

ANTARCTIC ADVENTURES/SCHRÖDINGERS KATT

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Principal objective

By making a three part TV-series (3 x 29 min) in full HD (High Definition, future High End format) and several reports (at least 3 x 7 min) for a popular science TV-magasin and a popular science radio program about the natural history of the Antarctic ecosystems, we want to create interest and fascination for Polar areas and to give the common audience better knowledge about the history, flora and fauna of the Subantarctic and Antarctic area.

The documentaries are commissioned by NRK, the Public service TV channel in Norway - and will probably be sold to several countries - especially in the Nordic countries. According to our experience we will get very high viewing figures.

The three part adventure and wildlife series will probably be transmitted in Christmas 2007 while the reports for Schrødingers Katt will be transmitted in an extended program dedicated for the official opening of the IPY in march -07. The radio-reports (for Verdt å vite NRK) will be made in jan. -07.

Project summary

1) The three part series: ANTARCTIC ADVENTURES

This series will be a mixture of a natural history/explorer series with a sailing vessel as a base. The film crew are just two persons: Arne Naevra (a well known biologist, wildlife photographer and presenter) and Stein P. Aasheim (a well known explorer, author and presenter) in Norway. We will go from The Falklands to South Georgia and to the Antarctic Peninsula, where we do landings at historical and natural historical hot spots. Arne will especially tell stories about the wildlife, the food chains, the adaptations, their interactions and so on.

Examples from albatrosses, the penguins and the sea mammals (seals and whales). The food chains in Antarctica will be important, from plankton - all the way up to the predators, like the leopard seal. Arne has worked a lot in Arctic conditions (Svalbard and Russia) and will compare wildlife in the Arctic and Antarctica.

Stein will tell about the explorers and the sealing and whaling history. The latter was very important to Norway and other countries at that time. But it led to a disaster for the whale population. On pictures of the historical sites, the whaling stations, as well as living whales, we will get information of this. And what about the future? (Climatic change, endangered species, new harvesting (krill) etc.).

2) The reports to the popular science TV-programs will be a) about Arctic/Antarctic wildlife - similarities and differences. Species in the same ecological niches, b) about the albatrosses

(especially the wandering which is biggest and endangered from line fisheries) and their behaviour and ecology and c) the big, baleen whales and the whaling history. About the base for their life: the krill, their life span, migration (what we know) - and their future (question - mark).

3) The three - four popular science radio reports will go along the same lines as above, but will also deal with penguin ecology (Adelie penguin), food chain, breeding etc.