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When it comes from the Earth

Canticuénticos, the Argentine music band, always choose very important topics for children and families-sometimes not easy ones but always with lots of sensibility. This Colombian cumbia-based song has an important educational goal talking about the connection between Nature and humans. The conclusion is simple: if we do good things for Nature, it will be also good for us. The traditional papercut animation also shows practical steps to reach



Rangers of the Ulaan Taiga

Rangers are the swiss army knives of the Mongolian National Parks, protecting nearly seventy million acres of wild landscape, cultural and historic heirlooms, and endangered animals. Despite these men and women risking their lives patrolling remote locations for weeks or even months, salaries are typically low and teams often lack the necessary equipment and training required on the job. Over the last year, the International Ranger Federation reported that 149 rangers died on duty. In 2013 the people of the Ulaan Uul valley called upon one of their own, argali sheep biologist and Hovsgol Lake National Park director Tumursukh Jal to come back and protect their home from social and environmental threats. Together they formed Ulaan Taiga National Park, over a million acres of vital waterways and imposing mountains. This short film documents the compelling dedicated work of the Ulaan Taiga rangers and how they serve not only as stewards of the land, but also as guardians.



BELLE RIVER

2019. Spring flooding in Mississippi hits record highs. In Louisiana, the residents of Pierre-Part are preparing for the worst. Barring an unexpected turn of events, local authorities will soon be forced to open the floodgates of the Morganza Spillway, in order to save the cities of New Orleans and Baton Rouge from further uncontrolled flooding. Faith and resilience are the two best weapons they still have in the face of uncertainty.



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Bleeding Gold

The environmental and humanitarian crime in the territory of the so-called Orinoco Mining Arc is undoubtedly the most devastating ecological crisis in the contemporary history of Venezuela. The crisis threatens not only to destroy the livelihoods of the indigenous communities in the area but also the biodiversity of the Amazon region and the planet.



The Last Ski Maker in Scotland

The uncertain future of skiing in Scotland has inspired Jamie Kunka to make sustainable skis out of wood. Based in his cabin in the Scottish Highlands, Jamie is the last ski maker in Scotland. This is a film about a love of place and how we all have the ability to live a life true to our values.

Jamie began teaching himself how to make his wooden skis after watching a Vimeo Staff Pick by Wyatt Visuals about a wooden-surfboard maker in Vancouver Island, Canada. Ten years on, *The Last Ski Maker in Scotland* is part homage to this original film and part a celebration of the power of film to inspire us all.



Kohunlich: Guided by Nature

Explore Kohunlich with our guide, Dany, as he shares his lifelong curiosity of the natural world, while working to preserve the legacy of this unique region and its people. Walk through ancient Mayan ruins, kayak amongst crocodiles, and harvest medicinal honey from bees to get an adventure-filled snapshot of this area in the south of Quintana Roo.



My Neighbor is a Bear

A rare Marsican bear family wanders down from the Italian Apennines to the charming village of Villalago, in search of food in the local orchards. For most people this would be a cause for concern, but for the residents of Villalago it is a rather different story.



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La Voz del Mar: Hope for Hawksbill Turtles

Hawksbill turtles are critically endangered globally, and for many years it was believed they had disappeared from El Salvador. Today, grassroots conservation is delivering renewed hope for hawksbills. Each year, tens of thousands of hatchlings now begin their amazing life journey.



The Dukha

In the remote taiga of northern Mongolia live the Dukha, one of the last groups of nomadic reindeer herders in the world. Tuvshuu is five years old. He and his sisters help with their family's herd at the summer camp where the winds are cool and there's plenty of grass. Their way of life and knowledge of reindeer has been passed down for millennia, same as the shamanic myths surrounding their culture. With less than 40 Dukha families left in the world, Tuvshuu will have some big decisions ahead.



Hasta la ultima gota

Hasta la Última Gota follows the fight of those working to change a national charter that has privatized Chile's vast natural water supply. Following an uprising in 2019 that drew millions of protestors across the country and against the background of a 15-year drought that has left over half of the country in an official water emergency, a popularly elected body has been tasked with rewriting the constitution from scratch.



KUMARI: A Father's Dream

Jagat Lama's promise to his dying father was to bring medical care to their home of Kumari. Led by Jagat, the team begins developing a self-sustaining community centered around many of the region's firsts: basic electricity, a women's skill center, a local school, a working community farm, and a medical hospital. Less than 2 years later, a massive earthquake hits Nepal, destroying the community's progress. Wrestling with the continued challenges, Jagat wonders if his promise to his father is slipping out of reach.