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**ANIMALS**

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## JELLYFISH THE OCEAN'S NEW RULERS

Screenshot Production & ARTE GEIE

Jellyfish blooms are making headlines around the world. This is due to the damage they cause to tourism, fishing and our health. How can these creatures, which are over 98% water and with no shell, skeleton or brain, expand so rapidly?

43' & 52'



## THE BURNING SEA MEDITERRANEAN FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

Cicada Production & ARTE GEIE

The southeastern French coastline's ecosystem was one of the first to be affected by climate change. The Mediterranean is warming up at a rate that is 20% higher than the rest of the world and the effects are already strongly affecting this very special wildlife. How does this unique ecosystem, made of native and rare species, deploy the utmost ingenuity to try and adapt to an increasingly extreme environment?

4K

52'

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## MAGICAL FRANCE

Le Cinquième rêve, Doclights & NDR

There is no standard picture that can describe the largest and most varied country in Western Europe in terms of wildlife and landscapes. Discover a one-of-a-kind variety of natural wonders populated with small creatures thanks to stunning never-before-seen images.

4x52'





# EUROPE'S WILDEST HERITAGE

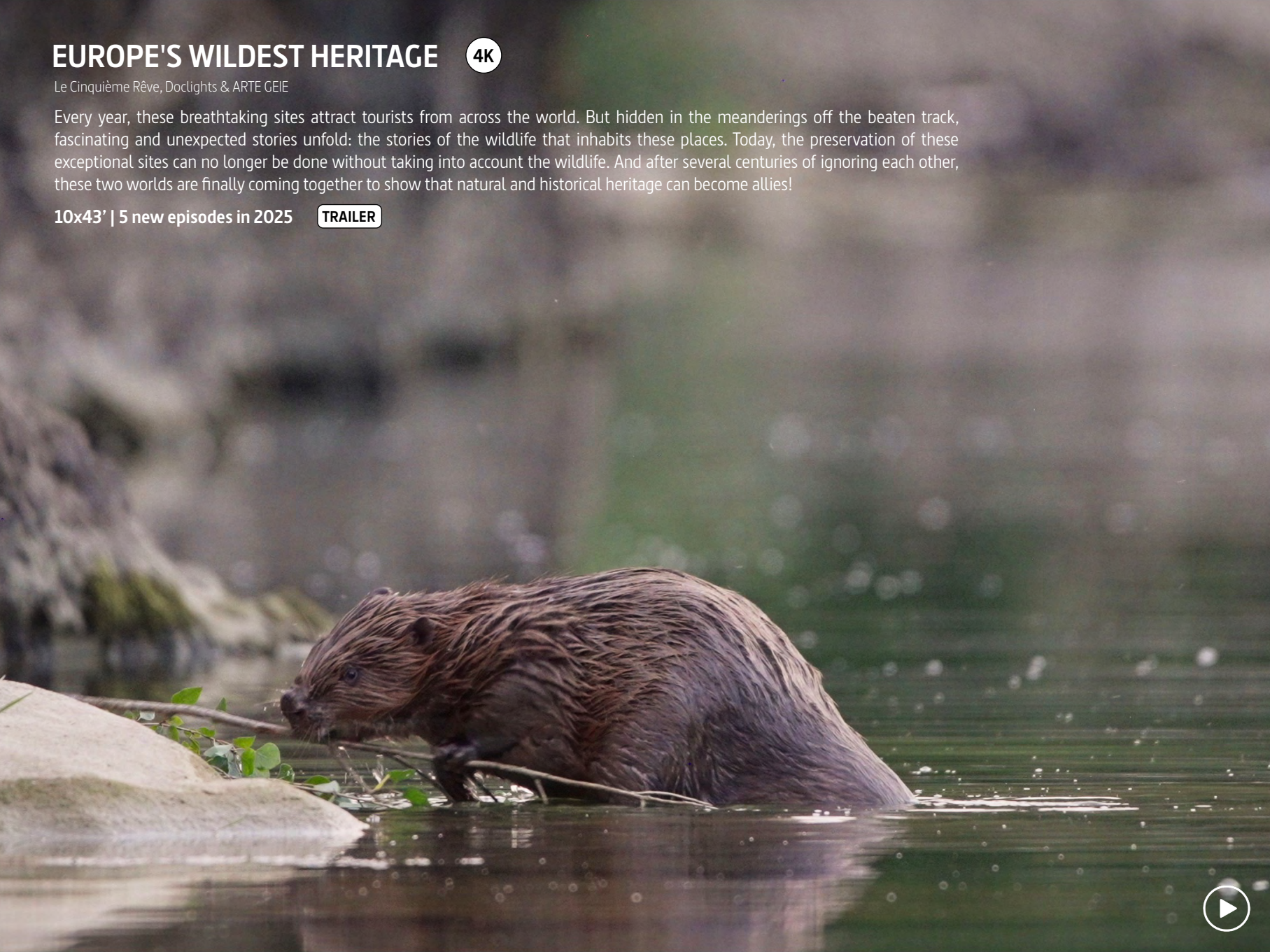
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Le Cinquième Rêve, Doclights & ARTE GEIE

