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**NATURE & WILDLIFE**

# EUROPE

## One Continent – Five Worlds



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | award-winning | blue-chip

**6 x 50' / 4K / 2025**

From the icy desert of Svalbard to the sun-kissed Mediterranean, this six-part wildlife series explores Europe's most important and fascinating habitats and meets their most remarkable wild inhabitants. Blue whales, polar bears, and soaring golden eagles star alongside rarely seen marvels such as the rare Persian leopards. Packed with spectacular imagery and new-to-science behaviour, Europe is one of the most ambitious wildlife series ever made.

Episode 1: One Continent – Five Worlds

Episode 4: Forests

Episode 2: Mountains

Episode 5: Freshwater

Episode 3: Coasts

Episode 6: Human Habitats

**Producer**

Light & Shadow

**Broadcasters**

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

# PORTUGAL'S WILD WONDERS



NATURE & WILDLIFE

pure wildlife | Europe | unknown

2 x 52' / 4K / 2025

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

Producer

Tatu Films

# WILD BALI



NATURE & WILDLIFE

conservation | marine life | Asia

52' / 4K / 2025

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

Producer

Tatu Films

# ANIMAL UNDERWORLD



NATURE & WILDLIFE

parasitism | nature | humour

1 x 52' / 4K / 2025

Welcome to the dark side of biodiversity. In *Animal Underworld*, parasitism takes center stage, revealing a side of nature that's as cunning as it is disturbing. With stories of theft, manipulation, fraud, and even murder, this science-based wildlife documentary draws a bold parallel between animal parasites and organized crime. From ticks and wasps to vampire bats and mind-controlling fungi, the film exposes a hidden ecosystem where the majority of species – yes, most of them – cheat the system to survive. Through a visually striking and narratively playful approach, a charismatic voiceover leads us through ecosystems teeming with biological tricksters. Each sequence uncovers evolutionary adaptations that rival the plots of the best gangster films – without a hero to save the day, or a law to keep order. Blending humour, cinematic flair, and biological insight, *Animal Underworld* invites viewers to rethink everything they thought they knew about nature, justice, and the survival of the fittest. Because in this world, crime isn't punished, it's part of the plan.

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

nashProds  
arte

# THE SPOONBILL IN A STIRRING WORLD



NATURE & WILDLIFE

rewilding | European wildlife | birds

52' / HD / 2025

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

Producer

Hilco Jansma Productions

# VALLEY OF THE FALCONS



NATURE & WILDLIFE

predator | birds | UK

52' / HD / 2025

From the tips of their feathers to the muscles inside their eyes, Peregrine falcons are the ultimate aerial predators. But their physical adaptations are only one part of the story. There is a lot to learn for a young Peregrine, growing up in a wild valley in southern England. As the seasons pass, her world expands. Unexpected neighbours reveal the complexity of the ecosystem: nesting woodpeckers, fishing herons, playful kestrels... each filling their own niche in their shared home. But then, soaring over distant clouds: the alluring silhouette of gulls. Will the young Peregrine be brave enough to fly up and follow them... beyond the Valley of the Falcons?

Producer

Miguel Antón

# THE RIGHT WHALE

Tales of Resilience and Hope



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | coexistence | survival

52' / 4K / 2025

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

Producer

Spindrift Images

# BACK IN THE BLUE

Return of the Humpback Whales



NATURE & WILDLIFE

Canada | coexistence | survival

52' / 4K / 2025

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

Producer

streetsfilm

Broadcasters

arte, HR

# AMONG THE WOLVES



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | award-winning | artistic

**52' or 81' / 4K / 2025**

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

**Producers**  
**Broadcasters**

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

# WILD FACES OF SCANDINAVIA



NATURE & WILDLIFE

animal behavior | blue-chip | mesmerizing

**52' / HD / 2025**

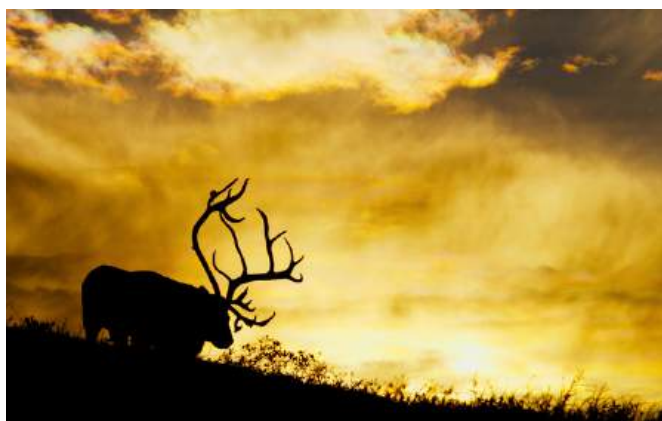
From Finland's tranquil lakes to Norway's Arctic coast, this film captures loons, foxes, bears, and reindeer navigating seasonal challenges. In Lapland's tundra, reindeer roam freely while birds fiercely guard their young. Sweden's taiga forests host crossbills and cranes, and Norway's Dovrefjell sees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

