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Message From Our Founder



Dear Friends,

It has been an unforgettable decade and we are so looking forward to the next one! During this period we have screened over 1000 films, connected with so much talent and are constantly amazed by the quality of film and stories you deliver; each day we learn something new about the animals that share our world and the incredible people who fight for them.

For now we remain an online festival, reaching viewers from every corner of the globe. In the next few years we plan to bring you a live event in our very own space. Combined with the Animal HEROES Hall Of Fame, run by S.O.F.A, we can guarantee you an exciting experience.

To the film-makers, thank you for trusting us with your films; to our audience, that continuous to grow, thank you for sharing our vision - we couldn't have reached our 10th anniversary without each and every one of you.

Enjoy our wonderful 2025 program and we look forward to sharing many new additions via our website this coming year.

My love and gratitude to you all.

Anna G Roy
Founder & C.E.O

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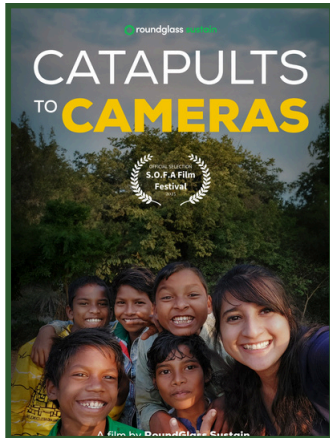
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Catapults To Cameras 39:00

DIRECTOR: Roundglass Sustain - India

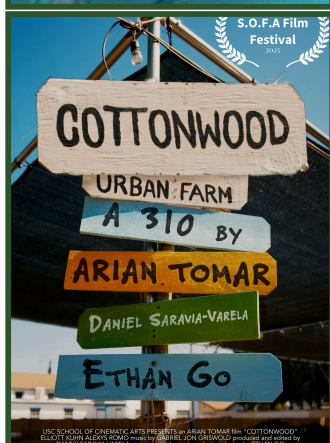
Each year, thousands of protected animals are massacred in an illegal blood sport. Children as young as three are handed catapults as weapons in this assault against wildlife. Ashwika teams up with conservationist Suvra Chatterjee from an organisation that has been working with the local community for over a decade, to inspire change in the hearts of children within these hunting communities. The film follows the journey of five children who eventually become conservation ambassadors



Coral Catch - Indonesia's Superwomen Of The Reef 7:37

DIRECTOR: Ash Embi - UK

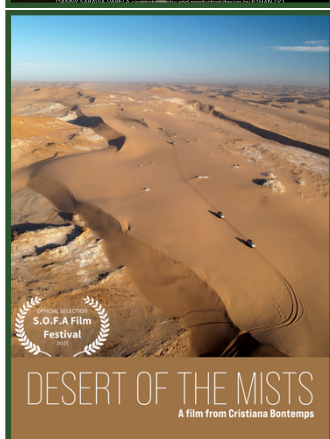
Hindara Dania is a local girl from Gili Air, Indonesia trying to achieve great things in marine science. She is driven to change stereotypes in her community through SCUBA diving and coral reef restoration



Cottonwood 5:52

DIRECTOR: Arian Tomar - USA

In the San Fernando valley lies a model for urban renewal that could revolutionize how vacant land is used across Los Angeles. Follow founders Elliott Kuhn and Alexys Romo as they recount the origins of Cottonwood Urban Farm, its partnership with Black Thumb Farm, and the impact they've had in Panorama City



Desert Of The Mists 22:52

DIRECTOR: Cristiana Bontemps - Monaco

The Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world, stretches for nearly 2000 kilometers along the southwest coast of Africa. Despite its extreme aridity, life persists with ingenious creatures and plants. The narrator, accompanied by Christophe and Japhet, explores the splendors of the Namib, encountering the Himba people, wild animals, and grandiose landscapes. Their adventure reveals the adaptation strategies of fauna and flora in this spectacular desert

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Hold Our Ground 9:18

DIRECTOR: Jaime Jacobsen - USA

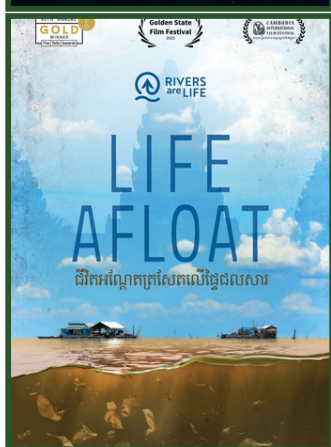
"Hold Our Ground" informs the public about the importance of soil health and how it is intimately connected to water issues in the Rocky Mountain West in the United States. The film features Colorado farmers and ranchers who are engaging in soil health practices and adapting to climate change, and inspires the public to learn more about conservation agriculture



Kingdom Of Fish 57:00

DIRECTOR: Martin Falklind - Sweden

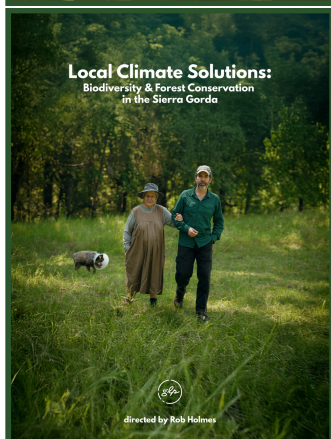
Many fish need free-flowing water in order to reproduce. But in rivers and streams, they are often obstructed by hydroelectric dams and other obstacles that we humans have built. Martin Falklind explores the possibilities of helping the fish to roam freely. We also meet Sweden's first inhabitants after the ice age, the char, and 12-year-old Edvin, who does everything he can to help fish