Every year, these breathtaking sites attract tourists from across the world. But hidden in the meanderings off the beaten track, fascinating and unexpected stories unfold: the stories of the wildlife that inhabits these places. Today, the preservation of these exceptional sites can no longer be done without taking into account the wildlife. And after several centuries of ignoring each other, these two worlds are finally coming together to show that natural and historical heritage can become allies!

10x43' | 5 new episodes in 2025

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15x52' | 3 new episodes in 2025

## SAVING PARADISE

French Connection & ARTE GEIE

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A journey with rangers, researchers, and biologists to discover breathtakingly beautiful sites and their unique ecosystems. These professionals work every day to protect them. Thanks to their knowledge and passion, they've come up with original - and sometimes unprecedented - solutions to preserve wildlife for future generations. By following these men and women in their work and daily lives, we have a better understanding of the many dangers that threaten this rich animal life, and we discover the measures that have been taken to protect it.

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43' & 52'

## HIGH AS AN ANIMAL

Screenshot Production & ARTE GEIE

4K

Over thousands of years, we humans have mastered the use of alcohol, caffeine, cocaine, LSD, psilocybin, THC, morphine... But did you know that our feathered, furry and leggy cousins have mastered it too? Way before we did, animals discovered plants, fruits, mushrooms and other animal species that get them high... From elephants in South Africa to cats in Majorca, from American cows to Finnish reindeer, dolphins, shrews and birds, this is a film entirely shot and delivered in 4K.





52'

## WHEN ANIMALS GRIEVE

O2B & ARTE France

4K

When faced with the death of one of their own, animals react in fascinating ways. Today, more and more studies investigate where these behaviors come from and what they mean. Are they strictly physiological reactions? Or do they point to an awareness of death, or even to what we call grief? A groundbreaking new science called comparative thanatology, attempts to unravel the mysteries of death in the animal kingdom.



4x52' & 4x43'

## BRAVING THE TIDES

One Planet & ARTE France

4K

From the shoals and seagrass beds of Zanzibar, Tanzania, to the dunes and lagoons of the Wadden Sea, Germany, take a closer look at the unknown and tumultuous lives of shoreline creatures around the globe as they struggle to survive.

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# THE ROCKIES' WILD CORRIDOR, FROM YELLOWTONE TO YUKON

4K

La compagnie des taxi-brousse & ARTE France

A stunning series that takes you along the most beautiful and vast corridor of life in the Rockies. Discover groundbreaking local conservation initiatives designed to preserve the “iconic four”: bison, grizzly, caribou, and wolf.

4x43' & 4x52'

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52'

**ELEPHANT QUEENS**

Les Protagonistes Productions & ARTE France



The unique ecological story of two incredible women who devoted their lives to saving Kenyan elephant calves. A rescue mission that benefits the whole community while also empowering women. An unprecedented immersion to discover never-before-seen images of this fantastic place and these majestic animals.







43' & 52'

## MADAGASCAR OR THE GREAT CARNIVAL OF CHAMELEONS

Les Films en Vrac, Poles Productions & ARTE GEIE

A unique documentary on chameleons living on the island of Madagascar, the world's largest chameleon concentration, revealing incredible never-before-seen images and behaviors. Discover their incredible abilities such as: sleeping techniques, dancing, camouflage, 340° peripheral vision, catapult tongue, seduction, fluorescence...

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52'

## JUNGLE OF THE ANTS

Les Films en Vrac & ARTE GEIE

Ants have an incredible form of collective intelligence, which has always fascinated us. Between narration and sensational shots, this film offers an immersive micro-dive into the heart of the French Guianese jungle to reveal the mysteries of an extraordinary society.





