

MADELEINE CLOSE

Researcher/Camera Trainee

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A widely travelled zoologist with a Masters degree in wildlife film-making, as well as camera and post-production skills. Talented, organised and confident researcher with strong negotiation and communication skills and ability to find great stories. Competent PADI Advanced Open Water Diver. Full/Clean UK driving licence.

WORK/CREDITS

Currently: Available for work from February 24th 2014

Summary of Experience:

- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver (certified 2011)
- Marine, Terrestrial and Captive Animal Research
- Successfully engaged and worked with contributors/experts in their field
- Archive Research Workshop with Amanda Kear (BBC)
- Field skills: UK (birds/terrestrial), Borneo (tropical rainforest), Greece (marine)
- Shelf shooting skills
- Experience with: Sony FS700, Panasonic 101, Canon XHG1, Sony NX5, Nikon D800, Canon 5D MII
- FCP7 and Adobe Premiere Pro CS6
- Basic sound recording
- Scheduling and good budgetary awareness
- Full production from concept to final film
- Widely travelled: Borneo, Botswana, Namibia, Australia, Venezuela, Tobago, SE Asia
- Full/Clean Driving Licence

Work:

Work Experience	'One Planet' (BBC NHU)	Jan 2014 – Feb 2014
Researcher	'Seven Deadly Sins in the Animal Kingdom' (Back2back Productions , Brighton)	Nov 2013 – Dec 2013
Assistant Producer/Director	Brilliant Britain: Bristol (Media Trust) for the Community Channel (to be aired on Sky, Virgin Media, BT Vision, Freeview & online)	Oct 2013 - present
Camera Operator	Piece to camera with Sir David Attenborough (Charity video for Feedback Madagascar)	Sept 2013
Runner	Cinema advert for University of South Wales (Aspect Film and Video Ltd)	Aug 2013

Runner	Comber (Short film - Aspect Film and Video Ltd)	June 2013
Research Assistant	The Burrowers (Drangonfly TV and BBC2)	May/June 2013
Photographer	Bristol Festival of Nature	June 2013
Camera Operator	Bristol Natural History Consortium – Bioblitz	May 2013
Event Staff	Bristol Digital Week	Jan 2013
Camera Operator/Editor	Slimbridge Wetlands Centre (Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust)	Nov 2012
Event Staff	Wildscreen Film Festival	Oct 2012
Researcher (Scientific)/Supervisor	Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation, Greece	Sept 2011 – Sept 2012
Researcher (Scientific)	Whitley Wildlife and Conservation Trust (Paignton Zoological Gardens, UK)	Sept 2009 - Aug 2010

AWARDS

BWPA 2013 (Wildlife in HD Video): Highly Commended for '*Surviving the Seasons*' (<https://vimeo.com/72976436>)

TRAINING & EDUCATION

MA Wildlife Filmmaking, Bristol UWE (2012-2013) in conjunction with the BBC Natural History Unit

'*A Silent Spring*' (<https://vimeo.com/74567803>) - Short documentary narrated by wildlife cameraman John Aitchison. Demonstrates my capability of putting my hand to most things and multi-tasking, as the entire project was self-produced including: research, identifying key contributors and getting their involvement, working with a composer, filming with a variety of cameras, story telling and editing across multiple formats.

BSc Zoology (2.1), Cardiff University (2007-2011) with Professional Training Year at Paignton Zoological Gardens

Included a field course in tropical biodiversity at Danau Girang Field Centre, Sabah, Borneo. During my placement year I carried out research into anxiety in mother-infant relationships in captive Hamadryas Baboons, the results of which I presented at the BIAZA research symposium, Chester Zoo (2010).

INTERESTS

Travel, wildlife, photography, camping, cooking, socialising with friends, sports including diving, skiing, hiking, basketball, netball and athletics. Member of the RSPB, BTO and National Trust.