**Producer**

Sailer Images

# NORWAY

## A Call from the Wild



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | award-winning | climate change

**52' or 81' / 4K / 2024**

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

Director's statement:

*This film is my tribute to nature in Norway and a cry for its loss. Through an emotional and gripping exploration of nature's diversity and interconnectedness, my vision is to elicit respect and love. I want to awaken us to what we are about to lose.*

**Producers**  
**Broadcasters**

Artic Light AS, Doclights  
NDR, SVT, NRK

# BURROWING OWLS

## A Love Story



NATURE & WILDLIFE

conservation | cute | quirky

56' / 4K / 2025

Burrowing Owls: A Love Story follows the remarkable work of owl biologist David H. Johnson, whose groundbreaking efforts have helped restore one of North America's most charismatic and endangered birds to part of its historic range. The determined biologist has single-handedly rescued a fragile population of burrowing owls in Eastern Oregon amidst the shadowy bunkers of a cold war military depot.

As the burrowing owl population expands, he soon discovers there's more behind the story than first meets the eye. As he continues to make new discoveries about their behavior, a young family of burrowing owls face the challenges of growing up wild. This film tells an uplifting story about how animal conservation efforts can start small – with a single person – but if done right, can have an enormous positive impact on a species and its habitat.

Producer

Reel Earth Films

# NIGHT IN THE FOREST



NATURE & WILDLIFE

animal behavior | blue-chip | mesmerizing

**43' or 49' / 4K / 2024**

First-time filmmakers Clemens Keck and Tom Horak explore what happens in a Central European spruce forest at night, highlighting the animals' amazing adaptations to darkness and their interdependencies. The film reveals the connections between boreal owls, yellow-necked mice, black woodpeckers and wood ants, showcasing how these nocturnal creatures adapt to increasingly shorter nights. While humans retreat from the eerie darkness, the forest comes alive. Unlike us, nocturnal animals thrive in the night, communicating through sounds, using ultrasound for navigation and having large eyes that help them get through the dense trees.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

nautilusfilm GmbH  
SWR, arte

# FOREST OF COLOURS

Thailand's Tenasserim Hills



NATURE & WILDLIFE

Asia | conservation | rare behavior

**52' / HD / 2024**

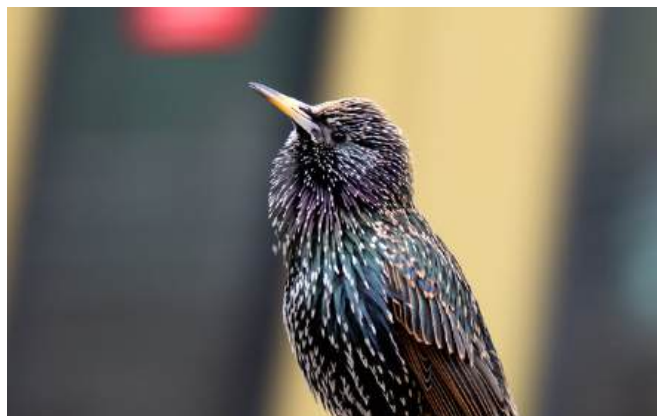
In a tropical jungle in Southeast Asia, this documentary unveils intimate portraits of exotic animals rarely seen on screen. It explores deeper questions about perception and evolution: Why do these creatures have such vibrant colours, how do they maintain them, and how do they appear to the animals themselves? We follow a growing Langur monkey, whose perception resembles ours, and meet characters like the majestic Asian elephant and the elusive Sun bear, along with intriguing Stick insects and Orb-weaver spiders. Featuring over 100 species, the film's meticulous style and music honour the forest's peaceful atmosphere, highlighting the importance of preserving the complex ecosystems of the Tenasserim mountains for future generations.

**Producer**

Miguel Antón

# BIG CITY STARLINGS

Berlin's New Winter Guests



NATURE & WILDLIFE

urbanisation | birds | adaptation

43' / HD / 2024

The otherwise shy country birds were changed by the city of Berlin: Now almost tame, they beg for food on the railway platform and eat from the hands of city folk. The colourful birds have made friends with many people at the station, as they bring a welcome change to the dreary winter of the capital. Hastily passing locals and tourists stop to watch the beautiful new urbanites on their adventures. Nowhere else can you get this close to the glittering starlings: In addition to their striking song, the songbirds are real beauties up close. The starlings of Alexanderplatz are becoming true city dwellers, while the population of this once ubiquitous bird is declining dramatically across Europe, they seem to have found a remarkable new home here in the centre of the metropolis – at least in winter.