# WILD PYRENEES

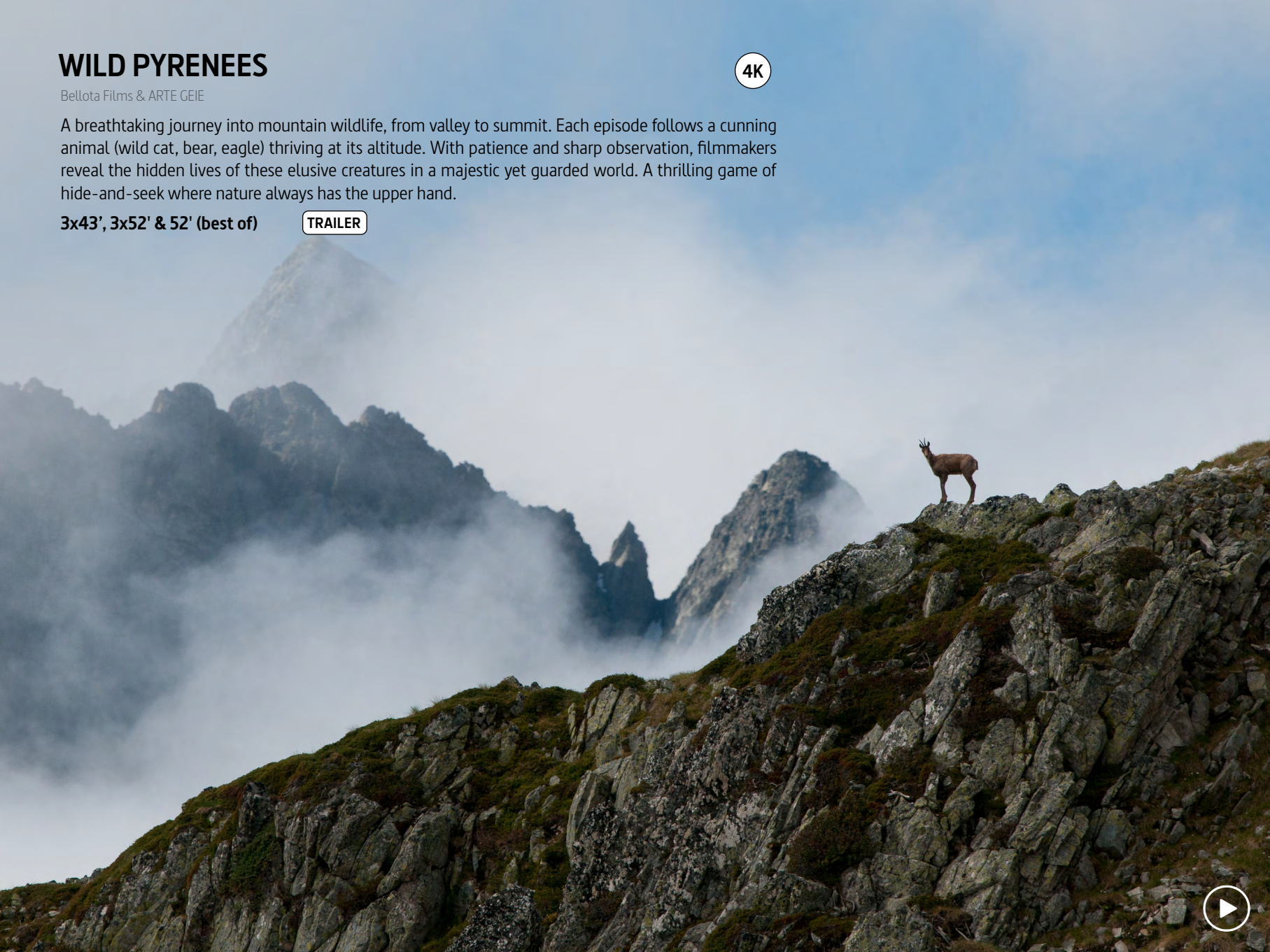
Bellota Films & ARTE GEIE

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A breathtaking journey into mountain wildlife, from valley to summit. Each episode follows a cunning animal (wild cat, bear, eagle) thriving at its altitude. With patience and sharp observation, filmmakers reveal the hidden lives of these elusive creatures in a majestic yet guarded world. A thrilling game of hide-and-seek where nature always has the upper hand.