Life Afloat 13:58

DIRECTOR: Peter Goetz - Cambodia

Fed by the Mekong River, the Tonlé Sap in Cambodia is home to hundreds of thousands of people living in 'floating villages.' The lake is also the source of 75% of Cambodia's fish (equal to 60% of the country's protein intake). Because of a combination of threats, from pollution to climate change, the densely populated area's fish populations are dwindling – but locals are educating themselves to make positive changes



Local Climate Solutions 5:53

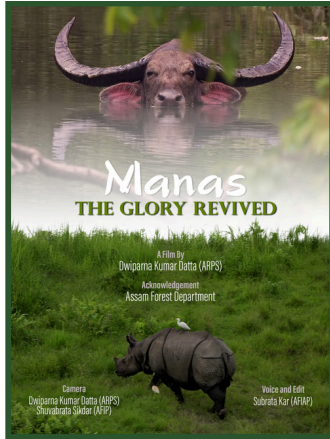
DIRECTOR: Rob Holmes - USA

Over 35 years ago Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda (GESG) was founded, led by the singular vision of one woman and her family and their mission to preserve, protect and regenerate the unique biodiversity of the Sierra Gorda. Since their founding, the GESG team has built out integrated community environmental education programs and celebrations to bring joy to the serious work of regeneration and conservation. Their community-led model, backed by science and research, has led to measurable habitat regeneration



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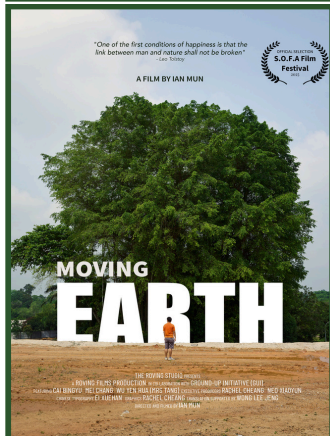
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Manas, The Glory Revived 10:37

DIRECTOR: Dwiparna Kumar Datta - India

A Short Film of Manas National Park, Assam, The endangered animals is about to extinct like Royal bengal Tiger, Water Buffoloes etc and Rhino has already Extinct from Manas National Park due to Bodo land agitation during 1980 and '90 s. But the said national park regains its glory at ptesent due to the orotection of wild animals and its environments by the Local peoples, NGOs etc



Moving Earth 17:01

DIRECTOR: Ian Mun - Singapore

Moving Earth contests the issue most cities face - urbanisation. In land scarce Singapore, development has resulted in the lost of many farmland in the wake of high tech urban farms. Coupled with the need to raise the ground to mitigate seawater level rise, Ground-Up Initiative embarks on a new journey to move to a new home. The making of the film brought together people from all walks of life who believed in a common vision to write a new chapter in Singapore's environmental story, that is, to love this planet deeper through soil - the very foundation we live on



MURK! 15:00

DIRECTOR: Nikki Tan - Singapore

Unlike other destinations in Southeast Asia, diving conditions in Singapore are limited. Under the murk, however, lies much beauty to be discovered. Inspired by Singapore's rich biodiversity, a group of underwater photographers come together to document the intricate marine life in these waters, advocating for more to love and protect the ocean



Noiseless 11:16

DIRECTOR: Jura Bakx - Netherlands

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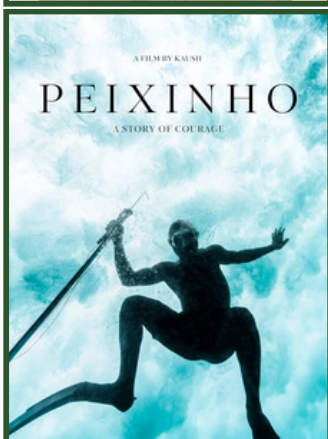
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Our Land, Our Life 13:09

DIRECTOR: Laissa Malih, Franklyne Mudulia - Kenya

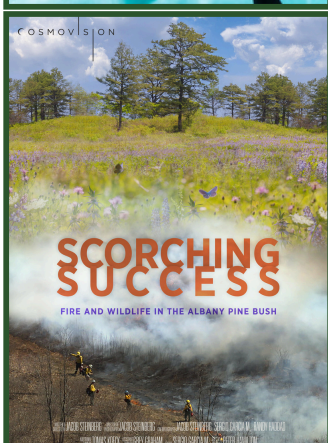
This World Bank/TerrAfrica documentary showcases Ethiopia's success in sustainable land and water management. It highlights how a landscape approach was used to manage land, water and forest resources to meet the goals of food security and inclusive green growth. The lessons drawn are relevant for other countries in the region and other parts of the world fighting land degradation and climate change issues



Peixinho 7:26

DIRECTOR: Kaushiik Subramaniam - UK

In a remote coastal village in Mozambique, where the ocean is both a lifeline and a force of nature, one young man dares to rewrite the narrative of his community. Peixinho is an inspiring tale of resilience and transformation, following the journey of a local hero as he bridges generations and redefines what it means to live in harmony with the sea



Scorching Success 15:52

DIRECTOR: Jacob Steinberg - USA

In New York's Metropolitan Capital, a diverse consortium of experts revives a globally rare ecosystem through a habitat management regime informed by scientific discovery and inspired by Native American fire stewardship. Conservation and film teams unite to uncover indigenous voices, illuminating the historical legacy of fire stewardship that defines the landscape. Together, they weave a narrative celebrating their ongoing preservation successes and honoring the deep Indigenous connection shaping the rich history of this unique landscape



