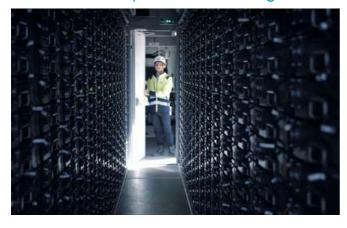
#### 45' / HD / 2022

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





SCIENCE

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

# **LAOS**

# **Echoes of Serenity**







DESTINATIONS

nature & culture | scenic | fascinating

# $2 \times 43' / 4K / 2023$

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**







DESTINATIONS

Eastern Europe | technology | remote regions

# $3 \times 43' / HD / 2023$

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

# **CANADA'S NATIONAL PARKS**







DESTINATIONS

nature protection | landscapes

# 5 x 52' / 4K / 2023

Historically, Canada is the first country to recognize the need to protect the diversity of its landscapes to preserve them for future generations. The over 100-year-old concept of Canadian National Parks is instrumental in protecting the unique natural environment and habitats of native flora and fauna from human influence. With tourism and economic interests at play, this is a challenging task for the employees of Parks Canada. And then, there is climate change. Whether and how these developments are putting a strain on sensitive ecosystems will be the main topic of this series.

Episodes:

·Pacific Rim · Waterton Lakes · Iwavik · Saguenay · Cape Breton

Producer Broadcasters Florianfilm Radio Bremen, arte

# **EUROPE'S HIGHLANDS**





DESTINATIONS

travel & nature | hiking | surprising

# 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. Follow us on this expedition to the unspoilt beauty of the Ardennes, the rugged terrain of the Black Mountains, the stunning peaks of the Sierra de Guadarrama, and the multifaceted Hunsrück.

Producer Broadcasters Berlin Producers RBB, arte

# **EUROPE'S WATERWAYS**





DESTINATIONS

travel & culture | expedition

# 5 x 43' / 4K / 2020

Venturing upstream on Europe's waterways, the series discovers five regions of the continent from an unknown perspective and visits 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. Along the way: new projects for the future of water in Europe.

Producer Broadcasters Cocoa Film ZDF, arte

#### THE CANARY ISLANDS





DESTINATIONS

travel & nature | fascinating

# 5 x 52' / 4K / 2023

Off the African coast in the middle of the Atlantic, underwater volcanoes raged for millions of years and piled up 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 'Galapagos of Europe'. The five-part documentary series tells of fascinating natural spectacles, unique natural areas and the formation of the volcanic archipelago.

Producer Broadcasters Westend Film & TV ZDF, arte

# THE ISLE OF RUM





DESTINATIONS

enclave | personal stories

# 52' / HD / 2022

Two hours by ferry from the Scottish mainland lies the island of Rum, which boasts only about 35 human inhabitants. Without indigenous people and 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. Creating a world in which both independence and community play important roles, the rough beauty of the nature and the stark demands on its inhabitants show a microcosm that draws the audience in.

Producer Broadcasters Semicolon Film ZDF, arte

#### THE KENNEDYS

The Story of an American Dynasty





HISTORY

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





HISTORY

scandals | true crime | gripping

#### 3 x 45' / HD / 2023

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

Producer Broadcaster Doclights ZDFinfo