3x43', 3x52' & 52' (best of)

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**52'**

**THINKING OUTSIDE THE TANK!**  
**FISH, THE TRUTH ABOUT THEIR INTELLIGENCE**

Les Films d'ici & ARTE France

You always thought that fish were mute, amnesiac, or insensitive to pain? Well, you were wrong. Scientists have discovered that fish have astonishing cognitive abilities, a hectic social life, and even emotions. What if fish were not so stupid after all? An investigation that takes place in the heart of the sea...



**43' & 52'**

**AIRPORT ANIMAL STORIES**

Ecomedia & ARTE GEIE

Let's observe the unknown airport wildlife. While rabbits and foxes play a role in the airport's ecosystem and are protected by scientists, others could be a threat to aircraft safety...

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## PLANET REEF

Les gens bien productions & ARTE France

4K

Follow an international team of scientists on a mission to develop groundbreaking solutions to save the Great Barrier Reef and its 9,000 unique species from extinction. These species interact with the coral to form a complex and delicate ecosystem whose survival depends on each and every one of them.

3x43', 3x52' & 52' (best of)

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5x52'

**ANIMAL ODYSSEY**  
Drole de trame & ARTE France

From America, to Europe, Antarctica, come along on a fantastic voyage around the world to discover where the symbolic animals of each of the 5 continents really come from.

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2x52'

**UGLY BEAUTIES**  
Cocottes minute productions & ARTE GEIE

Discover the fascinating ugly animals, left out of rescue and preservation plans. Behind their repulsive appearance, hides an incredible biology and a key role in the ecosystem!

4K





52'

## HAPPY AS A CAT

Scientifilms, C8 & ARTE France

Narrated by best-selling author Bernard Werber, this captivating documentary takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the deep bond between humans and cats. Blending ancient history with modern-day phenomena, it explores how these enigmatic, independent creatures have become cultural icons and cherished companions. Through expert insights and Werber's passionate lens, the film reveals the secrets behind cats' contagious joy.



52'

## NATURA EUROPA - THE BEATING WINGS

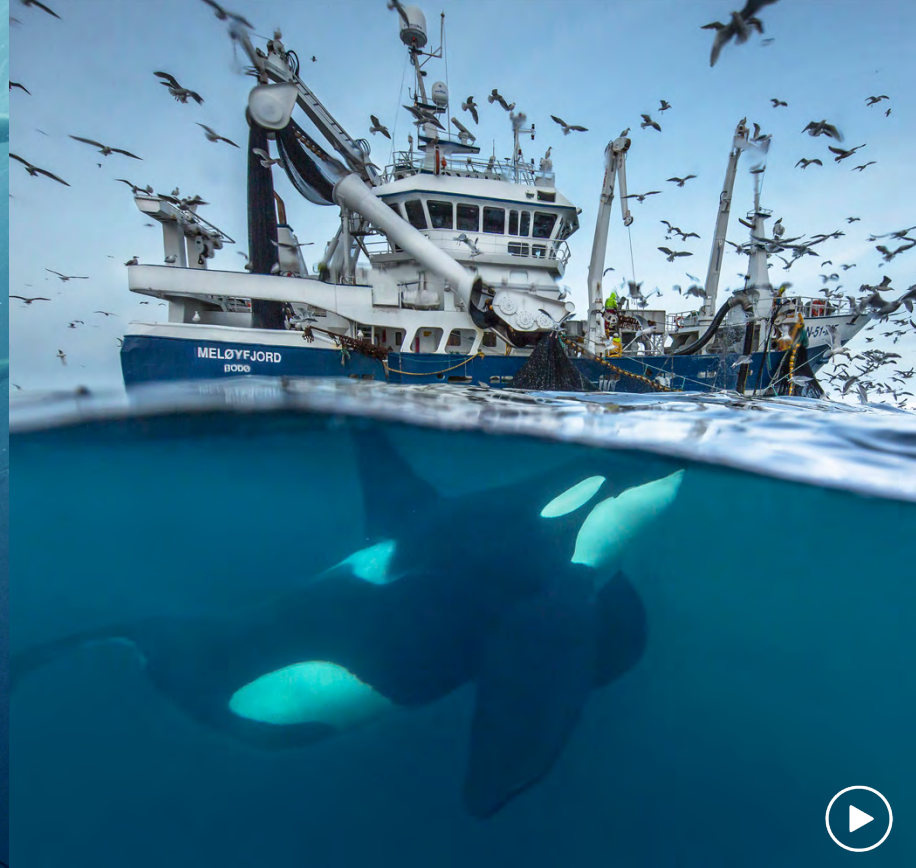
Les films d'ici & ARTE GEIE

4K

Cranes, geese and swallows are literally and figuratively above our borders – three quarters of the birds on the European continent are migratory. From the Mediterranean to the Baltic Sea, millions of them cross Europe every year following multiple airways, sometimes more than 5,000 kilometers long.