SO(I)LUTION - Organic is not enough 30:00

DIRECTOR: Mario Kreuzer - Austria

The film explores the transformative power of permaculture principles and their potential to inspire a deeper understanding of nature. It demonstrates how these principles can be applied to every aspect of life—farming, business, production and consumption making sustainable living accessible to everyone. Set against the backdrop of a ground breaking project on a date farm, the story showcases innovative efforts to harmonize human activity with the environment

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The Red List 48:44

DIRECTOR: Ross Pierson - UK

Narrated by Iolo Williams. Wales' wild landscapes stand as silent witnesses to an ecological emergency: over a sixth of native plants face extinction. Their survival rests on one botanist, Dr. Kevin McGinn, and his tireless team. The Red List follows Kevin's year-long race to collect seeds from 25 endangered species. Against record-breaking heat, climate change, and personal loss, each seed becomes a fragile act of hope



Unlocking the Mysterious Facts of Fossils 9:35

DIRECTOR: Dr. Alongkot - Chukaew - Thailand

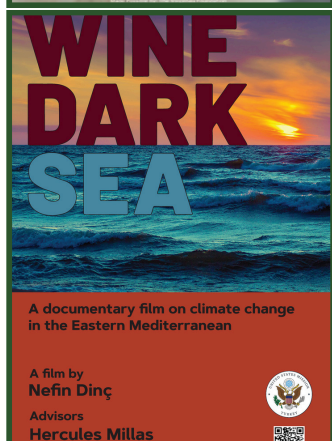
A story of a young girl who has special passion in wildlife animals and environmental preservation since she was a kid, found herself with interest to know the origin and history of all living things and our Earth through Fossils study, as Fossils provide valuable information into facts and knowledge about life existence and extinction



Welcome Home 20:38

DIRECTOR: Alan Lacy - USA

Welcome Home celebrates the incredible story of wolf reintroduction to Colorado. When the people of Colorado voted to return wolves to the state, they set in motion a unique conservation success story. Welcome Home shows the value of returning this iconic and beloved carnivore to Colorado and how the state is recovering wolves in a thoughtful way that cares for wildlife and people



Wine Dark Sea 41:00

DIRECTOR: Nefin Dinc - Greece

This film narrates the profound changes brought about by global warming in the Mediterranean, the sea described as "Wine Dark Sea" by Homer, and its surroundings. Due to global warming, the air, the sea, and the way of life in the Mediterranean are rapidly changing. Simultaneously, individuals from all walks of society and numerous organizations are working to minimize the adverse effects of global warming in the region

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Wood You Believe It? 3:45

DIRECTOR: Cadi Catlow - UK

Twiggy, a lively red squirrel, and Woody, a spirited great spotted woodpecker, share fascinating facts about the unsung heroes of nature—trees. Through playful banter and engaging life-size stop motion models and 2D animation based on vintage naturalist field sketches, Twiggy explains how trees are essential in combating climate change, reducing flooding, and creating cool, thriving ecosystems

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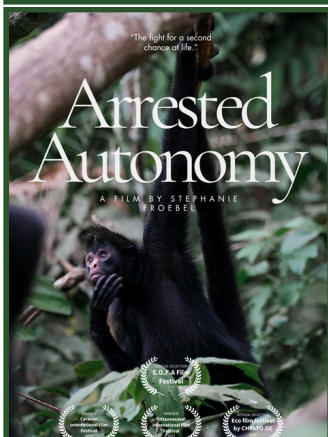
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A Tortoise Called Pumpkin Spice 10:56

DIRECTOR: Laura Albritton - USA

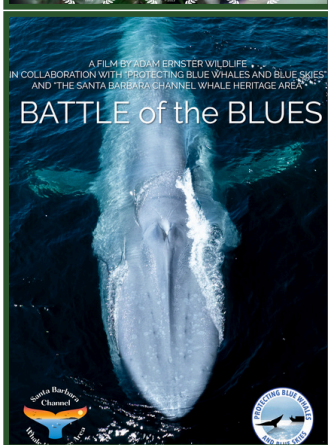
A Tortoise Called Pumpkin Spice captures the moving story of a successful wildlife rescue. follow the tale of Pumpkin Spice, a young gopher tortoise, and discover how scientists are working to ensure the survival of this important keystone species in the American Southeast. THE FILM takes viewers on a fascinating journey, from longleaf forests to a gopher tortoise hatchery. The film features scientists and experts from Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Division and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



Arrested Autonomy 1:15:00

DIRECTOR: Stephanie Froebel - Bolivia

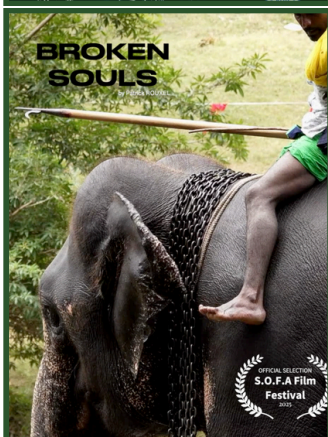
How should humans and nonhuman animals connect? Deep in the Bolivian Amazon, infant spider monkeys Ñoqui, Cesar, and Ness have been rescued from hunters and the illegal pet trade. But returning to the jungle without their mothers is no easy task. Arrested Autonomy follows their uncertain journey as they attempt to reclaim their place in the wild, questioning whether a second chance at true freedom is possible when that freedom must be brokered by humans



