

BEKI HENDERSON

ADVENTURE PRODUCER / DIRECTOR

A BAFTA-nominated Producer specialising in high-risk locations, extreme environments and remote communities. With 12+ years in the industry, I am extensively experienced in complex international shoots whether that's managing small crews in never-before-explored places or navigating big budget, large multi-camera teams in some of the most challenging environments on the planet. I have created endless hours of adventure content all over the world for major networks including National Geographic, Disney+, Apple TV, BBC, Channel 4 and more.

Having filmed across all seven continents on the planet, my career has seen me survey the mountains of Kyrgyzstan for snow leopard populations with Steve Backshall, walk elephant migration routes through Botswana with Levison Wood, explore Antarctica's extreme environment with Ben Fogle and help Will Smith tap into the secret of happiness in the mountains of Bhutan just to name a few.

SKILLS

- Extensive experience with Indigenous communities in remote locations.
- Extensive extreme environment experience. (jungle, desert, polar, mountains etc)
- Strong editorial mindset for adventure content
- Development and scripting for commissioners/pitching.
- Location scouting / Story finding / Casting.
- Recce reporting (editorial and logistical)
- World-first expedition development.
- Extensive expedition planning.
- Risk assessment and safety / evac planning.
- Mapping, routing and navigation.
- Exploratory expeditions.
- Exploratory packrafting.
- Recreational climber / boulderer.
- Recreational swimmer.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2024: Royal Geographical Society Off-site safety management
- 2024: AIDA - 1 & 2 freediving certificate
- 2023: WEMSI - Wilderness First Responder
- 2022: Wilderness First Aid Qualification
- 2023: Unaccredited Whitewater Rescue (2days)
- 2023: **Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society**
- 2022: Unaccredited Ropes/abseil course (2days)
- 2022: Unaccredited Whitewater Rescue (2days)
- 2021: **Neville Shulman Explorer (Scientific Exploration Society)**

TV PRODUCTIONS

- 2024 **RACE FOR THE NILE WITH BEN FOGLE (ZAMBIA & UGANDA)**, CHANNEL 5 - PRODUCER
Ben & Dwayne follow in the footsteps of pioneering Victorian explorers across punishing terrain as they step back in time to re-explore the intense and gripping story of the indomitable, idealistic and egotistical Victorian explorers who risked it all to find The Source of the Nile.
- 2024 **ENDANGERED PLANET (MONGOLIA & INDONESIA)**, APPLE TV+ (Offspring Films.) - PRODUCER
A team of world-class filmmakers and scientists venture off the beaten path, to capture groundbreaking, often first-time footage of the planet's most charismatic species.
- 2024 **INTO THE GREEN ABYSS (GABON)**, Scientific Exploration Society - PRODUCER / DIRECTOR
Paddling deep into the wildest jungles of Gabon, this is an expedition like no other. I packrafted along an unexplored river to meet some of the most remote communities being impacted by conservation.
- 2023 **CONGO WITH BEN FOGLE (CONGO)**, CHANNEL 5 (Mentorn Media) - PRODUCER
Ben Fogle embarks on his most extreme journey to date into the Congo, one of the most mysterious and perilous places on earth. An expedition that saw him trek to meet habituated gorillas, live in the jungle alongside a Mbendjele tribe and explore Brazzaville's colourful voodoo wrestling competitions.
- 2023 **POLE TO POLE WITH WILL SMITH (BOTSWANA)**, NAT GEO (Nutopia) - LEAD PRODUCER
Filming for more than 100 days, the series documents Will Smith's journey across all of Earth's biomes. Set up and management on site for exploration of the Okavango Delta, life with the San and tracking wildlife.
- 2023 **RACE TO THE POLE WITH BEN FOGLE (ANTARCTICA)**, CHANNEL 5 (October) - PRODUCER
Ben and Dwayne Fields land in Antarctica and transition from modern polar explorers into their historical clothes and take on the mantle of their Edwardian forebears. BAFTA Nominated.