Grand Prize at the Bird and Nature Festival of Abbeville.





44'

## THE PRIVATE LIFE OF SHARKS

Les Cinquième Rêve & ARTE France



We've long feared sharks as ruthless killers of the deep, but this groundbreaking documentary challenges that myth. Through stunning 4K and 8K footage, the film reveals their surprising intelligence, vulnerability, and crucial role in ocean ecosystems. Far from the mindless predators we imagine, sharks are often gentle, misunderstood creatures struggling to survive. Witness never-before-seen behaviors that will forever change how you see these magnificent animals.

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52'

## FEAST OF THE KILLER WHALES

Le Cinquième Rêve & ARTE France



All along the Arctic coast of Norway, there's a bloody battle going on between three different species: orcas, whales...and humans! And it is all happening over the vast schools of herring that migrate to the Frozen North to seek shelter in the fjords!

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52'

### KILLER KITTY

Flair Production & ARTE GEIE

Cats... like you've never seen them before! We tend to forget that despite almost 10 000 years of domestication, this live cuddly toy is also a wild predator. This film explores how domestic cats threaten endangered species in fragile ecosystems, revealing their surprising impact on biodiversity. Along the way, we meet rare animals (from Lyall's wrens to kangaroo rats) and uncover the complex ecological bond between cats and humans.



4x52'

### EVOLUTION ON THE MOVE

Les films en vrac & ARTE France

A series about striking features in certain animal behaviors: in 4 very different countries (Saudi Arabia, Canada, Senegal and Russia) scientists, naturalists and photographers have found species that are currently undergoing a spectacular evolutionary leap.

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4K

# 700 SHARKS

Le Cinquième Rêve, CNRS Images, Andromède Océanologie, Les Gens Bien, Filmin'Tahiti & ARTE France

*700 Sharks* is a spectacular nighttime dive into a feeding frenzy of 700 sharks in Polynesia — the largest concentration of sharks ever recorded. Filmed with groundbreaking camera equipment and featuring world-renowned diver Laurent Ballesta.

Emmy Award nominated, Winner of the Unifrance Export prize & the Wildlife photographer of the year.

52' & 90'

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43' & 52'

## SURVIVING IN THE LAGOON

Le Cinquième Rêve, Les gens bien productions, Andromede Oceanologie & ARTE France



In the heart of the Pacific, between the lagoon and the ocean, unfolds one of nature's greatest spectacles. This is the story of a little surgeonfish who must go through the greatest ordeals from the moment it is born. He will survive the greatest dangers and cross paths with the ocean's worst predators. Only one in a million will make it to adulthood.

52'

## THE MYSTERY OF THE PINK DOLPHIN

French Connection Films & FTV

In the heart of the Amazon forest, hides a strange animal we do not expect to see thousands of kilometers from the ocean: the Amazon Pink River Dolphin. Is it a simple descendant of the marine species, or a distinct creature that has survived through the ages and adapted to this lush environment?





15x26'

ANIMALS IN FOCUS

Les films en vrac, Screenshot productions, Pôles production & ARTE France

Guillaume and Marie, professional wildlife photographers, travel the world with their 3-year-old daughter to capture animals in their natural habitats. They share their unique lifestyle, the secrets of their craft, and their encounters with locals. Each episode highlights a different animal and ends with a vivid photographic record of their journey.

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52'

