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BPII_EP01_08

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Description: Humpback whale in the fjords of Northern Norway, Atlantic Ocean. Humpback whales have only recently been observed coming into the fjords in Northern Norway to feed on vast shoals of herring. They use their enormous mouths to lunge through schools of fish filtering out the water with large baleen plates - brush-like teeth.

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Description: Walrus mother and pup resting on iceberg, Svalbard, Arctic

BPII_EP03_Coral Reefs_01_ICONIC

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Description: A green turtle, Borneo, Malaysia. Endangered green turtles come to feed in the tropical waters off the island of Sipadan. Of all the sea turtles, the green turtle is the only strict herbivore as an adult. It has fine serration along its jaw to help it tear algae and sea grass.

BPII_EP03_Coral Reefs_02

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Description: bustling coral reef in Fiji. Tropical reefs are some of the busiest places in the ocean. Fish, like these Sea Goldie, spend their days foraging in schools in the clear waters above patches of coral reef.

BPII_EP05_Green Seas_01_ICONIC

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Description: Giant cuttlefish in Whyalla, South Australia, gathering together in the largest mating aggregation of any cephalopod in the world. They live for only one or two years – once mated, they die.

BPII_EP06_06

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Description: Ochre seastars are the main predators of limpets in rockpools. But the limpets are known to fight back.

Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.

BPII_EP07_Our Blue Planet_03

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Description: Strict management of the herring fishery in Norway has saved it from complete collapse. The herring numbers are now so numerous, they have drawn in huge numbers of humpback whales and are thought to sustain perhaps the largest gatherings of orca anywhere in the world.

BPII_EP01_01_Episodic Iconic

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Description: An orange-dotted tuskfish holds a clam in its formidable jaws on the Great Barrier Reef, Australia. These tuskfish are one of the few coral reef fish that use coral outcroppings as a tool. By forcefully smashing the clam on either side of the outcropping, the tuskfish is able to break apart its tough protective shell.

BPII_EP01_06

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Description: Surfing bottlenose dolphins. Wild Coast, South Africa. Surfing may be a form of play in bottlenose dolphins, which is important in developing social and cognitive skills.

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Description: A methane or 'mud' volcano, 650 metres deep in the Gulf of Mexico, where bubbles of methane erupt from the seafloor, dragging plumes of millennia-old sediment with them as they rise. When the Blue Planet II team returned to film this scene the following day, the volcano was dormant once more.

BPII_EP04_01_Episodic Iconic

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Description: Portuguese man-of-war at dawn. The venomous Portuguese man-of-war is not a jellyfish but a siphonophore, a colonial animal made up of specialised individuals working together. It is also known as 'floating terror' as it sails with the wind, trailing tentacles that can deliver a vicious sting - painful to humans but paralysing for fish.

BPII_EP04_12

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Description: perm whales. Females live in 'nursery schools', bringing up their calves together in a team effort.

BPII_EP07_Our Blue Planet_01_Episodic Iconic

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Description: A superpod of sperm whales gathering off the coast of Sri Lanka. Sperm whales are large, intelligent and sociable whales found around the world. Their numbers plummeted due to commercial whaling. Had it continued, it is thought they may have died out, but off Sri Lanka rare sightings of a superpod offers hope for their future.

BPII_EP07_Our Blue Planet_Grab_12

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Description: Scientist Steve Simpson uses a multi-directional hydrophone to record the sounds of the coral reef. Scientists have recently discovered that many fish on the reef rely on sound at key stages in their life - and that man-made noise is interfering with this.

BPII_EP02_Making Of_28

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Description: MAKING OF - The Blue Planet II team in the submersible 'Nadir', capable of reaching depths of 1,000 metres. Over two years, the team spent a thousand hours in submersibles around the world.

BPII_EP02_Making Of_30

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Description: MAKING OF - On 13th December 2016, five humans in two submersibles ('Nadir' and 'Deep Rover') reached a depth of 1,000 metres in the waters of the Antarctic Sound. The expedition was on the scientific research vessel, M/V Alucia and had taken two years to plan.

BP II_Key Personnel_009_SDA

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Description: Sir David Attenborough