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SERPENTS OF THE AMAZON

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

- Series of TV documentaries
- 22 episodes x 60 minutes
- High Definition (HD)
- 3D Stereoscopic

Serpents of the Amazon - The Garden of Eden

The Amazon, Brazil. The National Forest of Tapajós: location that is home to some of the most venomous snakes on the planet. Known as the place where the four main groups of snakes in Brazil can be found, the region also holds the record for most accidents involving venomous animals, such as snakes, scorpions and caterpillars, among others. The number of victims reaches 300 per year and in many cases the victims must amputate a limb. A group of researchers of the Butantan Institute (of Sao Paulo)

Characters

1. **Giuseppe:** Biologist with experience in the rescuing of animals. Director of the Biological Museum of the Butantan Institute (Sao Paulo) for 15 years. Working in the Amazon Rainforest for over 5 years for the Butantan in the Amazon project.

2. **Jose Antonio:** 16-year-old youngster who lives in a community on the banks of the river Arapiuns and who had his leg amputated after being attacked in the forest by a snake known as Combóia.

begins an investigation to learn about these serpents and what they are doing there. From Belterra - a small city founded by Henry Ford in 1927 - we will follow these researchers to several communities along the banks of the Tapajós River in the middle of the Amazon. From the introduction of previously unknown and/or deadly species to the first-person stories of people who came close to death by venom, the series will reveal the dangerous open-air laboratory that is the Amazon.

3. **Batista:** Leader of the Maguari Community (by the Tapajós River) who has been attacked by a venomous snake and has rescued the lives of several other victims.

4. **Paulo:** Doctor at the Santarém Municipal Hospital in the Tropical Medicine Department, which is associated to the Hospital das Clínicas of São Paulo. Responsible for the treatment of the hundreds of victims who are brought in each year for accidents involving the snakes of Flona Tapajós.

The Episodes

The episodes will reveal discoveries made by the researchers and their dialogues with the local population. Besides the real-life stories of the locals, the documentaries will present the serpents themselves:

their origins, characteristics and habits. 3D Stereoscopic effects will allow the spectator to "enter" the animals' bodies and understand their anatomies by way of images and the explanations provided by scientists.

The Serpents and the National Forest of Tapajós

The National Forest of Tapajós and the margins of the Amazon River and its tributaries are some of the most biodiverse territories in Brazil. There you can find samples of plants that are also found in regions as varied as the Amazon forests, the humid tropical forests, the *Cerrado* and other lowlands. It is the only place in Brazil that has the four main groups of serpents: the rattlesnake, the coral, the *jararaca* and the *surucucu*.

The high incidence of accidents involving venomous animals is another mark of the region. The majority of victims are members of riverside communities on the banks of the Tapajós and the Arapiuns. In many cases, these people suffer amputation because the anti-venom medicine must be taken within six hours of the snakebite, however mobility in these areas is usually precarious, since most transportation is by boat.