



FREEKS WILD WORLD TV SERIES

**WILDLIFE • ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD • EDUTAINMENT • DR. FREEK VONK •
AUDIENCE: FAMILIES • 20x10MIN • DUTCH PUBLIC BROADCASTING**

TV SHOWS ABOUT THE LOVE FOR NATURE

Dr. Freek Vonk is world famous in the Netherlands for his television programs, in which he shares his love for wildlife with his viewers. For the past six seasons, Dr. Vonk is the most popular TV host among children, because of his popular documentary series FREEKS WILD WORLD. For this show he travels around the globe to find extraordinary animals in the wild. For example, he has filmed the komodo dragon in Indonesia; grizzly bears in Canada; chimpanzees in Uganda; Galapagos tortoise and other unique creatures of the Galapagos Islands; several species of sharks in the South African waters; Wild Dogs in Zimbabwe and many, many more.

FREEKS WILD WORLD is broadcast on the Dutch public channel NPO3, in 20 episodes of 10 minutes. The coming series will be broadcast in the fall of 2016. The show is expected to reach over half a million viewers per episode in the first run alone, as proven by the earlier series.

For adult viewers, Dr. Vonk has filmed the successful documentary series FREEK VONK IN AUSTRALIA and FREEK VONK IN LATIN AMERICA, in which he explores the wildlife of Australia and South America, in a spectacular off-road movie.

One of his most highly acclaimed TV projects was an episode of 'DWDD University' in which Dr. Vonk gave an hour long lecture about venom, which scored almost one and a half million viewers, on the largest Dutch broadcasting networks, prime time.

His latest television project is FREEK AGAINST THE POACHERS, in which Dr. Freek Vonk explores the illegal rhino horn trade in South Africa and Vietnam.

The popularity of Freek Vonk can be explained by his extensive knowledge of wild animals, but mostly because of his enthusiasm and capability to make science and biology understandable for the general viewer and especially kids. He is the leading figure in a campaign by the largest chain of supermarkets and also hosts live shows where he tells the audience about his adventures.





ABOUT DR. FREEK VONK

Dr. Freek Vonk is an internationally renowned Dutch biologist with a PhD in snake venom (Leiden University, 2012). He works at the Naturalis Biodiversity Center in Leiden. Dr. Vonk has 15 years of experience in handling reptile species, and published in prestigious scientific journals like Nature, Science and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA.

His publications include, among others, the discovery of the evolution of snake fangs; the discovery of venom glands in monitor lizards; as well as the sequencing of the very first venomous snake genome .

In addition, Dr. Vonk is a highly respected science communicator. He is a writer for National Geographic Magazine and a host/presenter for several successful TV-documentaries about evolution and biodiversity. In 2012 he won the prestigious Eurekaprize in 2012 for Science Communication awarded by the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research and the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

SECOND NATURE TV

Television production company Second Nature develops and produces formats in collaboration with biologist and scientist Freek Vonk. What do all of these programs have in common? They are all high-quality productions, combined with a lot of passion and a great fascination for nature and animals. Second Nature is a collaboration between Freek Vonk and production company TVBV, part of the Endemol Shine Group.



For more info: Second-Nature.tv

Freek Vonk and his television programs:

Freeks Wilde Wereld: <http://www.vpro.nl/jeugd/programmas/freeks-wilde-wereld.html>

Freek Vonk in Australië: http://www.npo.nl/freek-vonk-in-australie/POMS_S_BNN_677620

Freek Vonk in Latijns-Amerika: http://www.npo.nl/freek-vonk-in-latijns-amerika/POMS_S_BNN_2205094

Freek Vonk @ DWDD University: http://www.npo.nl/dwdd-university-presenteert-gif-door-freek-vonk/12-12-2014/VARA_101370332

Freek Vonk and his fans:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/freek.vonk.1?fref=ts>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/freekvonk>

Museum exposition: <http://www.naturalis.nl/nl/het-museum/specials/freeks-favorieten/>

Live shows: <http://www.freekvonklive.nl/>

Campaign: <http://www.ah.nl/over-ah/pers/persberichten/bericht?id=1314026>

