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# LIFE ON FIRE

4\*1h Natural History + 2\*1h science - HD - 5.1 soundtrack  
2010 - 2011



LIFE ON FIRE

Volcanoes are one of the most spectacular and powerful forces on our planet. They create new land, change landscapes and destroy civilisations, but more than two billion years ago they also breathed life into our world.

From the ocean abyss to snow-covered summits, this ambitious series paints a detailed picture of the struggles and amazing intimacy required to survive around volcanoes.

Spectacular scenery provides the backdrop for the extraordinary animals and plants that have learned to juggle with fire. Fragile and engaging, these creatures teach us lessons in survival in a world as fascinating as it is dangerous.

## NATURAL HISTORY

### 1/ ASH RUNNERS

On the volcanic island of New Britain, a handful of animals have learned to live with the sporadic anger of the Earth. When ash from an eruption invades their habitat, the choice seems simple: stay and adapt, or leave.



### 2/ PIONEERS OF THE DEEP

In the vast emptiness of the Pacific Ocean, tectonic movements construct or destroy islands. In the Tongan archipelago, two little-known animals have learnt to cope with these ephemeral lands: the sooty tern, a seabird that never dares wet its wings for fear of drowning and the Alvin shrimp, a blind crustacean that nonetheless manages to find its way around the abyss. When an underwater volcano becomes an island, the fates of these two living paradoxes are linked.



### 3/ ICE JUMPERS

In Kamchatka and Alaska, many animals share the same volcanic environment. Adapted to survive the merciless winters, these creatures now have to cope with the extreme heat of volcanic explosions. How do they do this? Not constrained by international borders, many jump from one side of the Pacific Ocean to the other.



### 4/ PHOENIX TEMPLES

Central American volcanoes have created a number of rich and varied ecosystems, from the depths of the jungle to the prairies. But when a volcano awakens, the animals and plants are faced with a situation that they have never confronted before. In a torrent of ash and fire, the animals either die or move to a less volatile volcano to give birth to the next generation.



## SCIENCE

### 5/ VOLCANO DOCTORS

Whether the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Colombia, Chile, Italy or Iceland, each of these countries is home to active volcanoes that are a threat to the populations settled at their feet. To avoid disasters, volcanologists are asked to anticipate and warn, they are asked to be prophets and to know how to analyze the volcanoes' slightest tremors. Around the world, these volcano doctors use their tools and knowledge to try and protect those who live in the path of the Earth's fire.



### 6/ EUROPEAN VOLCANOES, WHO'S NEXT?

Following the eruption of the Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajökull, European skies were paralyzed for days. Prominent volcano experts foresee eruptions of much greater magnitude in the near future, not only in Iceland but across Europe. Following scientists in the field, this episode answers in detail questions about the human, social and economic consequences of volcano eruptions. Will Europe be ready to deal with other eruptions in the future?



# BUILDING GREEN

4\*1h series - HD - 5.1 soundtrack  
2009



The world is about to suffer a catastrophic energy crisis. By 2050, the Earth's fossil fuel resources will be largely depleted while the need for energy increases.

## **Fire, water, air and earth**

Mankind is currently defying all 4 basic elements to engineer big, useful, ambitious and environmentally friendly projects that will shape our future on Planet Earth and even plant the seeds for the colonization of other planets. Indeed, this series defies imagination with visually explicit footage and revolutionary filming techniques. After identifying humanity's current needs, all the expensive projects it portrays are the result of years of research and development and are currently in construction for at least several extra years. Thanks to CGI and stunning cinematography, dramatic but humoristic storytelling, each episode turns hard science into engaging and easily understandable TV programming.

## 1/ MASDAR CITY

Enter Masdar, which will be the world's first "carbon-neutral" city - a self-sustaining, energy-independent metropolis built in the oil-rich emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Can the vision of a zero-waste, zero carbon-village change the way the rest of the world's cities are built? An international team of engineers will try to find out... but they are facing a deadline that needs to see the entire city finished... in two years!



