

Daniel Dugmore

**Cinematographer
Stills & Time-lapse Photographer**





Profile

I am a dedicated and creative wildlife cameraman, photographer, and naturalist with over a decade of field experience across **Africa and the United States**. My work focuses on premium natural history productions, expedition leadership, and photographic storytelling, with a particular focus on **African ecosystems**, big cats, elephants, and birdlife.

I've worked on blue chip & landmark wildlife series for **BBC, Sky Nature, ITV, NatGeo**, and independent film companies, delivering a wide range of cinematography: **long lens, drone, gimbal, slider, time-lapse, and stills photography**.

Currently based in Kenya, I thrive under pressure and bring a calm, resourceful presence to the field. I have extensive experience operating in **remote, logistically challenging environments**. Having grown up between Botswana and the UK, I combine deep ecological knowledge with strong technical proficiency, working closely with producers, scientists, local teams and stakeholders. My background also includes **safari guiding, and expedition leadership**, including the first unassisted descent of the entire Okavango River system by canoe.

I have a respectful, upbeat approach, sharp observational skills, and genuine commitment to ethical wildlife storytelling. I've worked across **Botswana, Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Africa, Zambia, and California, USA**.

Currently seeking roles as a natural history camera operator. I'm dedicated to the mentorship and support of the growth of local talent in natural history filmmaking on the African continent.

Experience

RED V Raptor, Gemini, Helium, Komodo
Canon CN20
Phantom VEO
Flowcine Black Arm
Sony Alpha
DJI Mavic 3 Pro Cine / Inspire 2
DJI Ronin
ProAim & Teris Jib
LRT timelapse
Adobe PP
Final Cut Pro
Advanced 4x4 driver
Powerboat 2 & safety boat
BOGA Field Guide Level 3
PADI - Open Water

Kit List

Modified, Customisable Long Lens/GSS Vehicle
RED Komodo
Canon 5D mk iii
Sachtler Video 30 / Studio II
Vinten Tripod (150mm bowl)
Vinten Mini Legs (150mm bowl)
DJI Ronin RSC3
DJI Mavic 3 Pro Cine
Rhino 3-Axis electronic slider

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References available upon request.

Relevant Experience

BBC / Leopard Rock Films Natural History Series (under NDA)

Camera Operator, Drone Cinematography, 11th January - July 2nd 2025

- Vehicle Mounted Long Lens, GV
- DJI Mavic 3 Pro Cine Operator
- Stills / Timelapse Photography
- Slider Cinematography

Humblebee Films / Leopard Rock Films, natural history Series for Sky Nature, under NDA

Camera Operator, Drone Cinematography, Driver/Guide, 10 Oct - December 11th 2024

- Vehicle Mounted Long Lens, GV
- DJI Mavic 3 Pro Cine Operator
- Stills Photography
- Timelapse photography

Plimsoll Productions, natural history series for ITV, (under NDA),

Camera Operator, August 15th - September 23rd 2024

- Vehicle Mounted Long Lens, GV
- DJI Mavic 3 Pro CineOperator
- Stills / Timelapse Photography
- Slider Operator

Leopard Rock Films, natural history film (60mins), under NDA

Camera Operator, Timelapse Photographer, California, March 20th - April 15th 2024

- Long lens cinematography, GV
- Stills / Timelapse photography
- Media management and logging
- Jib operator

Humblebee / Leopard Rock Films, under NDA,

Camera Operator, Driver, Guide, Savuti, Botswana, Feb 16th - Feb 28th 2024

- Vehicle Mounted Long Lens
- DJI Mavic 3 Pro Cine Operator
- Stills Photography
- Vehicle mounted long lens driver

Rankin Creative / DeBeers Diamonds, Drone Operator, Botswana, 7th November 2023 - 30th November 2023

- DJI Inspire 2 Operator

Mac Media, Natural History Series, Under NDA, Camera Operator, Drone Pilot/Cinematography, Botswana, 28th December 2023 - 14th February 2024

- Long lens, vehicle mounted Long lens
- GV
- DJI Mavic 3 Pro Cine Operator
- Media management and logging
- Time-lapse photography
- Stills photography

African Parks Rwanda & Natural World Safaris, Camera Operator, 15th October 2023 - 24th October

Collaboration across internal African Parks personal & Natural World Safaris CEO to deliver a short form promotional video for digital marketing and a fundraising appeal video.

- Primary research interviews
- Run & Gun videography
- Gimbal cinematography
- Time-lapse photography

BBC / Silverback Films, Natural History Episode, Under NDA, Camera Operator, Drone Cinematography, Botswana, 28th September 2023 - 10th October

- Long lens, vehicle mounted Long lens
- GV
- Media management and logging
- Time-lapse photography
- Stills photography

Leopard Rock Films, natural history 60min feature, under NDA

Camera Operator, Timelapse & Stills Photographer, California, June 07th - June 13th 2023

- Long lens cinematography
- GV
- Media management and logging
- Time-lapse photography
- Stills photography

Leopard Rock Films, natural history film (60mins), under NDA

Second Camera, Timelapse Photographer March 17th - April 15th 2023

California

Skills

- Long lens cinematography
- DJI Mavic 3 Pro Cine
- Wide-angle & scenics
- Slider cinematography
- Time-lapse photography
- Camera trap cinematography
- Stills photography
- Jib operator
- Media management and logging

Focus Studios - freelance video and stills content production - September 2016 - present

Clients include; African Parks, Ker & Downey Botswana, The Lands Travel, Natural Selection Travel, Natural World Safaris, 2050London, Aquaculture stewardship council, Marine Megafauna Foundation.

