Dan Abbott

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Cinematographer, 2nd Camera, Camera Assistant

HSE Media Diver, Self Shooting Producer, Drone Pilot (GVC), Video Editor.

With over 10 yrs experience shooting both underwater, topside and drone, my ability to adapt has led me to work with an array of production companies including BBC, CNN, Nat Geo, Sky and Discovery.

- Specialist in natural history sequences & unique wildlife behaviour. Extensive experience with large predators.
- Experienced in conducting high level interviews and working with presenters.
- Comfortable in front of the camera, working in a team, working solo in the field.
- Passionate about wildlife, in particular marine life. 8 years of experience working alongside scientists in the field.

Key Skills

- Vast array of filming experience in the field. Filming in 4k & 6k using production standard cameras, audio & lighting equipment, UW housings & drones, time-lapse/micro/long lens & gimbal shooting.
- Competent with REDs, Sony, Sony, Panasonic, DJI Inspire/Phantom/Mavic.
- Full face mask/UW comms experience.
- Experience setting up and operating large UW cinema camera systems.
- Competent with data management, editing, colour grading and sound design with FCP and DaVinci Resolve.

Credits

- Stock footage BBC, ITV, Nat Geo, Sky, BBC Wales & Discovery. Ongoing.
- Multimedia Manager & Producer for Save The Med in Mallorca, Mediterranean Sea.
 Creating films & documentaries for scientific projects, conferences & marketing. Sept 2019 June 2023
- UW DP, Editor Balearic Government visual surveys of MPAs 2022

- Director, UW DP, Drone Pilot, DIT, Editor 'Iceland's Green Machine' with Sarah Roberts - 2020
- Director, UW DP, Drone Pilot, DIT 'Wild Ocean Week' with Lizzie Daly 2019
- Director, UW DP, Drone Pilot, DIT 'Florida's Big Predator Expedition' with Sarah Roberts - 2019
- UW DP, Drone Pilot 'It's More Fun in the Philippines' for SKY TV 2018
- DP, UW DP, Drone Pilot, DIT 'Searching For Chinook' with Maise Williams 2018
- UW, Topside Operator, DIT Monsters Natal Sharks Board 2017

Qualifications & Experience

- HSE (Part IV) Media Diver
- Drone Pilot (GVC)
- First Aid at Work (3 day)
- EFR & Emergency oxygen provider
- Level 1 SSI Free-diver
- Nitrox Diver/Enriched air
- Naui Divemaster
- GATES housings STO
- Valid HSE Medical
- RYA Level 2 Powerboat
- Full UK driving licence
- Experience of diving & filming in both arctic & tropical conditions.
- Experience of leading a team of interns in conservation & filming projects.

Features

- Giant jellyfish photo featured in news stories & publications around the world 2019
- Oceanographic Magazine 'Documenting the good nature of marine animals' 2019
- Mallorca Daily Bulletin 'Overfishing and lack of understanding the biggest threats to sharks' - 2021
- TEDx Talk White shark behaviour 2019