## 2/ EARTH POWER



The earth's core is boiling with energy. Big and clean: one of the most promising alternative energy for the future is geothermal energy. Engineering teams are developing the technological know-how to sink wells 16 000 feet into dangerously high temperatures and pressures. We follow their bold expeditions deep into the earth's heart and their quest for clean energy. Anytime, anywhere.

## 3/ POWER TOWER

In downtown Guangzhou China, one of the "greenest" structures on earth is rising – a nearly 1,000 foot tall skyscraper with built-in wind-turbines, aerodynamic structure and a photo-voltaic façade... the first building that will actually generate more power than it uses!



## 4/ SUN ON EARTH



Nuclear fusion a, clean, safe and unlimited source of energy. But unfortunately, it is incredibly difficult to master. And there's more than one way of going about it. While the construction of ITER, the international super Tokamak, is about to start in Southern France, international teams of scientists around the world are working flat out to solve physics and engineering problems. Putting their rivalries aside, all these scientists share their knowledge of plasma, the fourth state of matter after its gaseous phase. Only when the secrets of plasma are mastered will the gates to fusion open.

# LORDS OF THE OCEANS

7h and bonus

## *Lords Of The Oceans*

Discover the oceans through their most charismatic ambassadors: the lords of the oceans.

Swim with dolphins, fur seals, sperm whales, orcas, sharks, polar bears and leopard seals. Seven legendary animals, seven breathtaking stories to plunge in their mysterious realm. Across the seven seas, from the Arctic to tropical lagoons, from the surface to the abyss. Ten years of filming, serious risks, dedicated film crews and one result: a landmark series.

## SPERM WHALES, LORDS OF THE ABYSS



This is an incredible but true odyssey of a family of sperm whales facing rapid changes in the so-called "Roaring Forties". These deep divers have survived harpoons, fishing lines, or even killer whales. Their secret energy comes from their favourite but elusive snacks: the large squids and other aliens of the abyss.

## ORCAS, LORDS OF THE COLD SEAS



In the icy waters surrounding the Crozet archipelago, meet Delphine, a young female killer whale who gradually learns with her family how to find her bearings, to hunt whales or even to strand in order to catch elephant seals. An up close and personal portrait shot over a period of 4 years.

## SHARKS, LORDS OF THE TROPICS



The tropical lagoon of New Caledonia is above all a paradise for sharks. Usually considered as fierce predators, sharks really are opportunistic scavengers. They are not too picky when it comes to their menu: feathers, fins or fur, anything will do. Even the largest of all, a blue whale, could be on the menu.

## FUR SEALS, LORDS OF THE WAVES



Far from amusement parks, fur seals in the wild present a very different face from that of playful creatures. Half way between a tale and an investigation, this film set around isolated islands of the Indian Ocean follows the destiny of a young male fur seal, who kills and plays more than what seems necessary.

## DOLPHINS, LORDS OF THE SHALLOWS



They have always been considered friends to humans. But from a fish's perspective, dolphins are merciless killers that lay down the law in lagoons or mangroves and keep sharks at bay. Their secret: group assistance. This revelatory film unveils a vast range of hunting and social behaviours of these charismatic animals.

## POLAR BEARS, LORDS OF THE ARCTIC



Casting brother and sister polar bear cubs, this film focuses on their education in a rapidly changing environment. Adapting their cultural background to ever-warmer summers means changing their techniques and diet. A visually stunning and heartbreaking showcase of the way of life of the largest land predator.