**Producer**

Loupefilm

**Broadcasters**

ZDF, arte

# THE BIRD GUARDIANS OF LINOSA



NATURE & WILDLIFE

conservation | birds | Italy

43' / 4K / 2025

South of Sicily lies the small Italian volcanic island of Linosa, home to one of the largest colonies of Scopoli's shearwaters in the Mediterranean region. The almost invisible birds were the creative spark behind one of the most renowned tales of Homer's epic poems Odyssey in which the eponymous hero Odysseus had himself tied to the mast of his ship, so he could safely listen to the sirens' songs which echoed far across the sea, intending to lure sailors to their doom. This documentary follows the Italian scientist Giacomo Dell'Omo. Since first working on Linosa in 2017, he has been visiting the island every year for several months, committed to protect the Scopoli's shearwater colony. Meanwhile, his daughter Eleonora now works by his side.

**Producer**

Prospect TV

**Broadcasters**

ZDF, arte

# WILD PORT OF EUROPE

Nature on the Edge



NATURE & WILDLIFE

cinematic | coexistence | survival

52' or 82' / 4K / 2025

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

Veldkijker Films  
ZDF, arte

# SHIPWRECKS

Oases for Wildlife



NATURE & WILDLIFE

rewilding | Red Sea and Mediterranean | colourful

52' / 4K / 2025

Whether tiny or gigantic, a shipwreck attracts life, creating islands of biodiversity. Wrecks are colonised in just a few years, becoming artificial reefs covered in red gorgonians, sponges and shellfish. From the smallest fry to the largest grouper, fish shelter and reproduce there, soon creating a new food chain in a balanced biotope. From the appearance of the first marine bacteria to the luxuriant gardens of the Red Sea and Mediterranean wrecks, this film tells the fascinating story of the natural colonisation of wrecks, which is also the story of life.

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

Nomades  
arte

# THE WILD ANDES



NATURE & WILDLIFE

blue-chip | cinematic | extreme

**3 x 50' / 4K / 2018**

The Andes are not just the longest chain of mountains on the planet; they are also the most dynamic. In this three-part series, we journey from the lofty grasslands of the tropical north to the high plateau of the centre, down to the prehistoric forests of the south, exploring the ever-changing natural history of this incredible mountain range. From woolly monkeys to sword-billed hummingbirds, spectacled bears, hunting pumas, giant frogs, culpeo foxes, and more, this is the definitive series on the wildlife of South America's definitive mountain range.

In this new 3-part series, we journey the length, breadth, and height of the Andes to reveal the incredible natural history of the longest mountain range on earth. Filmed in glossy 4K over a period of three years, using the most modern and moving camera techniques, this series is a totally unique visual experience.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Light & Shadow  
WDR, SMITHSONIAN NETWORKS, NDR, arte, ORF, SRF, SVT

An underwater photograph showing a sea turtle, likely a hawksbill, entangled in a green fishing net. A black buoy is attached to the net, floating near the surface. The scene is set against a deep blue background, highlighting the environmental impact of fishing gear.

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# MISSION EARTH

# DIRTY CHOCOLATE



MISSION EARTH

sustainability | activism | investigative

52' / HD / 2025

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

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

HTTV Produktion  
WDR, NDR

# ECO CRIMES



MISSION EARTH

sustainability | activism | investigative

3 x 50' / HD / 2024

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

Längengrad Filmproduktion  
WDR

# GOOD NEWS FROM PLANET EARTH



MISSION EARTH

eco-innovation | positive outlook | inspiring

6 x 52' / HD / 2024

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 organisations 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.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Längengrad Filmproduktion  
BR, arte



eco-innovation | positive outlook | renaturation

## RESURRECTING EDEN

NEW EPISODE: Barcelona's Green Corridor

5 x 52' or 5 x 43' / HD / 2022 - 2024

This series discovers projects around the world in which humans are helping to restore and strengthen nature. The latest episode tells the story of the Riu Besòs on the outskirts of Barcelona, once one of the most toxic rivers in Europe. However, consistent nature conservation brought about an astonishing turnaround. Today, the Besòs is a species-rich natural paradise in the middle of the big city.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Längengrad Filmproduktion  
ZDF, arte



remote landscapes | scenic | optimistic

## WILD ISLES

90' / 4K / 2022

The United Kingdom is one of the most nature depleted countries on our planet – yet this is a story of hope, showing that change is in the air. This feature film explores the country's remote landscapes, from Shetland to Cornwall, seeking ways for humans to coexist with the natural world. Join a cinematic journey through key wildlife locations and meet the people and communities who are making a difference, dedicated to restoring our natural environment and our faith in humanity.

**Producer**

Newyonder



conservation | international projects | positive outlook

## SAVE THE WILD

3 x 52' / 4K / 2023

Biodiversity loss is a pressing global crisis. How can we preserve the last precious wilderness areas and their diverse species? This three-part documentary series explores stunning animal worlds in breathtaking landscapes, showcasing effective solutions from scientists, rangers, zoo managers and local communities working together. It's a call to action, raising awareness for preserving and reclaiming our remaining wild paradises.

