

Press Release

New Record Attendance of 20,000 Visitors

Green Screen Wildlife Film Festival: International Gathering Place for Filmmakers and Audience's Favourite

Eckernfoerde, September 17th, 2018. **Green Screen International Wildlife Film Festival has established itself as a gathering place for national and foreign documentary filmmakers. 210 filmmakers and producers - amongst them professionals from India, Iran and the US - attended the festival in Eckernfoerde. In its 12th year, Green Screen attracted a record audience of more than 20,600 visitors watching 100 films in 5 days. With additional screenings in Germany and Denmark, Green Screen has more than 30,000 visitors in total and has thus become the largest wildlife film festival in Europe.**

Festival Director Dirk Steffens presented the Best Film Award to Hamburg based filmmakers Oliver Goetzl and Ivo Noerenberg for their film "White Wolves – Ghosts of the Arctic", a documentary about a wolfpacks' struggle for survival in the Canadian Arctic.

The Heinz Sielmann foundation which has been associated for years with Green Screen Festival honoured the film "Cuckoo - The Enemy in My Nest" by Volker Arzt with the "Heinz Sielmann Award". The film Award of the Juvenile Jury went to York Friedrich's film "Die Bedrohung der Bienenwelt".

Green Screen wows large audiences with spectacular images capturing nature's beauty and uniqueness. Furthermore, the festival focuses on critically questioning environmental issues. This year's emphasis was on biodiversity and species extinction.