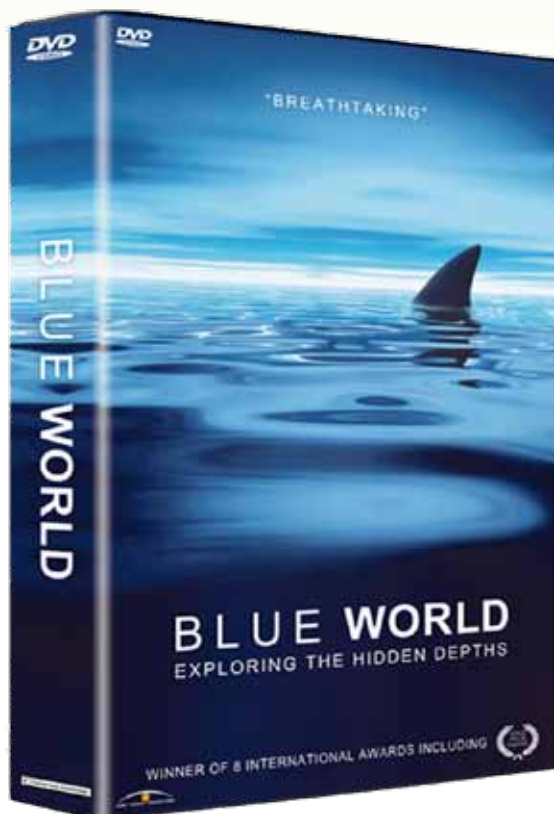
## LEOPARD SEALS, LORDS OF ANTARCTICA



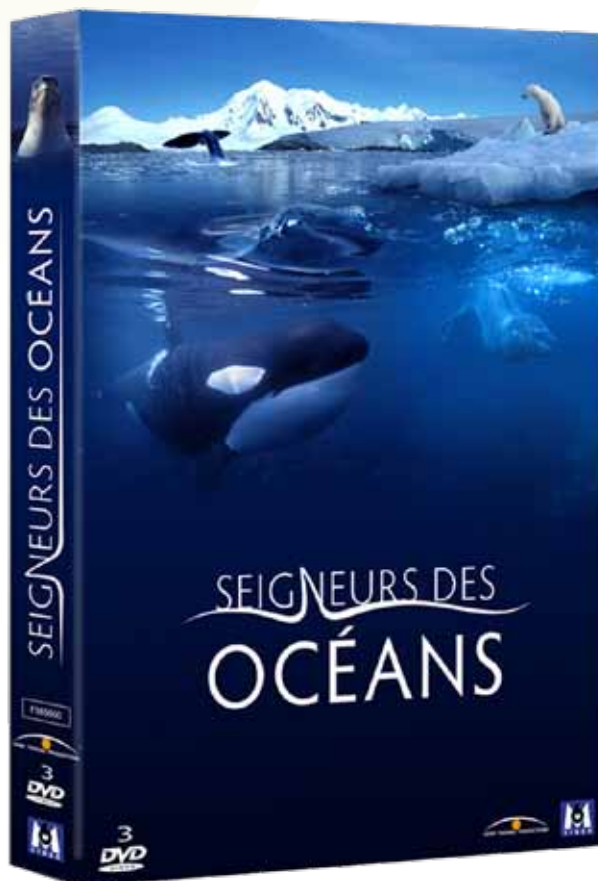
Leopard seals are ferocious predators of the Antarctic that charge unwary trespassers on the ice, be they human or penguin. Göran Ehlme is one of the rare divers in the world who dares to defy their deadly jaws in order to gain their trust and uncover the mystery of their natural but puzzling aggressive temper.