**Producers**  
**Broadcaster**

ApolloFilm, Filmtank  
arte



social impact | activism | alarming

## HEROES OF THE SEA

73' / 4K / 2022

Investigative photographer York Hovest has spent three years traveling the globe in search of heroes developing visionary solutions to one of our time's most pressing challenges: saving the oceans from plastic waste, overfishing and climate change. The film introduces people passionately engaged in a difficult, often daunting battle. Despite the many challenges, this award-winning film ultimately presents a hopeful outlook on the environmental crisis and the potential for positive change.

**Producer**

York Hovest

A person wearing a hat and a red jacket stands on a rocky ridge, looking out over a vast, forested valley. The sun is setting in the distance, casting a warm, orange glow over the entire scene. The sky is filled with soft, pinkish clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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# DESTINATIONS

# OASES

## Islands of Life



### DESTINATIONS

fragility | nature & culture | series

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

This series sets out to paint enchanting portraits of five exceptional oases, discovers plants and animals that fight a daily battle with the environmental extremes of their homes, and delves into the lives of people who have learnt to live with the challenges of life on a knife-edge. Each oasis must find ways of coping with its harsh surroundings and makes exceptional demands of its inhabitants. Because survival in these biodiversity hotspots is by no means guaranteed: given their precarious situations at the heart of extremely hostile environments, these islands of life are unusually fragile. Climate change, exploitation, political unrest, pollution, the disappearance of keystone species, overpopulation: the list of serious threats for these frail mini-ecosystems is long, and their loss would have grave consequences.

Episodes: India's Mumbai, Peru's Colca Canyon, Chad's Ennedi Plateau, French Polynesia's Moorea, Egypt's Siwa

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

k22film  
arte, ZDF

# THE PHILIPPINES

## Secrets of a Tropical Archipelago



DESTINATIONS

fragility | nature & culture | series

**3 x 52' / 4K / 2025**

This three-part documentary series explores the rich and diverse wildlife across three strikingly different islands in the Philippine archipelago. Each island reveals its own unique geological and ecological features, showcasing distinct landscapes, species, and challenges faced by both humans and animals: The journey begins on Palawan, the most pristine of the featured islands. Shrouded in dense rainforest, Palawan's striking karst formations and intricate cave systems have given rise to an extraordinary ecosystem. The second episode turns to Luzon, the largest and most populous island in the Philippines – and also the most volcanically active. Despite the constant threat of eruptions, millions of people live here. The final episode travels to Bohol, an island where unique and endangered species are being actively protected. From the tiny tarsier – one of the world's smallest primates – to giant manta rays and blue whales, the island's rich biodiversity faces increasing pressure from human development.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Rühle Filmproduktion  
ZDF, arte

# BEACHES OF EUROPE



## DESTINATIONS

summer feeling | nature & culture | exciting

6 x 52' / 4K / 2024

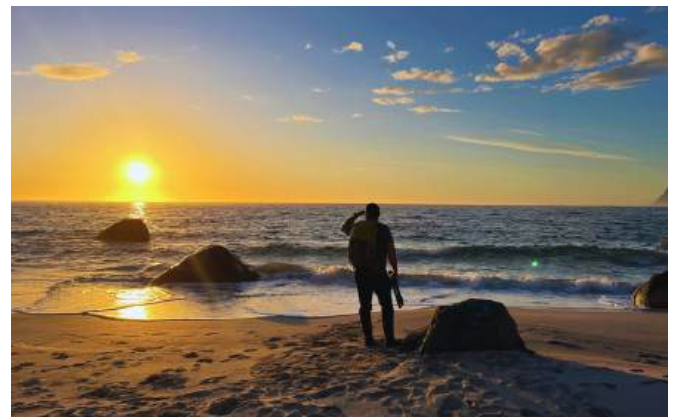
This series presents six different beaches: we accompany researchers on the island of Spiekeroog as they demonstrate impressively how islands are formed, follow divers in Italy who explore the archaeological treasures of the sunken city of Baia, discover the special features of winter on the Curonian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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Marco Polo Film  
arte, ZDF

# NORDIC ISLANDS

Lofoten and Vesterålen



## DESTINATIONS

resilience | community | stunning

2 x 52' / 4K / 2025

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

Cocoa Film  
arte

# HUNGARY



## DESTINATIONS

biodiversity | nature & culture | Eastern Europe

2 x 43' / HD / 2025

Hungary, in the heart of Europe, is a land of remarkable natural diversity and striking landscapes. In the northwest, Lake Neusiedl lies among a network of waterways and pastures. Each year, it hosts a stunning spectacle as tens of thousands of migratory birds arrive to rest and breed. Further south, marshes and moors shelter rare carnivorous plants and delicate butterflies. At Lake Hévíz, warm thermal waters support colorful fish—though many are tropical species that threaten native wildlife. To the center lies Lake Balaton, the “Hungarian Sea,” shaped by ancient volcanic activity.