Battle Of The Blues 25:34

DIRECTOR: Adam Ernster - USA

"BATTLE of the BLUES," explores the majestic blue whales off Southern California—the largest creatures ever to live on Earth. Through breathtaking visuals and storytelling, it showcases their immense beauty, seasonal migrations, and drone footage captured in the Santa Barbara Channel in 2024. The film also reflects on their near-extinction from whaling and the challenges they face today—ship strikes, noise pollution, and climate change—raising urgent questions about their resilience and uncertain future



Broken Souls 11:00

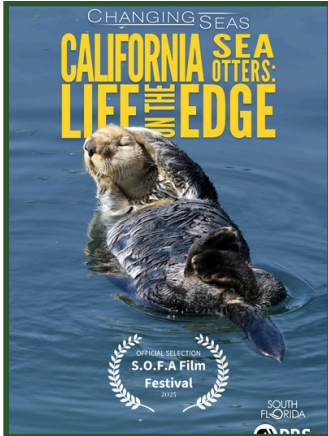
DIRECTOR: Patrick Rouxel - France

Broken Souls shows the contrast between the life of wild elephants and that of the temple elephants in Sri Lanka. It is a poetical film which gives a voice to the elephants who live a life of servitude



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California Sea Otters: Life on the Edge 26:42

DIRECTOR: Alexa Elliott - USA

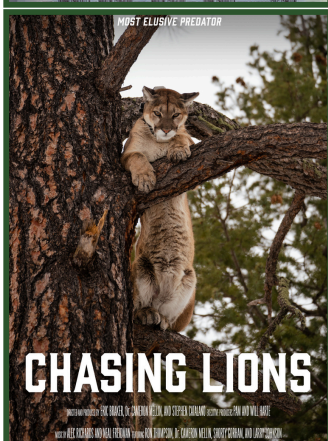
Adored by many for its cuddly appearance, the threatened southern sea otter is a voracious predator that needs to eat the equivalent of 25% of its body weight a day to survive. Once nearly hunted to extinction, this endearing marine weasel has made a slow comeback on California's central coast, demonstrating its role as an ecosystem engineer in the process



Calling the Wild 11:59

DIRECTOR: Brynn Smarrella, Madelin Crawford - USA

A wolf trainer pushes the boundaries of animal medical care by listening and building trust



Chasing Lions 22:00

DIRECTOR: Eric Braker, Cameron Mellin, Stephen Catalano - USA

The hunt to save the America's most elusive predator. With fascinating and rugged characters, to up-close encounters with one of the most feared and elusive predators of the West, "Chasing Lions" is a film that puts the audience in the action, tracking and collaring mountain lions in one of the last great American wilderness areas. A story of passion, sacrifice, duty and dedication



Chota Bheem - The Snared King of Bandhavgarh 24:21

DIRECTOR: Anshuman Sharma - USA

On the morning of November 25th, in Bandhavgarh's Khitauli Zone, we encountered and filmed the legendary tiger Chota Bheem—unaware that it was possibly capturing one of his final appearances. What followed was more than a safari memory—it became a haunting responsibility. The image of Chota Bheem's weary, wounded eyes stayed and became the research of his story and the larger issues of poaching and human-wildlife conflict in India. This was a story that demanded to be told to raise awareness about the fragile state of our forests and the voiceless lives they shelter

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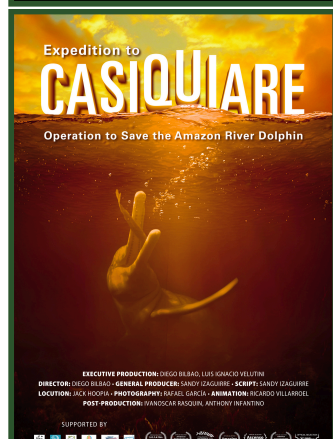
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Ethicall 1:34:35

DIRECTOR: Francesco Bori - Canada

Personally endorsed by Jane Goodall, "Ethicall" is a film celebrating a milestone in vegan history. The vegan society was co-founded on November 1st 1944 in Yorkshire, England by woodworker Donald Watson. This initiated the vegan movement: 2024 marks 80 years of veganism. But is that original dream still enough to change the world today? This completely unique and original documentary, which is made from remotely captured videos by vegans around the world (including US, India, Australia) and previously unheard archive footage, explores that very theme in a celebratory way offering contemporary and historical insights from over the years



Expedition to Casiquiare 24:52

DIRECTOR: Diego Bilbaol - Australia

The Casiquiare 2023 expedition was a binational voyage that explored the only river that naturally connects the Orinoco and Amazon basins. The mission of 15 scientists and four journalists aimed to assess the health of river dolphins and other animals, with a view to designating the area as a Ramsar Site, recognizing its international importance for the conservation of its ecosystems and species



Forest Of Colours 52:00

DIRECTOR: Miguel Anton - Thailand

Thailand's Tenasserim mountains seem like a dark and mysterious place – but what does the jungle look like to the animals living here? Some inhabit unexpected perceptions, others see colours that we cannot imagine... but our guides will be the Langur monkeys, who perceive the world much like we do. Through the eyes of a growing youngster, we will learn some of the secrets of this peaceful, fragile ecosystem



Forty Days Road 29:55

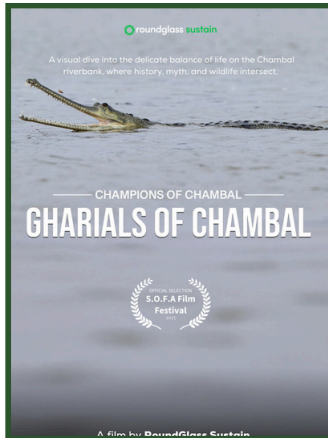
DIRECTOR: Ali Ziani - Germany

In Forty Days Road, two colleagues embark on a journey across Egypt to follow the ancient camel route from Sudan to Cairo, uncovering the harsh realities of transport and the brutal fate awaiting thousands of camels in Egypt's largest market