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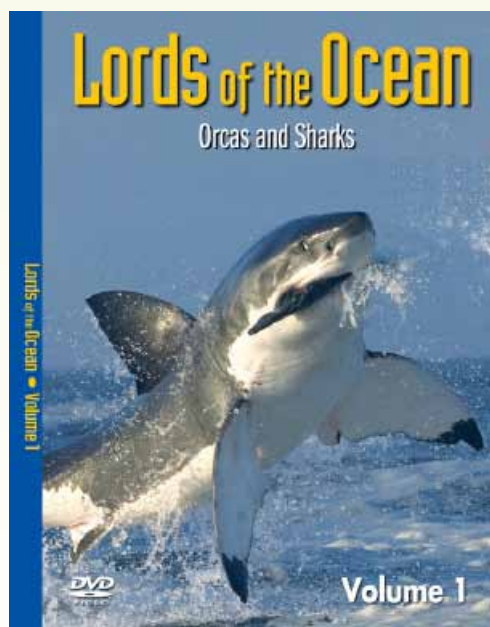
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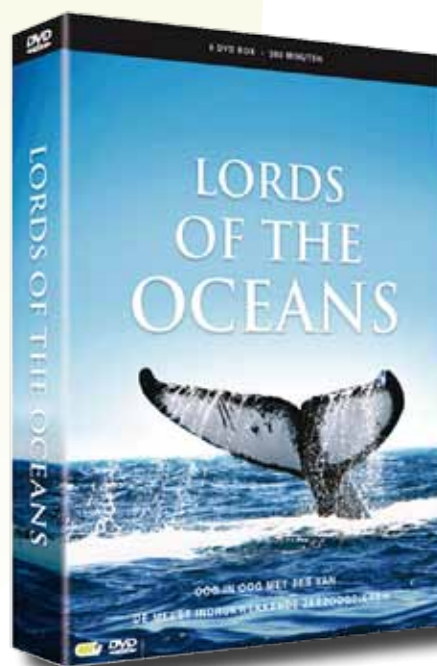
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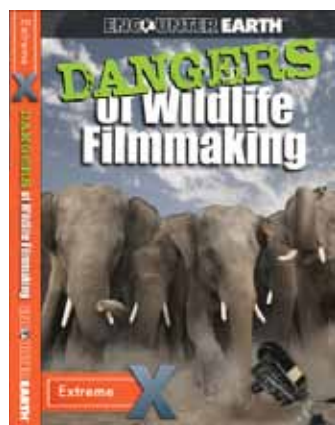
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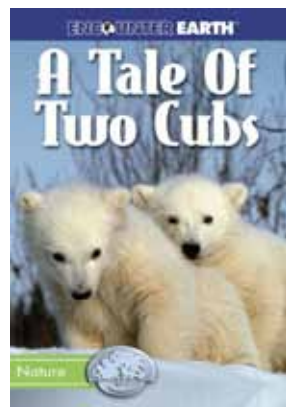
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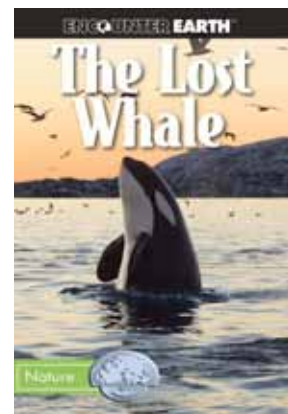
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# ANIMALS LIKE US

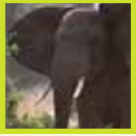
12h package and bonus



## ANIMALS LIKE US

How similar are animals to human?  
At first glance, we don't have much in common.  
Forget the pressure of religion, culture and society.  
Dismantle old beliefs and face the truth.  
Mankind is no longer a separate product in the evolution of species.  
After 5 years of filming, this evergreen series reveals how animals did it first.

## ANIMAL LANGUAGE



As recent research has shown that animals chatter in dialects, use specific and purposeful cries and master some sign language, it is about time to redefine the concept of language.

## ANIMAL MEDICINE



Some animals have mastered the art of poison, the use of healing herbs or leaves, the ingestion of bones as extras in their diet, and even fruit acid as pesticides. Truly fascinating!

## ANIMAL ADOPTION



Yes, animals do adopt other animals from their own or even from a different species. Is there an evolutionary advantage in such an altruistic behaviour?

## ANIMAL POLITICS



Slavery, democracy, schemes, right of veto, coalitions, seduction, manipulation and even mediation are no news to animals when the time comes to fulfil one's ambitions.

## ANIMAL TOOL USE



Another definition of humanity collapses as animals are found using various tools, from stones to sticks including other animals. Some even craft hooks out of pandanus tree leaves!

## ANIMAL PLAY



Like us, animals need to play for their social, locomotive or physiological improvement. It may be dangerous or energy draining, but even reptiles do engage in sophisticated games.

## ANIMAL EMOTIONS



Some scientists defy the rules of animal study and prove that animals can suffer, be sad or guilty and feel fear or anger in order to suggest a radical change in our perception of animals.

