

# Pooja Rathod

National Geographic Explorer 2021 | Wildlife Cinematographer

BAFTA Breakthrough India 2023

## EDUCATION

M.Sc. Wildlife Biology and Conservation

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## TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Long lens sequence building (RED Helium, Sony Venice 2 + Canon CN20) and drone operation (DJI Inspire 2, Mavic 3). DGCA certified drone pilot, PADI Advance and Nitrox diver.

## CREDITS

### DOP

*Secrets of the elephants* - Asia episode 2023

Oxford Scientific films for Disney+

(Filmed elephant families in national parks and human landscapes - Red Helium & CN20, Mavic 3)

### PRIMARY CAMERA

*Real Jungle Book* - releasing December 2023

ORF Universum

(Filmed Indian wolf pack dynamics and denning behaviour, elephant congregation, wild dogs hunting, forest establishers, aerials of all animals - Red Helium & CN20)

## **CAMERA**

*Underdogs* - Wildstar Films for Disney+

Flying fox sequence (Sony Venice 2, CN20 , Fujinon 75-400 , Sigma primes lens kit)

## **PRODUCER & DIRECTOR**

Belonging 2022

Short film on Grouper Spawning Aggregations for National Geographic Society (GH5 + Nauticam housing)

## **CAMERA ASSISTANT**

*DisneyNature Tigers* - releasing April 2024

(Second camera for dancing frogs sequence shot with Phantom Flex4K and camera assistant for fireflies sequence)

## **ON SCREEN CONTRIBUTOR**

*DisneyNature Tigers on the Rise* - releasing April 2024

## **PRIMARY CAMERA**

Wild Edens South Asia 2019

Off The Fence for National Geographic

(Long lens sequences of rhinos, langurs, elephants, peacocks)

## **PRIMARY CAMERA (3 EPISODES)**

Into the Wild India 2018 - 10 x 50" part series

Blue Ant Media for Off The Fence

(Long lens sequences of elephants, rhinos and tigers for three episodes - Path of the Matriarch, Land of the Secret Rhino and Queen of the jungle)

## **SECOND CAMERA AND SOUND**

*The Earthshot prize 2021*

Silverback studios for BBC

(Filmed the story of one of the nominee's for the Earthshot prize in India; innovation of solar powered ironing cart)

## **SECOND CAMERA AND SOUND**

Living with Snow Leopards 2022

Seattle Video Productions | Fidget Films

(Gimbal and long lens shooting of people living with snow leopards - farming, traditional craft making to support women in conflict landscapes. Filmed in Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary, India.

## **PRIMARY CAMERA**

Wild Karnataka 2018 - narrated by Sir David Attenborough

Discovery+ and cinema release in India

(Long lens sequences of jungle cat and cobra, dancing frogs, wild dogs and elephants in dry season using Sony FS7, Panasonic Varicam and Sigma 150-600).

## **On going shoot:**

*Destination Wild India (Episode - Jungles)*

Off the fence for National Geographic

(Primary long lens and aerial cinematography - tigers, leopards, elephants, wild dogs and monsoon).

## **LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **CO-FOUNDER - KNOW YOUR FISH**

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