

GREEN SCREEN AWARD FOR “LIONS OF THE SKELETON COAST”

The documentary “Lions of the Skeleton Coast” has been honored with an award at the 19th International Nature Film Festival Green Screen.

VIENNA/ECKERNFÖRDE – Each year, the Green Screen Festival brings together around 300 documentary filmmakers from Europe and overseas, attracting an audience of more than 20,000 visitors to the Baltic Sea town of Eckernförde, Germany. At this year’s award gala, the ORF Universum highlight **“Lions of the Skeleton Coast”** received the Green Screen Award for *Best Story*, continuing its remarkable success story.

Already recognized at the Jackson Wild Media Awards, a four-time winner at the Cannes Corporate Media & TV Awards, and recently nominated for a News & Documentary Emmy®, the documentary ranks among the most celebrated nature films of recent years.

EIGHT YEARS AMONGST DESERT LIONS

“Lions of the Skeleton Coast” follows three orphaned lion cubs in Namibia’s Skeleton Coast as they grow from unsteady cubs into skilled coastal hunters. Filmed over eight years by Will and Lianne Steenkamp alongside Dr. Philipp Stander, the documentary captures never-before-seen behaviors and showcases the lions’ resilience and adaptability.

A co-production by ORF, Into Nature Productions, Thirteen, WDR, and ARTE, **“Lions of the Skeleton Coast”**, distributed by ORF-Enterprise is a striking example of long-term dedication in wildlife filmmaking and a milestone achievement within the ORF’s acclaimed Universum strand.

ABOUT ORF-ENTERPRISE

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The award-winning ORF Universum documentaries and various popular original ORF Original drama series form the foundation of the colorful content catalog.

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International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (iEmmys®) and participates in a wide range of content markets including MIPCOM, Avant Première, Sunny Side of the Doc and Jackson Wild Summit. A music publishing service with its own label, along with the ORF-Musiclibrary, complement ORF-Enterprise's activities in this segment.

SUMMARY:

- The ORF co-production "**Lions of the Skeleton Coast**" honored with an award for *Best Story* at the 19th International Nature Film Festival Green Screen.
- The documentary is distributed worldwide by ORF-Enterprise (contentsales.ORF.at).