

BEKI HENDERSON

PRODUCER / DIRECTOR

BAFTA-nominated Producer and Producer/Director with over 12 years' experience delivering complex international shoots across adventure, travelogue, and factual entertainment. My expertise spans remote, extreme environments and A-list talent productions. I have led small, agile crew into never-before-filmed locations and managed multi-million-pound shoots with teams of 50+ in some of the most challenging environments on Earth. I have produced hours of content for major networks including National Geographic, Disney+, Apple TV, BBC, Channel 4, and more. My adventure experience goes beyond the screen; I am a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and recipient of the Scientific Exploration Society's Neville Shulman Explorer Award.

SKILLS

EDITORIAL

- Story development and narrative building
- Scriptwriting and edit producing
- Story producing & casting & location scouting
- Pitch deck development / design
- Activity based challenge development
- A-list/Celebrity show development and management - particularly in complex locations/activities
- Developing projects with remote communities

LOGISTICAL

- Complex international shoot planning & logistics
- Expertise in remote locations & extreme terrain (jungle, desert, polar, mountains)

- Risk assessment / safety & evac planning / Mapping, routing & navigation
- Logistics consultation for A-list/Celebrity led productions to include talent management / Safety & security arrangements / personal requirements and expectations.
- Access & location negotiations.
- Recce reporting (editorial and logistical)
- World-first expedition development and planning

CORE SKILLS

- Scheduling and shoot budget management
- Strong problem-solving & decision-making
- Team leadership
- Expectational organisational skills

CREDITS

2025 **PROJECT STORM (W/T)**, *BBC STUDIOS* – PRODUCER

Feature length documentary about climate change featuring multiple A-list talent.

2024 **RACE FOR THE NILE WITH BEN FOGLE** (ZAMBIA & UGANDA), *CHANNEL 5* - PRODUCER

Ben Fogle & Dwayne Fields follow in the footsteps of Victorian explorers across punishing terrain as they step back in time to explore the gripping story Victorian explorers who risked it all to find the Nile.

2023 - **THE WILD ONES** (MONGOLIA & INDONESIA), *APPLE TV+* (Offspring Films.) - PRODUCER

2024 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 into the wildest jungles of Gabon, this documentary saw the duo packrafting an unexplored river to meet 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 into the Congo. Trekking to meet habituated gorillas, living in the jungle alongside a Mbendjele community and explore Brazzaville's voodoo wrestling.

2023 **POLE TO POLE WITH WILL SMITH** (BOTSWANA), *NAT GEO* (Nutopia) - LEAD PRODUCER

This series documents Will Smith's journey across all of Earth's biomes. Significant time spent working and living alongside the San community in Botswana and working in the Okavango Delta.

2023 **RACE TO THE POLE WITH BEN FOGLE** (ANTARCTICA), *CHANNEL 5* (October) - PRODUCER

Ben Fogle 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
- 2023 This 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 Fields 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 Fields survives the raging jungle rivers, impenetrable rainforest and encounters one of the oldest tribes on the planet in his quest to reach safety.
- 2022 **NO TASTE LIKE HOME**, *NAT GEO* (Studio Ramsey) - DEVELOPMENT PRODUCER
- 2021 **EXPEDITIONS WITH STEVE BACKSHALL S2** (MULTIPLE) *UKTV* (TTN) - PRODUCER / DIRECTOR
Steve takes on four new adventures to remote parts of the planet - Saudi Arabia, Gabon, and Mexico.
- 2021 **EXPEDITIONS WITH STEVE BACKSHALL S2** (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 S2** (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)
- 2020 **EXPEDITIONS UNSEEN** (MULTIPLE), *UKTV* (True to Nature) – EDIT PRODUCER
- 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 flavors. (Morocco, New Zealand and Alaska).
- 2018 **EXTREME TRIBES: THE LAST OF THE PYGMY** (CONGO), *CHANNEL 4* (Renegade) - DV DIRECTOR
Observational adventure series following Livia as she immerses in the life of the Mbendjele deep in the jungle. Two months spent living in a small jungle village in the Northern Congolese rainforest.

FURTHER CREDITS AVAILABLE

QUALIFICATIONS

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