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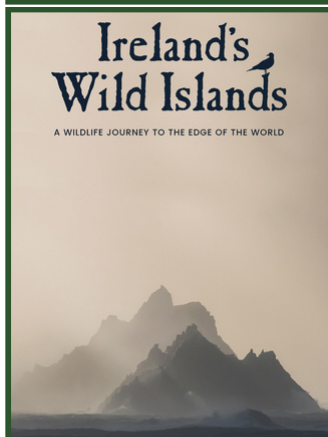


Gharials of Chambal 9:38

DIRECTOR: Shivang Mehta - India

Every winter, the Chambal River echoes with the deep, resonant calls of male gharials. Using their unique bulbous snout, the ghara, they send out love songs across the misty waters. If a female tilts her snout upwards, it's a rare and ancient "yes" in the wild.

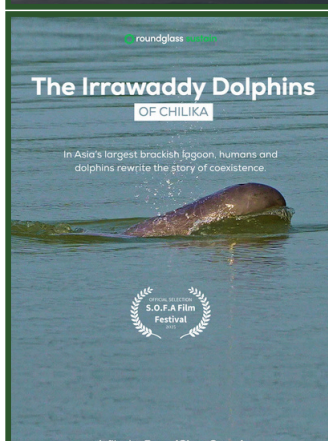
Once on the brink of extinction with fewer than 200 left in the 1970s, gharials in India have made a slow but powerful comeback. Their final refuge? The National Chambal Sanctuary, spanning across Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan, is their last remaining home



Ireland's Wild Islands 50:00

DIRECTOR: John Murray, Jamie Fitzpatrick - Ireland

This spectacular new series features the wildlife wonders of Ireland's Atlantic islands, hosted by Irish presenter Eoin Warner. Revealing striking animal behaviour set in magnificent storm ravaged locations, a 140 year old sailboat is Eoin's base as he sails out in search of Ireland's most stunning islands and their wild residents



Irrawaddys of the Chilika Lagoon 6:23

DIRECTOR: Biont, RoundGlass SustainI - India

Chilika in Odisha, India, is Asia's largest brackish water lagoon. Tourists are known to line up in the area for a glimpse of Chilika's Irrawaddy dolphins, who surface the lagoon only for a quick breath or a peek at their surroundings. Take an exclusive look into the lives of these elusive dolphins, and learn how the people around Chilika are trying to protect their star resident's population



Love Like Ours is Rare 18:23

DIRECTOR: Harry Vlachos, Athena Vlachos - Zambia

A group of Zambian conservationists battle to protect the most trafficked animal in the world



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More Like Paul 22:22

DIRECTOR: Damian Sciberras - UK

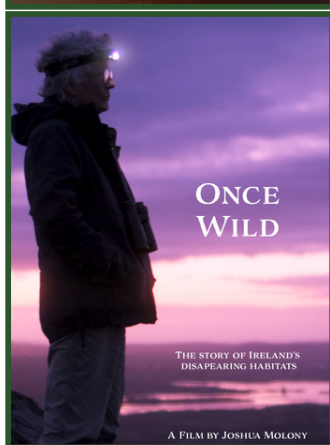
Now 88, Paul Youd is on a mission to complete 100 ultramarathons before his 100th birthday. He defies age and injury, proving that determination can carry us further than we think. As a passionate advocate and fundraiser for animal protection, Paul uses his journey to challenge perceptions and inspire change - championing what's possible with a plant-powered lifestyle. More Like Paul is a life-affirming short documentary about purpose, resilience, and the influence of those who live by example - reminding us that meaningful change can begin with a single step, at any stage of life



On The Red List 12:00

DIRECTOR: Mathilde van Ooijen - UK

They steal your chips, they poo on your car, they keep you up at night, and they dive bomb you on your peaceful walk home. This is what comes to mind for a lot of people when they think of Gulls, so no wonder they would want to rid themselves of these birds... But perhaps there is more to these seabirds? This documentary follows Kevin Newell, a pest controller, who fights for non-lethal and wildlife friendly alternatives by inventing creative solutions to Gull problems; as well as Gull experts Dave Grant and Flo Blackburn, who allow us to see these birds in a new light



Once Wild 9:56

DIRECTOR: Joshua Molony - Ireland

A short Documentary following artist Damaris Lysaght around her home county of Cork. Telling a tale of Ireland's diminishing habitats through the story of the Marsh Fritillary, Ireland's only protected butterfly species



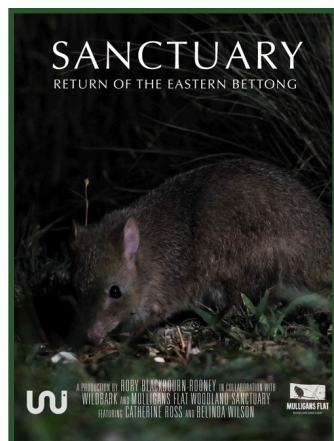
Protect & Conserve 11:06

DIRECTOR: Atzmon Dagan - Israel

"Protect & Conserve" is a poignant short documentary that delves into the crucial efforts undertaken to safeguard endangered marine life. The film focuses on the work of the Marine Megafauna Foundation (MMF) in Mozambique, particularly in the coastal region of Zavora. Through a blend of breathtaking underwater footage and heartfelt narratives, the documentary highlights the conservation initiatives aimed at protecting majestic species like Manta Rays and Humpback Whales, which are increasingly threatened by human activities and environmental changes