### Producer

K22 Film

### Broadcasters

arte, ZDF

# THE HIDDEN HEART OF IRELAND



## DESTINATIONS

nature & culture | beautiful | remote regions

2 x 52' / HD / 2025

More than six million visitors come to Ireland every year and most of them head straight for the coast. Only a fraction of them spend time in the interior. Yet the Midlands are the true lifeblood of the Emerald Isle and there is so much to discover. The first episode is a journey of discovery through the northern midlands of Ireland. With its mountain and lake landscapes, extensive moorlands, impressive historic sites, cultural history, old and new traditions and the open-mindedness of its people, it is the true lifeline of the Emerald Isle. The second episode leads through the southern midlands of Ireland, where the heart of country beats.

### Producer

Florianfilm

### Broadcasters

WDR, arte

# ALONG ANCIENT TRACKS

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



DESTINATIONS

vintage | technology | remote regions

5 x 43' / HD / 2023 - 2024

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Loupe Filmproduktion  
ZDF, arte

# EUROPE'S HIGHLANDS



DESTINATIONS

hiking | travel destinations | entertaining

4 x 52' / HD / 2022

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Berlin Producers  
rbb, arte

# HIKE THE LINE

European Border Trails



## DESTINATIONS

outdoors | positive outlook | history

3 x 43' / 4K / 2021

Follow us on some of the most beautiful and adventurous hiking trails in Europe's frontier regions. Become witness of the peaceful growing together of neighbours once divided by the Iron Curtain when we walk along the Borderland Panoramic Trail between Austria and Slovenia. Or discover the unspoiled nature on the Upper Lusatian Mountain Trail in the borderland between Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic, where wolf packs have found a new home.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Saxonia Entertainment  
arte, MDR

# LAND OF RIVERS AND PEAKS

The Cévennes and the Rhône



## DESTINATIONS

nature & culture | landscapes | mesmerizing

2 x 52' / 4K / 2019 - 2022

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

**Producers**  
**Broadcasters**

prospect TV, Along Mekong Productions  
ZDF, arte, SWR



travel & culture | crafts | uplifting

## STORIES FROM EASTERN EUROPE

4 x 43' / HD / 2024

Embark on a captivating journey through Eastern Europe, where traditions, craftsmanship, and cultural heritage come alive in four enthralling episodes. Each episode unveils the rich tapestry of Eastern European culture, celebrating the stories of those who are shaping their communities and safeguarding their heritage for future generations. Experience the timeless beauty, enduring traditions, and empowering narratives that define this place.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

B-Picture  
MDR, arte



nature & culture | scenic | fascinating

## LAOS – Echoes of Serenity

2 x 43' / 4K / 2023

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Cocoa Film  
ZDF, arte



urban nature | enchanting | expedition

## ARCHIPELAGO NEW YORK

3 x 52' / 4K / 2021

New York is not just a city by the water, but a city in the water: built on several islands and surrounded by a diverse biotope that cannot be found in any other metropolis. This series is a voyage of discovery on an old sailing yacht into this unknown world. Some 70 islands stretch from the Hudson Delta to the eastern end of Long Island. Four hundred years after the arrival of the first immigrants, we set sail again to discover the islands' geography and nature.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Florianfilm  
ZDF, arte



nature protection | landscapes | nature & culture

## CANADA'S NATIONAL PARKS

5 x 52' / 4K / 2023

The century-old Canadian National Parks concept plays a crucial role in safeguarding the unique environments and habitats. Employees of Parks Canada face the challenge of balancing tourism and economic interests with conservation efforts. This discovery series delves into these pressing issues, featuring knowledgeable guides: scientists, First Nations people, environmental activists, and artists, who share their deep connections to Canada's landscapes.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Florianfilm  
Radio Bremen, arte

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# SCIENCE

# LIQUID GOLD

## A Wastewater Treasure Hunt



SCIENCE

innovation | technology | surprising

45' / 4K / 2025

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

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

Marco Polo Film  
3Sat

# AMNESIA

## When the Brain Suddenly Goes on Strike



SCIENCE

medicine | extraordinary humans | personal

52' / HD / 2024

Neurologist Magnus Heier was paddling on a lake in Finland when his memory suddenly stopped working for eight hours. Everything he said or did was forgotten a few seconds later. He experienced what is known as “transient global amnesia”, or TGA for short. A condition where the brain stops recording experiences for up to 24 hours.

For the neurologist and first-person narrator Magnus Heier, the incident becomes the starting point for an expedition into the world of memory. Why did his memory fail so suddenly? How does remembering and forgetting actually work under normal circumstances? And why are the lost hours still haunting him today? The documentary is an elaborately shot science road movie about human memory that lets the viewer look deep into the brain. The neurologist Magnus Heier transforms abstract neuroscience into a personal, light-footed film.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Längengrad Filmproduktion  
SWR, arte

# THE REMARKABLE HAND

From Touch to Triumph



SCIENCE

medicine | extraordinary humans | biotechnology

52' / 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. This documentary explores pioneering research into e-sports athletes' hand skills and delves into the world of prosthetic advancements, aiming to restore full finger function and revealing the intricate intersection of hands and the brain. Witness the remarkable abilities of our hands and the scientific strides shaping their future.

