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The internationally acclaimed BBC Natural History Unit is currently making a major new landmark television series entitled '**AFRICA**', due for broadcast worldwide from the end of 2012. The BBC Natural History Unit has been producing world famous wildlife documentaries for over 50 years, including series such as *Planet Earth*, *Life & The Blue Planet*. For the **AFRICA** series we will be filming wildlife from the ground, the air and underwater, using the latest cutting-edge High Definition camera technology to present Africa to the audience as they have never seen it before. We will be showcasing dramatic scenery, awe-inspiring wildlife behaviour and never seen before landscapes.

For this series we wanted to film African penguins on St Croix Island and at sea in Nelson Mandela Bay off the coast of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. During 2010 we had a topside and underwater crew on location between 7th and 30th April and in 2011 our topside crew was on location from 11th - 17th April. During both these shoots Lloyd Edwards of Raggy Charters was our boat skipper and expert local guide. Lloyd provided all the marine logistics for the shoots and expert local knowledge of the sea conditions and animal behaviour. Lloyd also helped to get our crew on and off the rugged island of St Croix safely - not an easy task as the landing are extremely challenging; we could not have landed on the island without Lloyds experience and seamanship. I highly recommend Lloyd as a skipper around the Port Elizabeth coast as he has an excellent knowledge of the area and its marine life.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information regarding this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh Pearson', written in a cursive style.

Hugh Pearson
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