- 2022 **POLE TO POLE WITH WILL SMITH (BHUTAN AND ECUADOR)**, NAT GEO (Nutopia) – PRODUCER
Filming for more than 100 days, the series documents Will Smith's journey across all of Earth's biomes. Significant time spent working and living alongside Waorani community in Ecuador and Layap in Bhutan.
- 2022 **THE 7 TOUGHEST DAYS ON EARTH (OMAN)**, NAT GEO (Nutopia) – PRODUCER / DIRECTOR
Dwayne crosses the arid Omani desert in a desperate quest for water. A vast underground cavern leads him to an oasis before crossing a sea of sand.
- 2022 **THE 7 TOUGHEST DAYS ON EARTH (GABON)**, NAT GEO (Nutopia) – PRODUCER
Dwayne survives the raging jungle rivers, impenetrable rainforest and encounters one of the oldest tribes on the planet in his quest to reach safety.
- 2022 **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**, NAT GEO (Studio Ramsey) – DEV PRODUCER
- 2021 **EXPEDITIONS WITH STEVE BACKSHALL (MULTIPLE)** UKTV (TTN) – PRODUCER / DIRECTOR
Steve takes on four entirely new adventures to remote parts of the planet – Saudi Arabia, Gabon, and Mexico.
- 2021 **EXPEDITIONS WITH STEVE BACKSHALL (KYRGYZSTAN)** UKTV (TTN) – FIELD PRODUCER
Steve heads to remotest Kyrgyzstan in search of snow leopards – if the team can find evidence of the endangered big cat, they could protect the region.
- 2020 **EXPEDITIONS WITH STEVE BACKSHALL (MULTIPLE)** UKTV (True to Nature) – AP
Steve Backshall sets out to uncover secrets hidden in some of the earth's uncharted territory. (Gabon, Kamchatka, Saudi Arabia)
- 2019 **RACE ACROSS THE WORLD (CENTRAL / SOUTH AMERICA) (S2)** BBC 2 – EMBED PRODUCER
Five pairs of contestants compete in an overland race across 14 countries from Mexico City to 'the end of the world', Ushuaia
- 2019 **WALKING WITH ELEPHANTS: LEV WOOD (BOTSWANA)**, CHANNEL 4 (October Films) – AP
Levison Wood walks the world's largest elephant migration across Botswana. All planning and expedition management.
- 2018 **GORDON RAMSAY: UNCHARTED (NZ & MOROCCO)**, NAT GEO (Studio Ramsay) – PRODUCER
Gordon embarks on adventure expeditions to unearth the most incredible people, places and flavours. (Morocco, New Zealand and Alaska). All planning and expedition management.
- 2018 **EXTREME TRIBES: THE LAST OF THE PYGMY (CONGO)**, C4, (Renegade) – DV DIRECTOR
Observational adventure series following Livia Simoka as she immerses herself in the life of the Mbendjele tribe deep in the jungle. Two months spent living in a small jungle village in the Northern Congolese rainforest.

MORE CREDITS UPON REQUEST

COUNTRIES VISITED

AFRICA: Republic of Congo*, Gabon*, Botswana*, Sierra Leone, Morocco, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya.

AMERICAS: Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru.

MIDDLE EAST: Saudi Arabia, Oman.

CENTRAL ASIA: Mongolia, Russia, Kyrgyzstan

ASIA: Bhutan, Indonesia, The Philippines

OCEANIA: New Zealand

EUROPE: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey

POLES: Antarctica

*Extensive knowledge

COMMUNITIES:

- MBENDJELE, Republic of Congo (2.5 months)
- LAYAP COMMUNITY, Bhutan (1 month)
- WAORANI TRIBE, Ecuador (1 month)
- THE SAN BUSHMEN, Botswana (1 month)
- BABONGO, Gabon (1.5 month)
- YAGUA, Colombia (1 month)
- BAKA, Gabon (2 weeks)
- ATLAS COMMUNITY, Morocco (2 weeks)
- BEDOUIN, Oman (2 weeks)
- HERDING COMMUNITY, Mongolia (1 week)
- MORE UPON REQUEST