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Sanctuary - Return of the Eastern Bettong 8:54



DIRECTOR: Rory Blackbourn-Rooney - Australia

The Eastern Bettong has been extinct on mainland Australia for over a hundred years. This small marsupial was once common and widespread, until European colonisation pushed them to the brink. This short documentary shares a unique insight into the lives of Eastern Bettongs. It tells their story from persecution and local extinction, to their comeback and return thanks to Australian conservation scientists



Savé Valley 51:18

DIRECTOR: Eduardo Barrachina - Spain

Zimbabwe. A vast valley. After generations of farming, has seen its natural environment restored. Thousands of large animals have been relocated from other parks, marking a unique project in the world. Wild dogs, elephants, rhinos, lions or hyenas once again reign over the valley. We will capture their lives, their remarkable survival techniques, and their adaptation to their new home.

This is Savé Valley, a wild miracle



Saving Jaguars and Ourselves 1:49:59



DIRECTOR: Susan Perz - USA

The Pantanal cannot survive without the Amazon and neither can we. Jaguars here are known by their rosette spot patterns and their names, thanks to Abbie Martin's Jaguar Identification Project and the passion of local people and tourists for protecting and cherishing jaguars and 5,000 species of wildlife, including 700 species of birds that live in the Pantanal, the world's largest wetland



Sentosa 15:44

DIRECTOR: Ian Mun - Singapore

Sentosa is an inspiring tale of love resilience, and transformation, told through the eyes of an islander who has witnessed Pulau Blakang Mati evolve into Sentosa. The film chronicles the island's journey from a quiet haven to a bustling tourism hub, highlighting conservation efforts that preserve its natural beauty. A tribute to Sentosa's rich heritage and its unsung heroes, the film reminds us of the power of community, connection, and the shared responsibility of safeguarding a place where nature and progress coexist in balance

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Shamwari Untamed 53:54

DIRECTOR: Janine Joubert, Andrew Barratt - South Africa

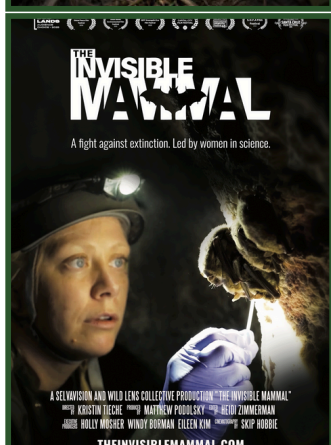
oin the Shamwari Private Game Reserve's renowned conservation team, led by pioneering veterinarian Dr. Johan Joubert and senior ecologist Dr. John O'Brien, as they protect and conserve one of Africa's most remarkable wildlife areas. They rehabilitate and rewild newly acquired land, which includes the capturing and relocation of zebras, elephants, buffalo, rhinos and lions. They also implement cutting-edge AI technology to combat rhino poaching.



Stranded 17:38

DIRECTOR: Joshua Bruni - USA

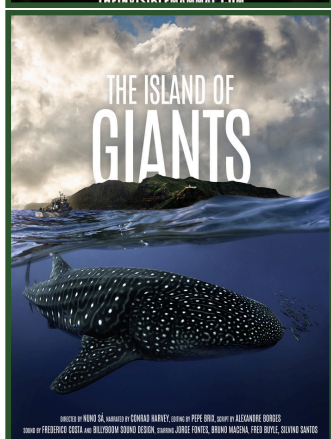
Lauren Rust and Tracy Kowalczyk are the only two people responsible for responding to stranded marine mammals along the entire coastline of South Carolina. They conduct a variety of research on the dolphins of South Carolina, such as boat surveys and necropsy's, to further their education and awareness to the public on the human impacts on the dolphins such as boat strikes, entanglements, and harassment



The Invisible Mammal 1:29:12

DIRECTOR: Kristin Tieche - USA

Against the backdrop of the sixth mass extinction, an all-woman team of biologists set out to save bats from a deadly fungal disease, but when the COVID-19 pandemic interrupts their work, they are sent down a path of discovery that illuminates the connections between bat conservation and the spread of infectious disease



The Island of Giants 52:00

DIRECTOR: Nuno Sá - Portugal

The Azores. One of the most remote recently tuna fishermen of one of its smallest islands have had close encounters with a population of large Whale Sharks, completely unknown to science.

Now a team of scientists equipped with special cameras will try to discover what is this mysterious relationship between whale sharks and large schools of tunas.

But as they descend on a submarine towards the deep waters of the Azores, they will have an encounter that will forever change what we know about the life of the largest fish in the world

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The Leap Beneath 4:30

DIRECTOR: Roman Willi - Switzerland

rated by Coyote Peterson, this film dives into the hidden world beneath the forest floor. Follow a springtail's clumsy quest for food through a bustling ecosystem where mites, beetles, and other tiny creatures keep the forest alive



The Louisiana Swamp 18:32

DIRECTOR: David P. Glatz, Shiela P. Glatz - USA

Common perceptions and media depictions of the swamp ecosystem usually portray a dark, dank place filled with monsters. It's described as a place of death. Our film acknowledges these negative impressions and aims to dispel them by showcasing some of the area's stunning fauna and unique flora. The film presents factual details of species and habitat, and refutes several false myths, legends and rumors targeting specific species



