

WILD TANZANIA 4 x 60 ED

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jtkoch@pbs.org pbsinternational.org *Wild Tanzania* features Tanzanian wildlife on locations spread across the wide and diverse landscape of this enthralling African country. The series travels from Tanzania's oldest and most popular park, the Serengeti, famed for its annual migration, to the islands of Maziwe, Fanjove and Chumbe, where marine conservationists work hard to preserve its fragile ecosystem.

Wild Tanzania captures the pressure of the natural and human threat on the Tanzanian flora and fauna, but also shines a light on its wondrous circle of life.

Babies of the Plains

Babies of the Plains explores the circle of life in the Serengeti. Africa's Great Rift Valley snakes through the boundaries and national parks where over 25,000 large animal species thrive in the bordering plains; from gazelles to hyenas, buffalo to cheetahs. The predators and their prey share the same grounds of the Serengeti, and the plains are one of the most exciting places on Earth to witness the circle of life in action. With their young in danger, mothers in every corner of the plains risk their lives to protect their offspring.

Queen of the Hunt

The African acacia woodland and grasslands are home to a spotted feline known for its speed and grace. Many cheetahs prowl the southeastern open plains of the Serengeti in Tanzania. *Queen of the Hunt* follows a cheetah mother with her five cubs as she struggles to raise them to adulthood, going on dangerous hunts to provide food, and protecting the vulnerable young cubs from lions and other predators.

River Battlefront

In East Africa, following Tanzania's waterway inland, two mighty giants share a home: the hippopotamus and the Nile crocodile. Both creatures need water and when parts of the river slowly evaporate, wet spaces are at a premium. While hippos stagnate in crowded pools to keep cool, crocs have a different strategy for avoiding the oppressive heat. They dig caves as shelters in the riverbank. Some of these are ten meters deep and house a score of crowded of crocodiles. *River Battlefront* shows that while hippos and crocs are tolerant of each other, there is an ongoing battle to survive the clashes within their own species.

Saving Paradise Islands

Primatologist, ethologist and anthropologist Jane Goodall is actively promoting conservation of the islands in the Indian Ocean. As she states: "We have to show people the beauty of this ocean full with wonderful flora and fauna so they understand the importance of conservation and preservation, and stop seeing these waters solely as fishing grounds." *Saving Paradise Islands* follows the dedication of conservationists who protect some of the most amazing marine locations of Tanzania: the islands Chumbe, Maziwe and Fanjove.

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