



Press Release

14th International Wildlife Film Festival starting 7th September

GREEN SCREEN online and onscreen

Eckernfoerde, 10th Juli 2020. **The International Wildlife Film Festival Green Screen will start in Eckernfoerde on 7th September. Until end October, a large number of outstanding films will be screened digitally and in selected locations. As in previous years, this 14th festival focuses on wildlife films and their presentation to a nature-loving audience.**

In observance of Corona restrictions for public events, Green Screen will provide filmmakers with platforms in order to exchange ideas and present their films. Green Screen will award all prizes in all 14 categories out of the films nominated by an international jury.

The festival will run for 6 weeks without any screenings to large audiences. Unfortunately, traditional events such as opening night and award night cannot take place. With 45,000 visitors, last year's GREEN SCREEN festival was again the European wildlife film festival with the highest attendance.

This year's festival will feature around 70 wildlife documentations and numerous short films. Two Eckernfoerde screening venues will be open to visitors. Additionally, the GREEN SCREEN website will showcase "One Day – One Film", offering one wildlife film per day for the duration of the festival. Starting 21st September, cinemas in nearby towns will have four weeks to screen participating films. Screenings are scheduled for Kiel, Rendsburg, Schleswig, and Kappeln. All in all, Green Screen will present a selection of worldwide wildlife film productions at approx. 130 events.

Some filmmakers are expected to attend the screenings of their films. Others will be unavailable due to work commitments and will hopefully be able to send in video messages.

This year's programme will be available online as of 1st August. At the same time, ticket sales will start via the Green Screen website. Tickets will be distributed by mail.

The award jury will select the winners from all nominated films. The audience award sponsored by Schleswig-Holstein newspaper publishing group will be determined online by its readers in August. Festival director Dirk Steffens will host the online award

GREEN SCREEN®

INTERNATIONALES NATURFILMFESTIVAL ECKERNFÖRDE

ceremony featuring footage from winning films and respective video messages by winners.

The "Eckernfoerde Talks", traditional forum for ecological and politically charged topics will take place at "Eventlocation Carls" on 8th September. The panel consisting of scientists, and representatives from nature and wildlife organizations and political institutions will discuss causes and effects surrounding the topic „Pandemics – Nature’s Response“ and will be hosted by NDR presenter Vera Vester .

There will be workshops for experts featuring new trends in wildlife film plus another of the popular pitching sessions where filmmakers can present their ideas for new productions to an expert panel.