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Press Release

Europe's most popular wildlife film festival enters its 16th year **A Green Screen First: Focus on a country starting with France**

Eckernfoerde, July 6th 2022. **In its 16th year, the Green Screen International Nature Film Festival is showcasing more than one hundred nature and wildlife documentaries from 32 countries. The wide-ranging festival program is now available at www.greenscreen-festival.de. Europe's most popular nature and wildlife film festival takes place in the Baltic Sea town Eckernfoerde from September 7 to 11.**

This year's country focus France features 17 productions showing the current spectrum of French nature and wildlife films. Green Screen expects numerous filmmakers and producers from France. Topics include "Kalahari" and "Yukon" as well as "Threat to bird migration" impacted by humans.

"Next to nature and wildlife films from all over the world, this country focus is a first for Green Screen in that we are focusing on the wildlife film scene of a country, and we expect exciting insights. In the coming years, more country focuses are to follow," states festival director Dirk Steffens. Furthermore, around 250 filmmakers from other European and overseas countries will present their latest documentaries to festival visitors.

Green Screen focuses on safety. The festival applies a hygiene concept that ensures minimum distances at all events.

Minister-President Daniel Günther is expected to attend the Green Screen Gala on September 7. Starting with the opening night, the Green Screen emphasizes "the wilds" this year. The film "What is Wilderness?" by filmmaker Jan Haft will introduce the festival and raise the question of how much open space is needed to support nature's biodiversity.

On the eve of the festival, the "Eckernfoerder Gespraechen" panel entitled "Wagnis Wildnis" will discuss this question with representatives from politics, agriculture and nature conservation. The Green Screen program offers numerous films on the topic.

Around 4,000 school children are expected to attend the school festival program. This year, original versions in French and English will be on offer for language classes. During this year's summer school break, Green Screen organizes film camps for youngsters at "Wildpark Eekholt" as well as at North Sea locations. Furthermore, there is a chance for budding wildlife filmmakers to attend a special seminar coinciding with the festival.

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Before the festival, the traditional Eckernfoerde beach cinema screening will take place on August 26 at dusk attracting many visitors. Green Screen 2022 will conclude with two festival days in Sønderborg, Denmark, on September 21 and September 30 with a selection of outstanding films. Online ticket sales at www.greenscreen-festival.de begin today.