## ANIMAL CULTURE



Numerous scientific studies have now proven that man is not the only cultural species since some animals also acquire knowledge, which requires a learning process. Is culture natural?

## ANIMAL BUSINESS



“Give me this, I will give you that”. From the abyss to the cornfields, this definition of trade finds an equivalent in nature through the exchanges and cooperation animals practice to survive.

## ANIMAL HOMOSEXUALITY



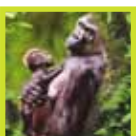
Scientific fact: more than 450 species of animals do engage in homosexual behaviour through courtship, pair bonding, affection, parenting or sex. A huge sociological implication for us.

## ANIMAL WEB



Long before the advent of the Internet, some animals like silk spinners mastered the transmission of information, codes and defined protocols to communicate.

## OUR ANIMAL MOTHERHOOD



To complete the series, this episode flips the mirror and revisits the myth of instincts, in particular maternal instinct, to realise that Mother Nature still thrives within us.

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# BE A PREDATOR

Season 1

(2x1h)

Imagine you are swimming under Antarctic ice or diving the Marianna abyss.

Imagine you can suddenly see in the depths of the sea, decode radar waves and detect electric fields.

1,2,3... you are a killer whale or else a dolphin, a bear or a leopard seal !

Using the latest technologies of image treatment and stock footage from Saint Thomas Productions' extensive film library, this wildlife series presents an insider's view of the predators' life and senses. Both spectacular and entertaining, the series gives a modern outlook on nature and its most spectacular ambassadors: predators.

Each episode depicts a predator and its hunting techniques in its natural habitat. Following the principles of a food chain, the programmes jump from one animal to the next, from hunter to prey.

## POLES

*Directed by: Julien NAAR and Frédéric BERNADICOU*



Close up shot of a bear inhaling the frozen air. From the bear's point of view, we understand that... he is smelling a seal. This odour is that of a young ringed seal hidden under a thin layer of snow. Under the ice shelf, protected from bears by several meters of frozen ice, belugas are hunting halibut. In their tridimensional environment, individuals can communicate the good hunting spots while kilometres apart. At the South Pole, leopard seals hunt in silence. But they are nonetheless excellent tacticians. Their hunt is based on their excellent sight, experience and a perfect knowledge of their prey's calendar. When do the parent penguins go off to feed at sea, when do they return? The answers to these questions are all part of the leopard seal's hunting culture. When his hunting season comes to an end at fall, the Northern spring wakes the polar bear which goes off to hunt. Our year in the lives of Pole predators comes to a close.

## OCEANS

*Directed by: Julien NAAR and Frédéric BERNADICOU*



An underwater camera passes swiftly over a coralline sandbank then stops on a black and image of a razor fish lurking in wait. Several bottlenose dolphins forage in this location. The mothers use echolocation to spot razor fish and teach their young how to master this sophisticated sense that we don't know. Other bottlenose dolphins have developed yet another spectacular application of this sense: they hunt grey mullets in the muddy mangrove waters and strand them on the banks. But how is it possible to hunt in the darkness of the abyss without this super-sense ? Seals have found an answer to this question, thanks to their vibrissae. These whiskers can detect the movements of prey in total darkness. But what can really be seen with these whiskers and how do they use them ? That is what a young sea lioness in Patagonia and a grey seal in Scotland learn... before they suddenly end up in the jaws of a super-predator, a killer whale. How can they resist ? To rule over the oceans, this animal an array of senses, a hunting culture transmitted from one generation to the next and an adaptability to changing environmental conditions.

# THE WORLD OF LUC JACQUET

3h package



From 1995 to 2002, Saint Thomas productions launched the career of Luc JACQUET, the renowned director of March of the Penguins. From his very first to his very latest film, each documentary of this retrospective reveals his favourite places and animals, and above all, his secrets: finding strong stories, staying as true as possible to the biology of the animals and suggesting anthropomorphic creations.

## PENGUIN BAYWATCH

In the summer, space become dear on the beaches of the sub-Antarctic island where penguins and sea elephants live jumbled up together, caught in the throes of breeding.

