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PLANET EARTH II TO PREMIERE ON NINE

BBC Worldwide ANZ and Nine agree deal for highly anticipated Planet Earth sequel



BBC Worldwide (ANZ) has announced a deal which will see the sequel to the hugely popular *Planet Earth* series premiere on Nine in Australia soon.

Planet Earth II is the new natural history series narrated by David Attenborough and produced by the BBC's acclaimed Natural History Unit. Capturing an estimated half a billion people worldwide, the original *Planet Earth* was the first natural history series to be filmed in high definition. Now ten years on *Planet Earth II* is the first full series in Ultra Hi-Definition, utilising the latest filming technology to reveal the natural world in entirely new ways.

Through methods such as camera-stabilisation as well as remote recording and aerial drone technology, the six-part documentary invites viewers to witness creatures and behaviours so elusive that they were considered almost impossible to capture.

The programme premiered on BBC One in the UK on Sunday evening and drew an incredible 9.2 million viewers in overnight figures. It was the UK's highest rated Natural History title in nearly 15 years.



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BBC Worldwide ANZ's Director of Content Sales, Irene Read, says: "This is a spectacular series that has all the wow-factor of the original *Planet Earth*, with the added benefit of new technology to capture the scale of our planet and get close to its animals in a way that was not possible ten years ago. Nine will be able to offer viewers a real treat with this series."

Hamish Turner, Nine's Program Director, says: "Ten years after launch, *Planet Earth* still stands as a landmark natural history series, the first to be filmed in High-Definition. We're thrilled to have secured this stunning sequel coming to Nine in 2017."

From the highest mountains to the remotest islands and from the richest jungles to the harshest deserts, *Planet Earth II* includes footage from 40 different countries across 117 filming trips. The series travels through the most iconic habitats on land and seeks to give audiences an experience of what it is like to live in these great wildernesses, all the while bringing viewers a completely new perspective of *Planet Earth*.

The first official *Planet Earth II* trailer is available to view on the BBC Earth [YouTube](#) page. For all other information around the series, including episode images and synopses, please visit the *Planet Earth II* [website](#).

Planet Earth II is a 6x60 series is a BBC Studios Natural History Unit production, co-produced with BBC America, ZDF, Tencent and France Télévisions.

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