The Mud Pack 6:10

DIRECTOR: Ashwika Kapur - India

The Sundarbans mudflats are rife with tiny evolutionary curiosities that come alive with the waning tide — watch a battle in the muck, and the fine seduction of a fiddler crab



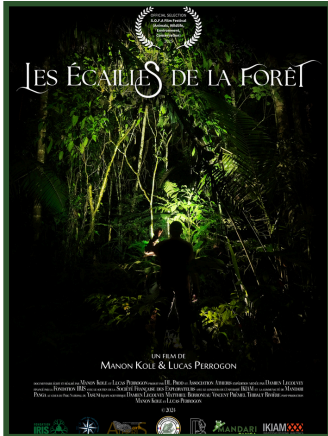
The Real Yellowstone 1:27:00

DIRECTOR: Tom Opre - USA

THE REAL YELLOWSTONE reveals the untold story of America's ranching families, who for generations have lived at the intersection of land, livestock, and wildlife. Far from the romanticized television version, this film immerses viewers in the gritty realities of rural life, where families struggle to hold onto their heritage while facing rising costs, shifting policies, predator conflict, and the pull of urban expansion

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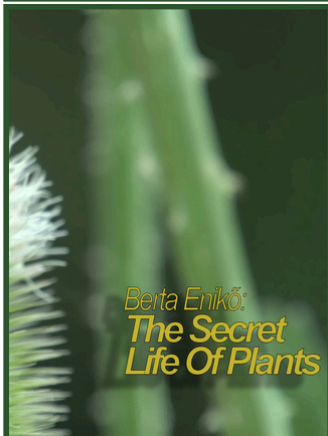
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The Scales of the Forest 52:00

DIRECTOR: Manon Kole, Lucas Perrogon - France

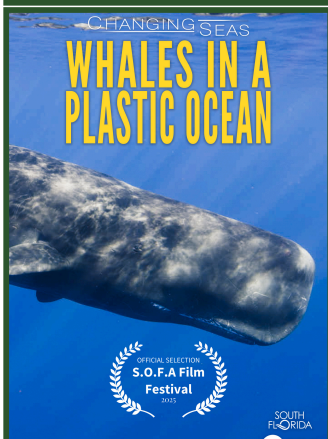
A plant or animal species disappears every 20 minutes worldwide. That's over 26,000 species a year. Far fewer are being discovered, and by cross-referencing information, it seems likely that some species are disappearing before they have even been recorded. In Yasuni National Park, the territory of the Kichwa and Huaorani peoples, the team carried out a biodiversity inventory in the following categories: herpetology and ornithology



The Secret Life Of Plants 52:10

DIRECTOR: Enikő Berta - Hungary

The knowledge of how plants live stops at one point for the average person: They need to be watered, and then they will grow. But plants are not passively vegetative creatures. They record the events of the past, plan for the future, and ruthlessly keep their own interests in mind. They have "cunning tactics" that we are only now beginning to truly discover. And let's face it, who would have thought that the insignificant little bracken fern bush we pass on a spring walk was actually a thousand years old?



Whales in a Plastic Ocean 26:42

DIRECTOR: Alexa Elliott - USA

Far out in the eastern Atlantic, the Portuguese island of Madeira rises from the depths of the open ocean. Despite its remote location, the archipelago is impacted by floating plastic trash. Researchers with MARE-Madeira study the effects plastics, and their chemical compounds, have on the health of marine mammals that frequent local waters



What Ravens Do 51:50

DIRECTOR: Vance Crofoot - USA

We delve deep into the intricate tapestry of raven life, capturing moments that unveil their profound intelligence, intricate social dynamics, lifelong bonds, and complex communication skills. From their playful nature to the tender bonds they forge, 'What Ravens Do' promises to transport you into the heart of their realm, offering a glimpse into a world both extraordinary and awe inspiring

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Wild Transylvania: The Land Beyond the Forest 52:20

DIRECTOR: John Murray, Jamie Fitzpatrick - Transylvania

A blue chip special on the wildlife and wild places of one of the world's most iconic locations – Transylvania; a mythical land beyond the forests hiding some of Europe's last true wilderness regions. Its soaring Carpathian Mountains and vast ancient forests still provide sanctuary for some of Europe's most charismatic animals - wolves, bears and lynx. In Transylvania history, folklore and nature create a very special blend of wild magic

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A Promise of Paradise 15:39

DIRECTOR: Thomas Machowicz - USA

The quiet fields of Oklahoma become the backdrop for an unexpected ethical awakening. Dan Peterson took up cattle ranching as a retirement project. After sending his first group of cattle to slaughter, he was struck by a deep sense of regret. Moved by this experience, Dan decided that he would send the rest of his cattle to sanctuaries, determined to offer them safety and a chance at a peaceful life



AnimalZone: Faithful Until Death 30:00

DIRECTOR: William G. Conlin - USA

In this evocative episode of AnimalZone, we accompany Dr. Paul Koudounaris, the distinguished author of Faithful Unto Death, on a journey through the poignant history of pet cemeteries. Filmed amidst the solemn beauty of Nevada's Boulder City Pet Cemetery, Dr. Koudounaris unveils tales that traverse time and geography, illustrating humanity's enduring devotion to its animal companions. Among the many stories, we learn of "Flash," a descendant of the legendary Rin Tin Tin, who rests within the very grounds of Boulder City Pet Cemetery.