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

Marco Polo Film  
3Sat

# BEANS

A Superfood Story



SCIENCE

nutrition | citizen science | education

52' / 4K / 2024

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

In One Media  
arte, BR

# WILD TECH

Conservation Through Advanced Technology



SCIENCE

award-winning | futuristic | biodiversity loss

52' / 4K / 2024

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

In One Media  
BR, arte

## THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF ANIMALS



SCIENCE

wildlife & science | animal instincts | migration

52' / 4K / 2024

Long before the internet connected the world, our planet developed a complex system of knowledge that united all living creatures – a secret network of animals. Scientists are only just bringing this invisible network to light, gathering fascinating insights into how migratory animals interact with and rely on complex ecosystems. The documentary follows research projects all around the world in an attempt to reveal the secrets that shape animals' lives and 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**  
**Broadcasters**

Filmtank, Context-Film, Galafilm  
CBC, SWR

# THE DARK SIDE OF BRIGHT NIGHTS



SCIENCE

urban nature | wildlife & science | conservation

52' / 4K / 2022

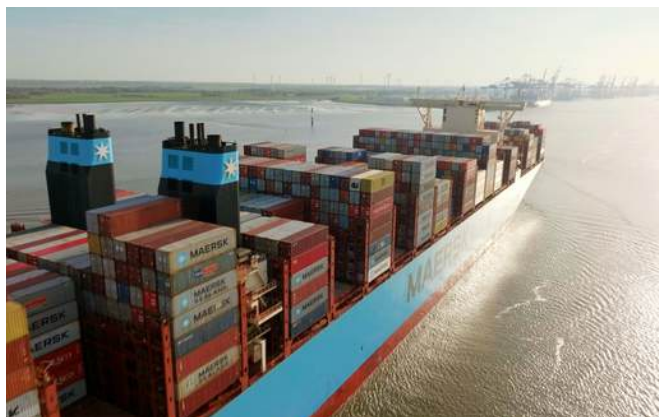
More than half of all animals are nocturnal. Their sensory organs, behavior, navigation and metabolism are adapted to darkness with only the moon- and starlight present. But the night is dotted with artificial light sources in cities, villages, industrial areas, on advertising spaces, roads and paths,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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Marco Polo Film  
3Sat, ZDF

## GREEN SHIPPING

Fueling the Future of Maritime Transportation



SCIENCE

sustainability & technology | globalisation | climate change

52' / HD / 2023

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

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Längengrad Filmproduktion  
MDR, arte

# LETHAL LEAKS

On the Track of Escaping Methane



SCIENCE

climate change | alarming | fossil fuels

44' / 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**

Längengrad Filmproduktion

**Broadcasters**

ZDF, 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 science documentary explores the exciting race to develop new energy storage technologies that could bring stability to green energies. The film takes us behind the scenes of research facilities and start-ups that are shaping the future of energy storage. 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**

sagamedia

**Broadcasters**

ZDF, arte

# 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, only few people initially noticed when the animals began to suddenly and inexplicably disappear. Hurriedly a task force of unprecedented size and scope was formed. The Dormouse Detectives strive to find out how many, where and why the garden dormice are disappearing. While citizen scientists and students work with monitoring devices and transmitters, veterinarians examine corpses of garden dormice and forensic experts analyze tissue and genetic samples in search for decisive clues. Only if the Dormouse Detectives manage to solve this case fast, may they still be able to save the species.

