

# GREEN SCREEN

## INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILMFESTIVAL ECKERNFÖRDE

### Press release

International Wildlife Filmfestival 4 – 19 September, 2021

### Green Screen's Start into its 15th Season

**In its 15<sup>th</sup> festival season, Green Screen will offer a large programme. Around 100 documentaries chosen from worldwide entries will be presented in Eckernfoerde from 4 - 12 September. Thereafter, the festival will continue until 19 September with screenings at various Schleswig-Holstein cinemas. Festival start was 1 March with "Green Screen goes to school", a nationwide online school offer of seven wildlife films in which more than 20,000 pupils participated.**

The festival plans to offer many public events complemented by an online offer of the festival's programme. Organizers will flexibly adjust to conditions set by the pandemic. "We hope to be able to offer a true festival with enthusiastic visitors and filmmakers from many countries" states Ulrike Lafrenz, head of festival board at the presentation of this year's programme.

The opening ceremony will take place at Eckernfoerde Stadthalle on 4 September. Daniel Guenther, Governor of the federal state of Schleswig-Holstein is expected to attend the Festival Gala on 8 September. Festival director Dirk Steffens will present the Green Screen awards on 11 September. The award ceremony will be accessible online and will feature filmmakers from all over the world.

Due to the visitor restrictions at locations to be expected this year, Green Screen has been extended from the usual 5 days duration to 16 days. In Eckernfoerde, films will be screened from 4 – 12 September at Stadthalle, St. Nicolai church and on weekends at Carls Eventlocation. More locations may be added. During the Schleswig-Holstein festival extension, cinemas in Kiel, Rendsburg, Heide, Buesum and on the island of Amrum are expected to offer screenings starting 13 September.

222 wildlife documentations from 57 countries including Oman, Uganda, Tanzania, New Zealand and Sri-Lanka were entered for this year's festival. The 12 members of the nomination jury are presently evaluating the entries online. During the summer, another jury will select this year's winners.

Further highlights of this year's festival:

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Starting on 4 September, the campaign “One Day – One Film” will offer selected entries online and free of charge. The annual workshops for filmmakers and producers will be conducted online including the pitching session of new production ideas.

During the summer school breaks, camps are scheduled offering opportunities for youths interested in first-hand experience of wildlife film productions. Wildpark Eekholt near Bad Segeberg and the Multimar-Wattforum at Toenning are planning two camps supervised by wildlife experts. Information and enrolment: [www.greenscreen-festival.de/Jugend/Filmcamps](http://www.greenscreen-festival.de/Jugend/Filmcamps).

At the yearly “Eckernförder Gespräche“, Green Screen and “Stiftung Naturschutz Schleswig-Holstein“ discuss ecologically critical issues. This year’s panel at Stadthalle on 7 September will include federal minister for the environment Albrecht and other participants discussing “environment and food”.

Before and during the festival, open air screenings will take place. Another open air event is the “European Nature Photographer Competition”. 45 outstanding nature photographs will be exhibited around the Stadthalle during the festival.