Cycling For Sanctuaries 18:36

DIRECTOR: Clare Gibson - Canada

One man cycles across Canada, stopping at various animal sanctuaries on the way, to raise awareness of the important work that they are doing



Dog\$piracy 1:38:07

DIRECTOR: Paul Crompton - UK

A documentary following English veterinarian, Dr Marc Abraham OBE (aka Marc the Vet), as he seeks to stop the cruel puppy mills industry, end puppy smuggling and ban US pet stores from selling puppies. His campaign work takes him to Wales, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Washington DC and Westminster. But in amongst the political elite, he discovers conspiracies in both Britain and America. An eye-opening film, not to be missed



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For The Love Of Dogs 30:00

DIRECTOR: Rebecca Appehl Larsson - Ireland

7510 stray and abandoned dogs entered Ireland's dog pounds in a single year. Only 1429 of them were reclaimed. What happens to the rest? The pound is only required to hold a dog for five days; after that, it can be euthanised. All over Ireland, pounds are overflowing with dogs while rescue volunteers work tirelessly to save as many dogs as they can before their time is up



Forever Home 12:15

DIRECTOR: Eric J Carlson - USA

A rescued dog deals with dementia



Helping Paws 15:33

DIRECTOR: Madeline Toal - Canada

Pets are amazing for the mental and emotional health of their owners - but for those who can't look after a pet, can a robotic animal give them the same comfort and companionship?



Homeless 35:00

DIRECTOR: Amjad Soussi - Egypt

Belal lives in Egypt's Omrania neighborhood with his dogs Roy, Shiba, France, and cats Sho-Sho, Lolo. The film follows Belal's life, who has a mercy towards homeless animals in spite of his social obstacles. He takes care of them and makes his house as a shelter for them. We see how Belal was able to find adopters for his animals in the United Kingdom with the assistance of Anna, a Canadian girl of Chinese ancestry whom Belal met through a Facebook

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Meet The Chickens 27:43

DIRECTOR: Tracey Winter Glover - USA

“Meet the Chickens” introduces viewers to Sunshine, baby Tara, JoJo Eloise, Hari, and others who miraculously escaped animal agriculture and found their way to sanctuary. This short, heartwarming film challenges stereotypes, showing chickens as unique individuals with rich personalities and emotions. Full of love and resilience, their stories remind us that chickens want to live, and that they deserve compassion, respect, and freedom as we all do



Passing the Leash: A Service Dog's Tribute 31:30

DIRECTOR: Jamie Hoyt - USA

From above, Dixon, a late service dog, watches as Lucas, a new pup, steps into his paws to serve a disabled veteran healing from cancer and PTSD. Narrated from Dixon's perspective, blending humor, tenderness, and wisdom as he offers celestial guidance on love, loyalty, and care. This deeply personal short explores resilience, legacy, and the sacred bond between a service dog and their person



Pierre's Tale 12:48

DIRECTOR: Mariclare Carey-Jones - UK

French Bulldogs are small dogs with big personalities, and they don't come much bigger than my Frenchie, Pierre. But these dogs also have big health issues. This is the story of the problems French Bulldogs face because of their breed, and the campaign to stop their suffering



Portrait Of Pockets 12:14

DIRECTOR: Brina Romanek - Canada

Portrait of Pockets tells the tale of a capuchin monkey named Pockets Warhol, who uses his unlikely talent of painting to gain worldwide fame and save the primate sanctuary he calls home



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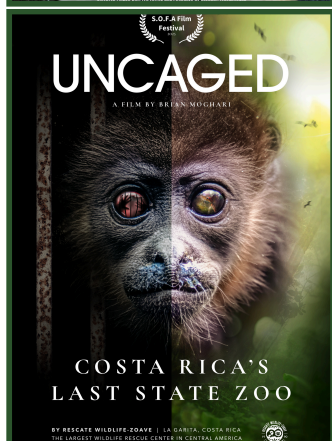
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Stray Hearts 29:59

DIRECTOR: Gregory Tereschenko - Kyrgyzstan

Stray Hearts is a documentary about the lives of stray dogs in Kyrgyzstan. After losing his best friend Clyde, the narrator goes on to help one of the dog funds. Upon arriving he's stunned to see hundreds of dogs. It is when he meets the founder of the fund, Ilya and later on Elena, the founder of Kovcheg shelter. To learn more about the overpopulation of stray dogs in Kyrgyzstan and find out whether it is the consequences of our own actions



Uncaged 11:36

DIRECTOR: Brian Moghari - Costa Rica

In May 2024, Costa Rica closed its last state-run zoos. On that historic day, Rescate Wildlife Rescue Center received all 190 animals. This short film tells the story of their arrival — and, for some, their journey back to the wild



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Life In A Sanctuary 21:13

DIRECTOR: Amruta Nair - India

'Life in a Sanctuary' is a film about a young goat named Kishore who takes us on an unforgettable journey through his home at Ahimsa Farm Animal Sanctuary. Narrating the story in his own charming voice, Kishore introduces us to his quirky animal family and the humans who care for them. Together, they share tales of friendship and the freedom they've found after being rescued from tough beginnings.



Rosie Rescues Her Precious Planet 6:00

DIRECTOR: Joel Stephen Fleming - Australia

A brave and wise Treeble named Rosie leads her community in a fight to save their pristine planet from the destructive Dregs, teaching them the value of sustainability and harmony with nature.



The Forest Of The Honey Bees 20:00

DIRECTOR: Erwan Le Gal - France

Isabelle is a violinist-beekeeper in the Ouessant island. She protects her bees and she inspires her daughter with stories and legend about the honey bee.



Trip To The Forest 1:01:00

DIRECTOR: Sławomir Mielnik - Poland

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