Africa Specialist, Natural World Safaris

Brighton, UK. Nov 2018 – August 2020

Natural World Safaris is a high end specialist tour operator facilitating safaris for wildlife and nature enthusiasts.

Freelance Expedition Guide

Okavango, Botswana. June 2016

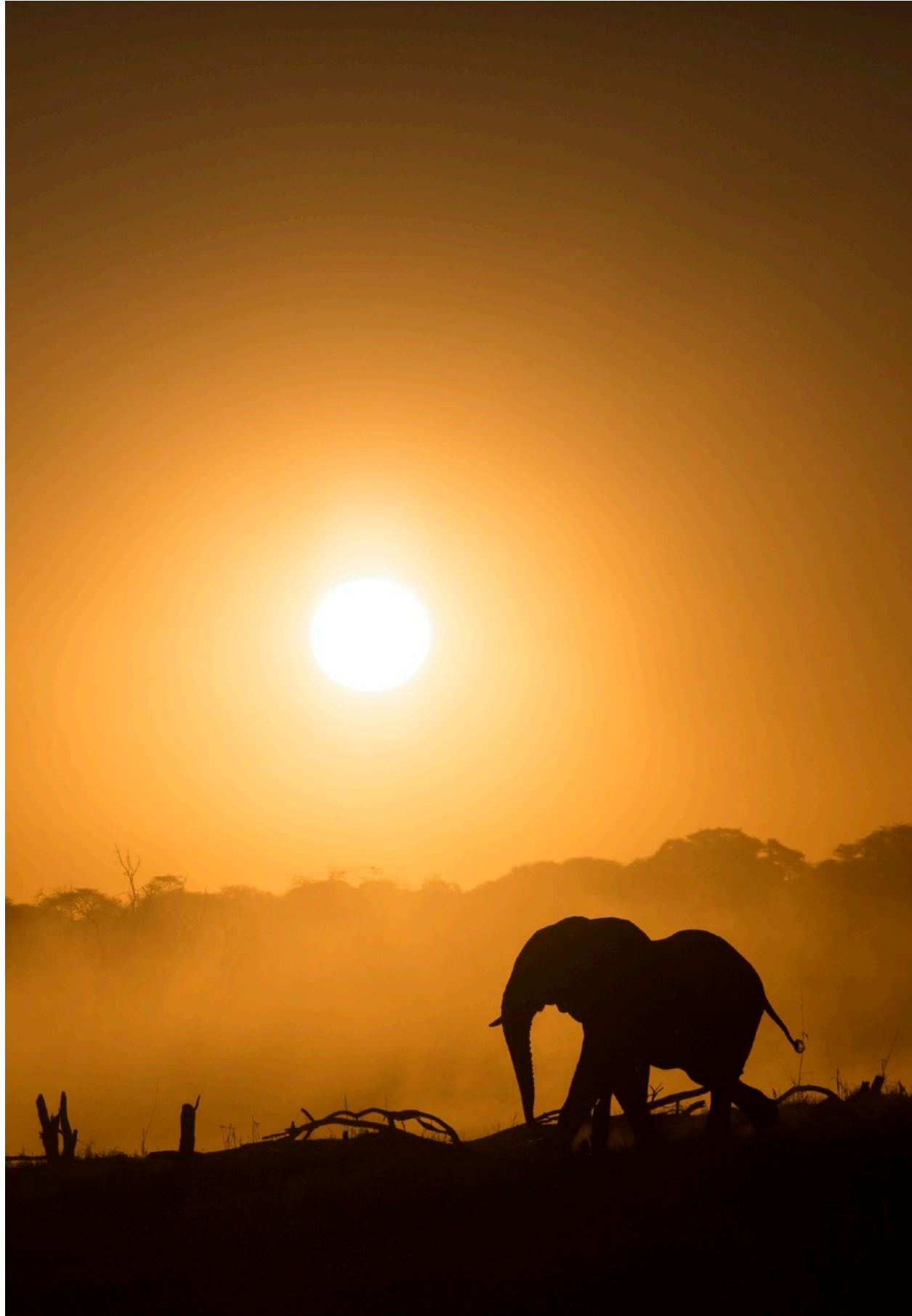
Lead guide for a bespoke 344km Trans-Okavango canoe expedition.

Skills

- Guiding, river navigation
- Camp and staff management
- Planning, safety & logistics
- Stills photography for marketing collateral

Expedition Leader, Expedition Okavango, June 2015

Lead the first unassisted source to 'sea' expedition of the Okavango River system by canoe. A three month descent of the Cubango-Okavango River Basin; canoeing six rivers, three African countries (Angola, Namibia and Botswana) and navigating some of Africa's least explored areas. The journey covered over 1,700km (1050 miles).



Certification

Lazarus Emergency First Aid Responder, 2024

PADI Open Water, Mozambique, 2017

Power Boat 2 & Rescue boat certificate, UK 2011

Okavango Guiding School – Jan - Feb 2013

Level 3 BQA Field Guide

Level 3 BQA Walking With Dangerous Wildlife

Specialist Bird Guide

Advanced 4x4 off roading certificate

Bushwise Field Guide Association of Southern Africa – July - Dec 2012

Level 1 FGASA Field Guides License, The Art of Tracking level 3, Advanced Rifle Handling

