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DR CHADDEN HUNTER

BIOGRAPHY

Few people have seen more remote places and wild animals than Dr Chadden Hunter. From the Sahara desert to the Antarctic ice cap, Chadden has not only braved the elements but returned with award-winning footage and death-defying stories.

Originally from north Queensland, Chadden grew up surrounded by rainforest and coral reef, an immersion in nature that inspired his life journey. He studied marine biology on the Great Barrier Reef and his passion for wildlife took him on a wild 'Gorillas in the Mist' adventure to study gelada baboons in the remote war-torn mountains of Ethiopia for his PhD. While dodging armed bandits and surviving brain parasites he learnt the local language and realised he wanted to communicate with a greater audience.

After presenting a TV series for National Geographic he was convinced television was the most powerful tool to reach a large global audience. Chadden often compares the viewers of his films to the customers of other industries. He describes how the skills of story-telling can reach and move people, whether for education, inspiration, motivation or sales.

As a wildlife filmmaker Dr Hunter has worked alongside Sir David Attenborough for over 20 years, documenting everything from snow leopards in Pakistan to anaconda in the Amazon.

On the BBC series Planet Earth he became known as 'the guy covered in bat poop', and whilst filming arctic wolves for Frozen Planet learnt that minus 40C was cold enough to freeze his eyes shut.

As a Divemaster he has worked alongside underwater crews around the world, exploring the issue of plastics in the ocean and describing how the Blue Planet 2 Effect was able to change corporate behaviour and global politics.

His anecdotes are as inspirational as they are entertaining. Sometimes heart-breaking, often humorous, always riveting. What does being chased by a grizzly bear teach us about leadership? Can going bare foot in waste-deep crocodile-infested water demonstrate the importance of team-building?

Using a stunning multi-media presentation, including never-before scene footage from major BBC Attenborough wildlife series, Chadden shares stories about achieving goals through perseverance, communicating with wider audiences, the importance of team building and creative leadership.