**Producer**

Marco Polo Film

**Broadcasters**

BR, MDR, arte

# SUDDEN SILENCE

How Animals Reclaim a World in Lockdown



SCIENCE

pandemic | wildlife & science | animal behavior

52' / 4K / 2023

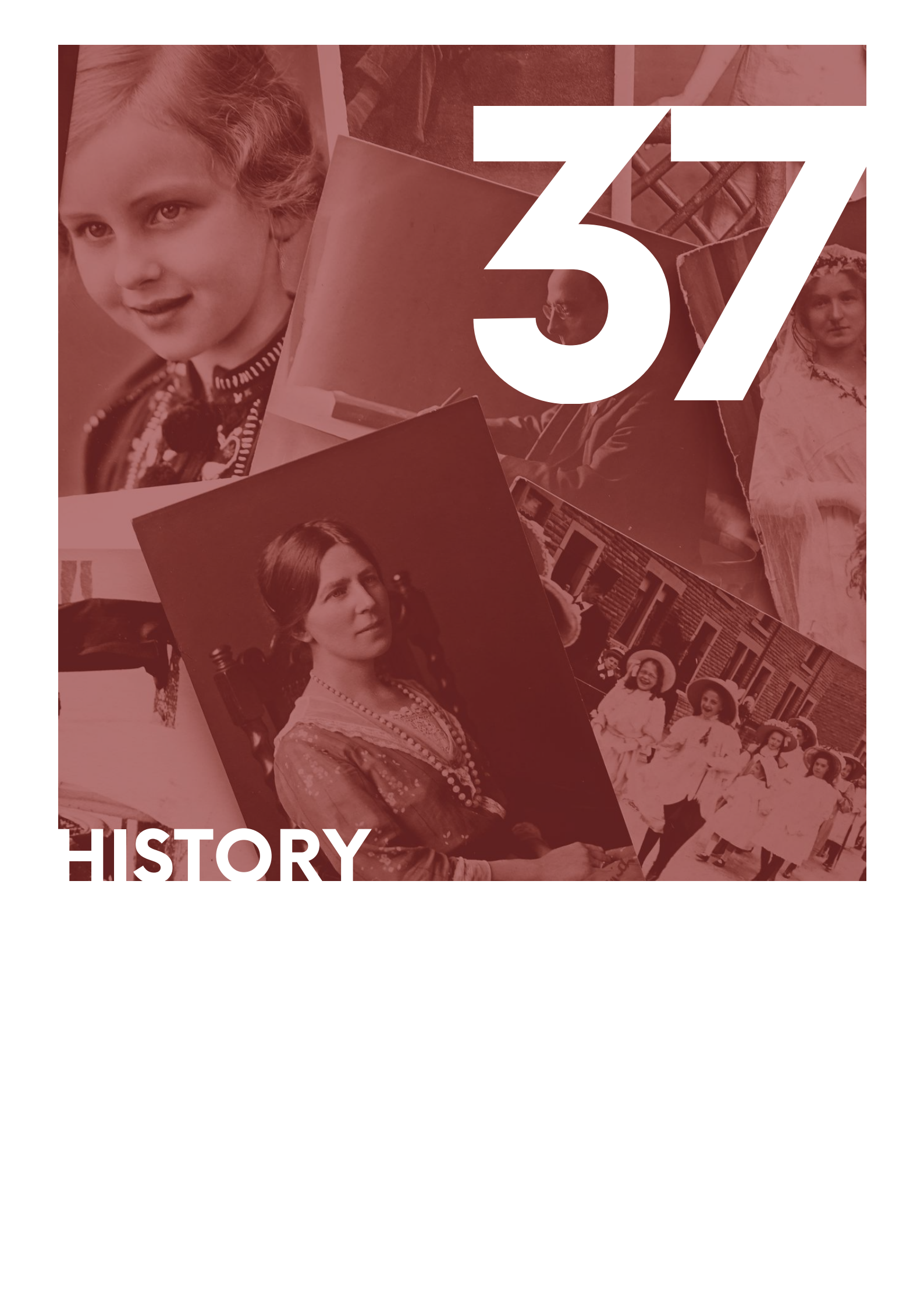
April 2020: COVID19 is forcing people around the globe to restrict their freedom of movement. Suddenly, humans were significantly less omnipresent than they usually are. Suddenly, there was silence. How did wildlife respond to this unique break from humans? Although the pandemic has resulted in a tragic global crisis, it also represents an extraordinary opportunity to study the impact of our human actions on wildlife. An experiment unlike anything anyone could have ever orchestrated. With impressive footage, the film accompanies scientists in their exciting project of researching the behavior of various animal species during the "anthropause". The results show a complex picture of necessities and chances for a better coexistence of humans and animals on our common planet.

**Producer**

In One Media

**Broadcasters**

MDR, arte



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# HISTORY

# LIBERATION DIARIES



HISTORY

female perspective | contemporary witnesses | World War II

52' / HD / 2025

This documentary interweaves the diaries of three women in Italy, France and Germany at the end of the Second World War. Linked by contemporary historians, this creates a moving testimony of universal dreams of freedom and personal nightmares of war. The innovative combination of archive images, diary excerpts, animated protagonists and contemporary experts unites and condenses personal and collective history in an intimate space.

In LIBERATION DIARIES, past and present coexist on a level that makes the dramatic days of liberation emotionally tangible. Magda, Madeleine and Käte write to survive, knowing that they risk leaving a trace of their lives on a piece of paper. For them, the "diaries of liberation" are a necessary act in order not to lose their humanity in the face of the horrors of war. The film presents a powerful female perspective on the hardships of war and a testimony to resilience. A quality that is as necessary today as it was then.

