

EQUATOR

THE LINE OF LIFE

12 x 50' / 3 x 50' UHD

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Like a magic line, latitude zero links a whole variety of people, landscapes, animals and plants. They all enjoy a mostly tropical humid climate, a year without seasons, and a unique spectacle: the day without shadows. Twice a year, at the equinoxes in March and September, with sun is directly overhead at 12 noon, life on the equator throws no shadows. This phenomenon will serve as the peg for a very special film project: *Equator - The Line of Life*.

The Equator wraps Earth in a 40,000 kilometer ribbon of sunlight, abundance and astonishing nature. It is known in science as the "cradle of life" – because all species first arose here – and as the "museum of life" because rarely do creatures here go extinct. Now, as our warmest region gets hotter, the Equatorial paradise is changing. *Equator - The Line of Life* is a television series that explores that change while reveling in the beauty of this extraordinary place.

To capture a day on the equator, to follow the longest 'straight' line on our planet with wide-awake curiosity, and uncover the polyglot treasure-trove of stories with their imposing snapshots: this is the idea behind *Equator - The Line of Life*.

This TV event sets new standards: ARTE is the first TV station to devote a whole day to our planet. In contrast to other TV events, the scene is not a region, but the whole world, in the form of individual hotspots, strung out like beads on the equator.

Equator - The Line of Life is an extraordinary television project, worthy of a region that boasts an unbelievable wealth of visual beauty. Filmed over many months, the project will take viewers on a journey right around the Equator, bathing the audience in the cornucopia of life flourishing there.

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