

Hostile Planet - from 24 April on National Geographic

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Hostile Planet, featuring Bear Grylls, premieres on National Geographic from 24 April 2019 - Wednesdays at 9pm.



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National Geographic's *Hostile Planet* is an unflinching look at the volatility of Mother Nature and the resilient animals that survive Earth's most extreme habitats

Six-part nature docuseries hails from academy-award winner Guillermo Navarro, Emmy- and BAFTA-winning natural history filmmakers of *Planet Earth 2* and Plimsoll Productions

Hostile Planet is a ground-breaking wildlife series that explores Earth's most hostile environments. Over the course of six episodes, we explore the extremes of deep, high, cold, hot, wet and dry and reveal the truly extraordinary ways in which animals have adapted to survive in the face of great adversity. It's always been a Hostile Planet and yet, in the last 40 years, it's got a whole lot tougher for the wildlife. The world has changed more in the last 40 years than at any time in the last 65 million. So animals in the most hostile places on Earth must adapt in the blink of an evolutionary eye. Facing everything from intrinsically hostile habitats and brutally punishing weather to the unrelenting threat of predators and intense competition for resources, their challenge is simple: adapt or die.

Earth may be the only place we know that is teeming with diverse life, but that does not make it a benign planet. Against all odds, species have found ways to survive in the world's most inhospitable landscapes – from a scorched desert to the frozen tundra. Every day is a struggle to survive, but animals continue to surprise us by adapting to the toughest challenges.

Hostile Planet is executive produced by Academy Award-winning cinematographer and director Guillermo Navarro (*Pan's Labyrinth*), Emmy-nominated producer Martha Holmes (*The Blue Planet*) and Emmy Award-winning Tom Hugh-Jones (*Planet Earth II*). From Plimsoll Productions, the series draws attention to the most extraordinary – almost supernatural – accounts of animals that have conformed to the cruellest evolutionary curveballs.

Set against the backdrop of a more violent and volatile climate, the epic battles for survival take on a new urgency as animals face intensified wildfires, blizzards, droughts and downpours. To some, the new challenges are too much, but for others, it presents new opportunities. **Hostile Planet** is an epic drama told in an intimate manner with new camera technology allowing a close-up vantage point as the animals navigate through their changing landscapes.

Each episode characterizes one of the planet's roughest environments – including jungles, mountains, deserts, oceans, the Poles and grasslands – and how each of its inhabitants acclimate to its turn of events.

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