THE HYENAS OF HARAR

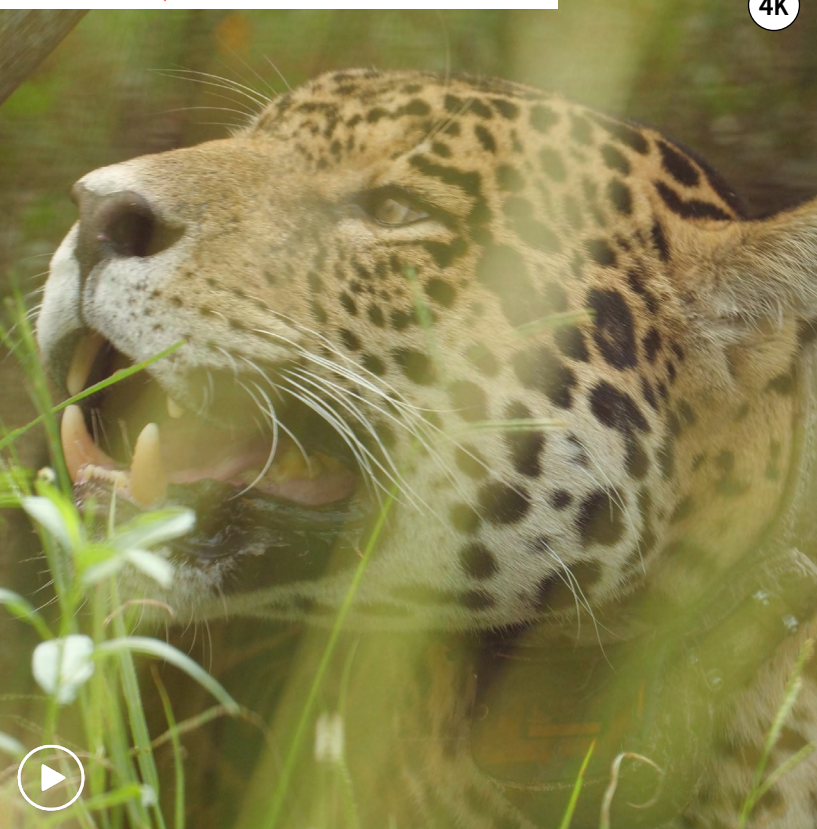
Les films en vrac & ARTE France

In the ancient city of Harar, Ethiopia, Youssef Mume Saleh perpetuates a century-old tradition, feeding wild spotted hyenas. While feared elsewhere, Harar's hyenas roam freely, as they are seen as protectors and natural cleaners. Rooted in a unique non-aggression pact between humans and hyenas, this documentary explores a rare, peaceful coexistence between humans and one of Africa's top predators.



ARGENTINA, RETURN OF THE JAGUAR (52')

4K

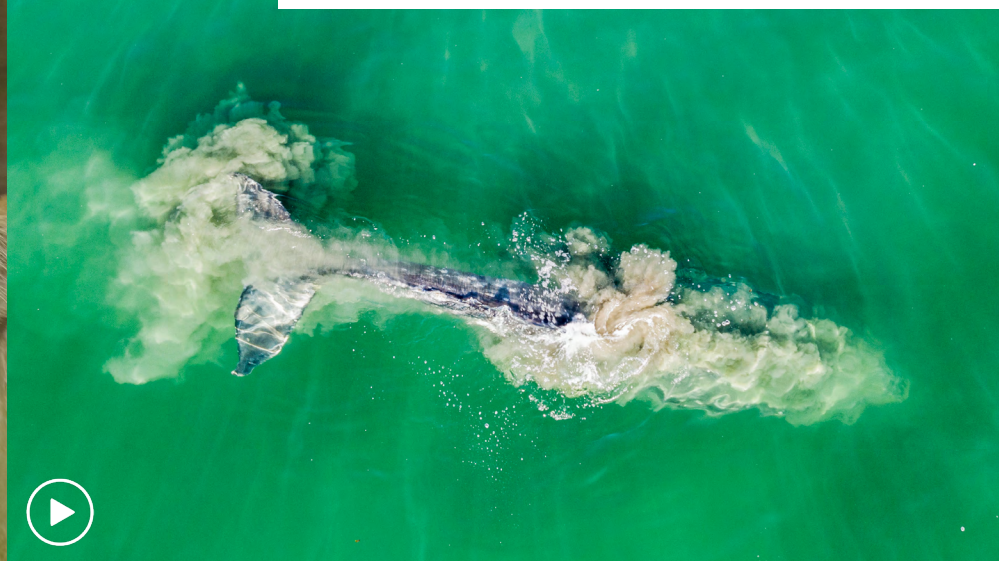


### 360° REPORT

MedienKontor & ARTE GEIE

Dream travels, extraordinary encounters, and captivating stories — this award-winning documentary series takes viewers on a journey across the globe. From the sapphire mines of Madagascar to a sinking village in the Russian Arctic, each episode offers a unique glimpse into the lives, work, and environments of remarkable people and remote communities. Blending exploration, culture, and human experience, the series presents powerful, emotionally rich reports from some of the world's most fascinating and faraway places.

THE LAST OF THE WHALERS IN THE BERING STRAIT (52')



BRAZIL, EGG EXCHANGE WITH THE HYACINTH MACAWS (32' & 52')





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