## THE TICK AND THE BIRD

Once upon a time, there was a flea, who lived buried deep in the feathers of a Laysan albatross...

## SPRINGTIME FOR THE WEDDELL SEALS

On the surface of the ice and in the underwater labyrinths, the camera follows a young Weddell seal during the first weeks of its life. Although their environment is quite inhospitable, it is of the most exquisite beauty.

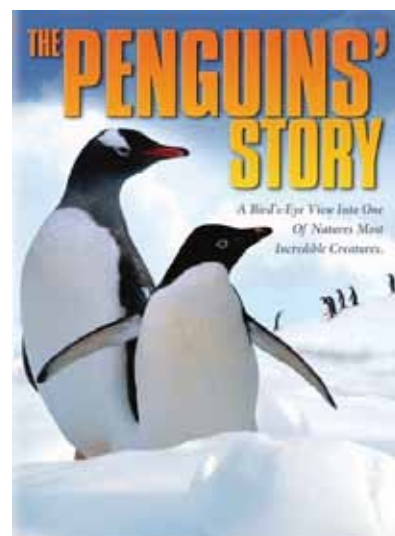
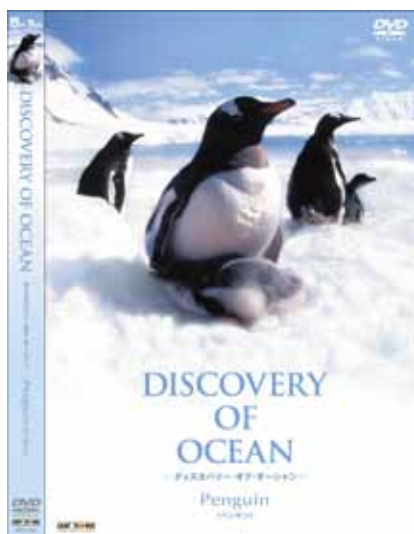
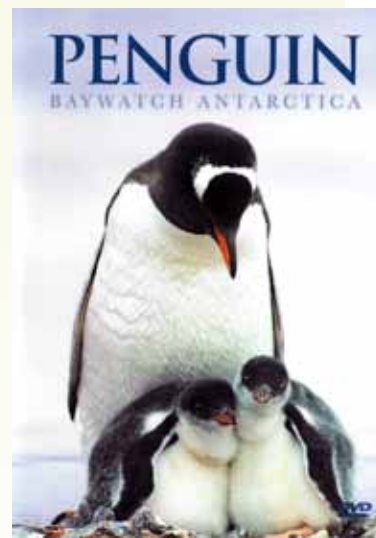
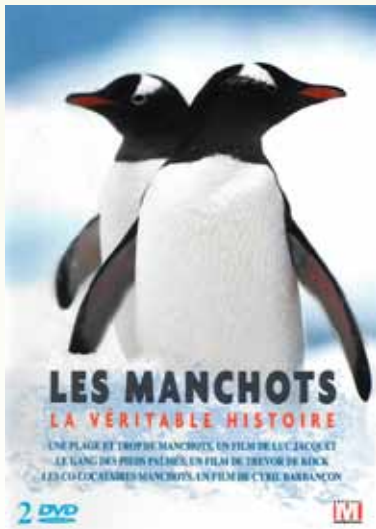
## THE LEOPARD SEAL'S SHARE

Leopard seals are, along with killer whales, the only major predators of the Southern seas. Each year at the end of summer in the southern hemisphere, leopard seals reach the coastlines of Graham Land to hunt penguins gathered there in large numbers to raise their young.

# PENGUIN BAYWATCH - ANTARCTICA

1h special

An Antarctic epic that follows the Macaroni, Adelie, Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins during their summer annual congress. Surrounded by their predator-neighbours - seals, leopard seals, and giant petrels, the penguins once again begin their annual fight for survival. Clumsy on land but graceful underwater, quarrelsome but gregarious, adapted to hostile environments but eternal victims of predators; unfaithful lovers but responsible parents – these charismatic animals have captured the hearts of the world.



