

**Oscar Furness****Director**

I am a driven and ambitious director with a background in conservation and a keen interest in new and innovative technology. Much of my work has been in extreme locations, including polar environments, remote islands and open ocean, directing complex blue-chip shoots in challenging conditions. In addition to my roles in wildlife documentary production, I have worked overseas for conservation charities, guiding organisations and education charities. I am a dual citizen of the UK and Canada, allowing me to also work across North America without a VISA. I am a practical, efficient, hard-working problem-solver who above all enjoys being useful.

**Productions**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Channel</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Genre</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date</b>
Oak Island Films	Independent	Bearwalker	Feature Doc. (1x90')	Camera Operator	2024
Buzz 16	TNT Sports	Gallagher Premiership	Outside Broadcast	Camera Operator	2023→
BBC Studios	BBC One	Asia	Wildlife Doc. (7x60')	Assistant Producer	2023
BBC Studios	NBCU	The Americas	Wildlife Doc. (11x60')	Assistant Producer	2023
BBC Studios	NBCU	The Americas	Wildlife Doc. (11x60')	Field Director	2022
Silverback Films	BBC One	Parenthood	Wildlife Doc. (5x60')	Assistant Producer	2021–22
BBC Studios	Discovery	The Invisible World of Predators	Wildlife Doc. (4x60')	Field Director	2021
BBC Studios	BBC America	Eden: Untamed Planet	Wildlife Doc. (6x60')	Researcher	2020–21
Oak Island Films	BBC Two	Snow Cats & Me	Wildlife Doc. (2x60')	Researcher	2019
Off The Fence	Nat Geo Wild	Europe's New Wild	Wildlife Doc. (6x60')	Researcher	2018–19
Off The Fence	BBC One	The One Show	Chat Show VT (1x5')	Drone Operator	2019
Off The Fence	Nat Geo Wild	Wild Edens: South Asia	Wildlife Doc. (1x60')	Researcher	2019
Off The Fence	Nat Geo Wild	Wild Edens: Turkey	Wildlife Doc. (1x60')	Researcher	2018
Off The Fence	Nat Geo Wild	Wild Arctic	Wildlife Doc. (3x60')	Researcher	2018
Off The Fence	Nat Geo Wild	New Boundaries of Dentistry	Wildlife Doc. (3x60')	Researcher	2018
Daisybeck Films	Channel 5	Big Week at the Zoo	Wildlife Doc. (5x45')	Camera Assistant	2018
Oak Island Films	BBC Two	Grizzly Bear Cubs & Me	Wildlife Doc. (2x60')	Researcher	2017

**Development****Bow Valley Films****Producer****2023→**

Achieving commissions for broadcast and streaming for a new production company based in the Rocky Mountains.

**VisionHawk Films****Assistant Producer****2023**

Pitched several skeleton ideas and received funding to turn these into fully-fledged pitches with pitch documents.

**Offspring Films** **Assistant Producer** **2022–23**  
Completed secondary development on a skeleton idea to create several pitchable concepts for three-part series.

**VisionHawk Films** **Assistant Producer** **2022**  
Developed a four-part series on a specific animal family as well as creating pitch documents and a promo video.

**Oak Island Films** **Researcher** **2019**  
Found stories and developed sequences and early running orders for a series in early development.

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**Other Experience**

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**National Grid Helicopter Unit** **Bristol, UK** **Mission Systems Operator** **2024**  
Utilised a thermal, UV and visual light capable camera gimbal unit mounted on a helicopter to inspect powerlines across the UK. Role involved extensive helicopter time and operating a complex gimbal system as well as LiDAR

**Kootznoowoo Native Corporation** **Alaska, USA** **Expedition Photographer** **2023**  
Carried out a hiking and rafting bear survey of several watersheds on a remote island with a very high bear density on an expedition funded by the state government for the purposes of identifying possible future ecotourism ventures.

**Grizzly Bear Ranch** **BC, Canada** **Wilderness Guide** **2019**  
Guided small groups of tourists to look for bears near a remote lodge in the Rockies. Responsibilities included science communication, wilderness safety, management of bear interactions and de-escalation of bear conflicts.

**Free The Bears** **Cát Tiên, Vietnam** **Technical Welfare Advisor** **2017**  
Kept records and advised at a sanctuary housing rescued sun and moon bears, monitoring the bear's diets, medical care and enrichment. Performed a rescue to retrieve a bear and facilitated extraction and transportation.

**Critter Care Wildlife Society** **BC, Canada** **Rehabilitation Supervisor** **2014–16**  
Raised and rehabilitated wildlife including bears, raccoons, skunks and others, as well as managing interns.

**WildlifeACT** **KN, South Africa** **Conservation Monitor** **2013**  
Monitored African wild dogs in several reserves, collecting location data and performing anti-snare patrols.

**Bristol Zoo Gardens** **Bristol, UK** **Dino Ranger & Outreach** **2012–17**  
Entertained and informed the public about animals and particularly dinosaurs at the zoo and at external events.

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**Qualifications**

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**BSc Zoology (Hons), 2:1 & School Commendation**  
**Bear Viewing Guide/Safety Level 1**  
**Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate**  
**Remote Pilot Qualification**

**University of Exeter**  
**Commercial Bear Viewing Association**  
**Federal Aviation Authority (USA)**  
**Civil Aviation Authority (UK)**

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