



**DLIST presents a series of striking environmental documentaries showing at the Labia Theatre in Cape Town, between 27 July and 8 August. *Earthnotes – Environmental Documentaries from around the Earth* is an invitation to us all to open our eyes to the state of the world, and to recognise that we are part of both the problems and the solutions. After Cape Town, *Earthnotes* will be travelling up the west coasts of South Africa and Namibia for local screenings in a number of towns.**

The *Earthnotes* programme includes both local and international documentaries, many of them award-winning productions that have been screened in renowned film festivals worldwide.

This year, *Earthnotes* pays special attention to oceans and water. Documentaries like *A World Without Water* shed light on the impending global scarcity of water, and *Farming the Seas* on overfishing of the world's oceans. *A Hell of Fishing* is a trenchant documentary that shows the ever so pressing effects of overfishing in the African context.

Documentaries also cover controversial and timely global issues. *Crude Impact* and *Source* are two award-winning films that expose the collision of our insatiable appetite for oil with the rights of indigenous cultures and the environment. From Brazil comes an example of how we can plan cities in a more sustainable way. *A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil* gives us food for thought in this era of fast growing cities.

Local productions bring us images and sounds from southern Africa—from the dry land and productive seas of the west coast featured in two episodes of *A Last Glimpse* series, to *A Paradise under Pressure* on the east coast, and the incredible interactions between species in the African savannah captured in Neil Curry's award-winning film.

The common thread in all these films is a message of caution about the state of the Earth, encouraging each to think and talk, but also a note of hope for the Earth, empowering us to act.

*Earthnotes* kicks-off in Cape Town with a two-week season of films at the Labia Cinema, from 27 July to 8 August. In Bellville, the newly launched Environmental Resource Centre of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) will have screenings from 30 July to 8 August. *Earthnotes* won't stop in Cape Town though, as it will travel up the west coasts of South Africa and Namibia to a number of towns, where local showings will be organised.

Discussion on the topics featured will be encouraged during Q&A sessions following some of the screenings, with the presence of either filmmakers or environmental experts. Keep an eye on DLIST for more details on these sessions at the Labia. Morning showings for schools will also be promoted.

*Earthnotes* is presented by the DLIST information sharing community. DLIST, or Distance Learning and Information Sharing Tool, is considered mainly a web portal (<http://www.dlist-benguela.org>). Yet it is more than that; DLIST is an open community that links people from all walks of life, from government to researchers, NGOs and communities along the coastal areas of South Africa, Namibia and Angola. Discussions around the images brought by *Earthnotes* will continue on DLIST after the festivals.

For more information and full programmes:

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