# CONFLICTS OF NATURE

4h package



Once upon a time in nature was an animal facing a dilemma: eating or be eaten? To answer this question, this revelatory and multi-awarded series of tales focuses on the secret life of some unsuspected wild, fanged or feathered heroes, which are followed through their entire life cycle. Depicting spectacular behaviour in a non-bloody way, this series is suitable for family audience.

## CONFLICTS IN A POND



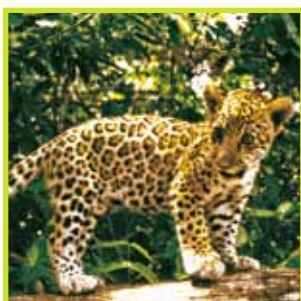
This is the unusual story of a little-known insect: the water beetle. Having spent the winter beneath the ice, the water beetle, which can walk, swim, and fly, stirs with the first signs of spring. Its habitat: a small pond. Its neighbours: dragonflies, frogs and newts. Its daily life: survival. Between two skirmishes, it gives birth to some twenty larvae of varying kinds... only the most voracious will make it to adulthood before the pond dries out.

## CONFLICTS IN A RIVER



At the foot of Uganda's roaring Murchison falls live two eternal enemies: the monitor and the Nile crocodile. Despite the crocodile's reign of terror within the river, the stealthy monitor is master of the banks where it steals and devours their vulnerable eggs. The first days of the young Nile crocodile are a series of nightmares: if it survives the monitor's attacks, it must avoid the swooping attacks of perch and eagles. Once adult, it becomes the undisputed master of the river and seeks to devour its erstwhile enemies one by one.

## CONFLICTS IN THE JUNGLE



In the Amazon jungle of French Guyana, a young jaguar is preparing to become master of the forest. Creatures fiercer than he however, contest his reign over the territory. These six-legged beasts are none other than the fearsome warrior ants. Over several days we will follow the nomadic pursuits of this ant colony who will eventually cross paths with the young jaguar in his life-learning adventures. These ants uproot their home every single day, travelling by night in groups one million strong. With an instinct for solidarity, they work as a cohesive group. Despite their unity, we will witness the subtle struggle for power between the Queen and a pretender. Little by little, we begin to understand these peculiar ants that like the jaguar do not go unnoticed by the other inhabitants of the forest.

## CONFLICTS AROUND A TREE



The plains of the Masai Mara in Kenya, a dominant male, twenty submissive females, two warring brothers, a tree of forbidden fruit, a snake: this is the olive baboon version of Genesis. Effortlessly combining scientific rigor, objectivity and humour, this documentary spends eight months around a «dormitory-tree» in the intimacy of a troop of baboons caught up in hierarchical conflicts. They have to put up with anything: floods, rivalries, alliances, parasites, and even cheetah attacks. Only a unified troop could possibly overcome these ordeals...

# FUNNY ANIMALS

1h special

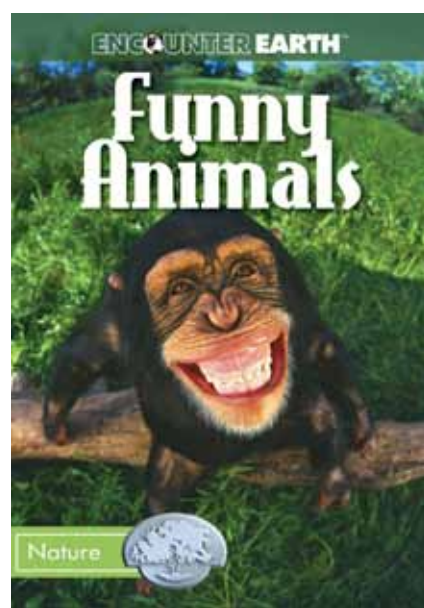


Comedy can often come out of the most bizarre situations, but who would have thought in the waves or in the desert? With no humans about, the wild animals of these evergreen and music-based clips are the stars.

This series has proven to be a very popular and “snackable” content (13\*4’) for young audience with short attention!



First Video  
Russia



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