**Producers**  
**Broadcasters**

Ladoc, Docdays, Drôle de trame  
RAI, ZDF, arte, LCP

# FLIGHT OF LEGENDS

The Quest to Conquer the Atlantic



**HISTORY**

aerial history | competition | 20th century

**52' or 90' / HD / 2025**

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

**Producer**

Florianfilm

**Broadcasters**

Radio Bremen, arte

# PIRANESI

Visionary of Shadow and Stone



**HISTORY**

architecture | biography | 18th century

**52' / HD / 2025**

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

**Producer**

In One Media

**Broadcaster**

ZDF, arte

# BUFFALO BILL

The Inventor of the Wild West



HISTORY

indigenous history | biography | icons

52' or 88' / HD / 2024

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

Producer  
Broadcaster

Florianfilm  
arte

# THE KENNEDYS

The Story of an American Dynasty



HISTORY

American history | icons | insightful

52' or 90' / HD / 2023

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

Producer  
Broadcaster

Florianfilm  
arte

# MASTERS OF THE DECK

The Fascination with Card Games



HISTORY

gambling history | gameplay | intriguing

43' / HD / 2024

Card games have intrigued people around the world for centuries, but what exactly is it that makes them so appealing? This documentary follows professional card player Chris Willet to the gambling metropolis of Las Vegas. There he tries to make his fortune at a variety of gambling tables. In Wiesbaden, the film looks over the shoulder of the experienced croupier Friedhelm Höbel, who gives us a secret insight into the preparations for an evening of poker and explains the etiquette and the different characters in the casinos. By delving deep into their history, the film provides valuable insights into the cultural and historical significance of playing cards.

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

south & browse  
ZDF

# 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



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COMING SOON

# THE TREASURE OF NEWFOUNDLAND



NATURE & WILDLIFE

underwater | fascinating | North America

**52' or 43' / 4K / 2025**

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

**Producers**  
**Broadcaster**

Subimagery Productions, Le cinquième rêve  
arte

# EDGE OF EDEN

## The Land of Surfing Hippos



NATURE & WILDLIFE

African wildlife | coexistence | fragility

52' / 4K / 2025

Somewhere along a coastline, unspoiled and wild, big bellies roam the beach. A place where nobody is watching, nobody is judging and body shape doesn't really matter... Have you ever dreamed of such a place? Here it is: Welcome to Gabon – Africa's last living Eden! Situated along the western coast of Africa, Gabon is in a prime position for an abundance of natural beauty. It is a rare and exotic tropical gem, ranking amongst the highest wildlife density holding countries in the world. A perfect place for wild beach goers, thick and thin!

And it won't be sun-worshippers spread across the white paradise sands that you'll see – it might be one of the most mystical beach visitors ever: the hippos! The giant mammals have been known to wade into the sea and body surf their way back to the shore.

**Producer**  
**Broadcasters**

Altayfilm  
WDR, arte

# WILD ON A HIGH



NATURE & WILDLIFE

animal behavior | nature & wildlife | prime time

**2 x 52' scientific version / 52' blue-chip wildlife / 4K / 2025**

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

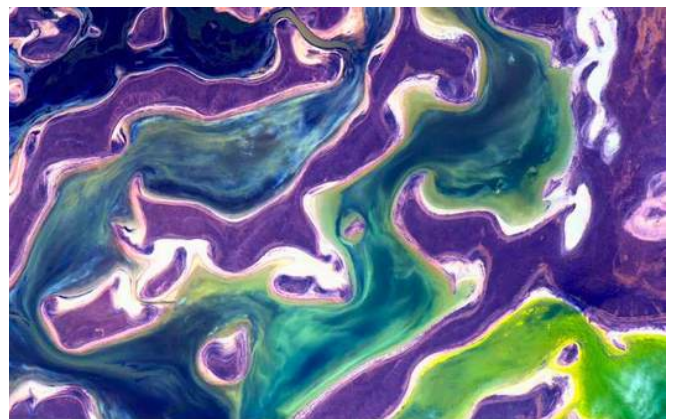
From Peruvian jaguars chewing hallucinogenic vines to swans addicted to opium poppies, and dolphins seemingly sharing pufferfish for its psychoactive toxins, this visually stunning series reveals surprising and often unexplored behaviors in the animal kingdom. Are these creatures seeking altered states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

**Producer  
Broadcasters**

in One Media  
ARD

# MIDDLE EARTH

## Asia's Hidden Heart



NATURE & WILDLIFE

Asia | never seen before | prime time

3 x 52' / 4K / 2027

Today, every corner on planet earth seems to be fully explored. But there is still one huge chunk of land which remained widely undiscovered until today: Asia's arid heart, the very center of the largest continent. A land mass almost as big as Australia shared by half a dozen countries incl. Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan as well as parts of China, Mongolia, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

For the first time this series will feature these hidden frontiers, so vibrant and colorful as an entire continent. Wild open lands of sometimes absurd dimensions are forming extraordinary blends of habitats. Vast steppes of feather grass are framed by some of the world's steepest mountain ranges. Fiery deserts that are both blistering hot or freezing cold. Strange dwarf forests are conquering ever shifting sand dunes. Lush marshlands and rivers fill our planet's largest inland seas. A region both harsh and stunningly beautiful. Shocking in its rawness at time but then again very charming on a closer look. The true "Middle Earth" , much unseen yet.

**Producer**  
**Broadcaster**

Altayfilm  
ARD

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