



International Forest Film Festival

Chernobyl: a natural history?

90 minutes

French, Russian and English with French and English subtitles

Ukraine

What is the explanation for the apparent resurgence of wildlife in Chernobyl? In the exclusion zone that is still forbidden to humans, in this strange world where radiation shifts with the seasons, zoologists and radioecologists are making surprising discoveries.

Goodwood

44 minutes

Canada, Honduras, Mexico, United Kingdom and USA

The question that lies at the heart of the ongoing debate about the world's forests is whether we can halt deforestation while still sustaining communities that depend on the forest for their livelihood. GoodWood looks at four forestry-based places where communities are discovering - sometimes with help from surprising quarters - that it can be done. From a village chair-making project in Honduras to a design school in Nelson, B.C., and from a community-based forestry in Mexico to more than 3,000 items from certified wood sold in a British retail chain, vital links are being made to keep people employed, while at the same time preserving the world's forests.

Hope in a Changing Climate

28 minutes

English

China and Rwanda

This documentary demonstrates that it is possible to rehabilitate large-scale damaged ecosystems, to restore ecosystem functions in areas where they have been lost, to fundamentally improve the lives of people who have been trapped in poverty for generations and to sequester carbon naturally. This approach has been dramatically proven on the Loess Plateau in north central China, the highland area spanning some 640,000 square km. It is the birthplace of the Han Chinese,

headwaters of the Yellow River and home to a new environmental and economic paradigm. A degraded ecosystem of more than 35,000 square km of land now teems with life and supports the sustainable economic, social and agricultural activities of its people.

Kingdom of the Forest

50 minutes

English

United Kingdom

Kingdom of the Forest, shot in stunning high definition, explores the wildlife of Europe's primeval forests. The full range of large and charismatic mammals and birds are captured in Kingdom of the Forest with fascinating insights into hunting, reproduction and other behaviour. Kingdom of the Forest also explores the hidden elements of the woodlands, using long-term timelapse, super slow motion and extreme macro photography. Incredible footage of plant life through the seasons brings the spectacular yearly cycle to life.

Satoyama: Japan's secret forest

51 Minutes

English

Japan

Satoyama: a Japanese rural environment where people and nature co-exist in harmony. This episode shows how people use traditional wisdom to manage a forest and harness nature for food without ravaging the environment.

Voices of the Forest: Sulawesi

17 Minutes

Indonesia

The story of two communities in South Sulawesi, Indonesia, both fighting for the right to manage their forest. The first community, in the village of Semanki, is fighting against the constraints imposed by the establishment of a national park. The second, in Labbo, is making the most of their 'extraordinary opportunity' to set up one of Indonesia's first 'village forests,' an exercise that promises to make not just their livelihoods, but also the future of their forest much more secure.

Voices of the Forest: Thailand

6 minutes

English, Thai with English subtitles

Thailand

The village of Pred Nai is hailed as a success in fighting for the right to manage their own forest, in this case one of Thailand's last remaining mangrove ecosystems. The locals took their battle to the highest level and drove out the developers. Since then, the community has organized to conserve its mangroves, with everyone taking part in making decisions that also improve their livelihoods. Now the warriors of 20 years ago are passing the baton to a new generation. How do they see their future?