

Press Release

The Hunt goes down under: BBC Worldwide ANZ sells Natural History package deals ahead of MIPCOM 2015

Sydney, 7 October 2015: As MipCom gets underway, **BBC Worldwide ANZ** announces program sales to **Nine Network** and **Network Ten** for a range of Natural History titles, as well as to **ABC** for two new science series.

The package deal for Nine Network includes a pre-sale for landmark wildlife series ***The Hunt***, a stunning new programme from Alistair Fothergill, the executive producer of *Planet Earth* and *Frozen Planet*, that explores the dramatic world of predation like never before. Alongside *The Hunt*, Nine Network has also snapped up a number of other new titles such as ***Atlantic***, ***Animal Super Parents*** and ***Nature's Weirdest Events***, as well as classic titles ***Frozen Planet***, ***Life In Cold Blood*** and ***The Blue Planet***.

Network Ten will bring one of the ocean's greatest predators to the screen with ***Shark***, as well as ***Natural Curiosities*** series 3 and two Sir David Attenborough documentaries, ***Attenborough's Fabulous Frogs*** and ***Attenborough's Big Birds***. The package also includes the popular ***Africa*** series, ***Planet Earth*** and ***Tiger: Spy In the Jungle***.

ABC has bought two landmark science series as pre-sales: ***Forces of Nature***, which presents a breathtaking tour of what lies beyond Earth's beauty and the deeper truths about the forces that govern our planet; and ***9 Months That Made You*** which tells the story of how we are made, from the moment of conception to birth.

Irene Read, Director of TV Sales for BBC Worldwide ANZ, says: "There's great demand for top factual landmarks and I'm delighted to head to MipCom with some key sales of our leading titles to local Australian broadcasters."

This year BBC Worldwide is heading to MIPCOM with a diverse range of factual content spanning Science, Natural History and History. Natalie Humphreys, the BBC's Controller of Factual & Daytime Production, will also deliver a keynote presentation on Wednesday 7 October (09:15-10:30am/6.15-7.30pm Sydney time) highlighting BBC Worldwide's most spectacular and eagerly anticipated documentaries.

Mark Reynolds, Director, Factual Content, BBC Worldwide said: “International buyers can look forward to a wealth of new content at Cannes with awe-inspiring programmes that truly showcase the very best offerings from our factual catalogue. Natalie’s presentation will also provide a unique insight into the production behind some of our top factual content”.

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