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UNDERWATER CINEMATOGRAPHER

Welcome

Charles Maxwell is an underwater cinematographer and explorer living in Cape Town, South Africa.

I have been diving for over 40 years and therefore have an excellent knowledge of the South African marine environment as well as having contacts in the documentary and scientific communities. I began my career in underwater filming in 1987 while assisting Swiss filmmaker, Gerald Favre, with his

production â??Le Souffle du Dragonâ?•, a story about the discovery and exploration of the worldâ??s largest underground lake in Namibia. Since then I have worked with many production companies worldwide.

Working with the sea can be frustrating and sometimes dangerous but mostly rewarding. It is not all about tropical islands and warm water and can involve spending many cold hours underwater, sometimes on oneâ??s own. While I specialised in documentary films about sharks, whales, dolphins and the Cape fur seals that are abundant in the cold water near Cape Town where I live, I also spend time along the coast between Cape Town and Mozambique and around the Indian Ocean Islands.

Besides my wildlife filming work, I have been involved in such diverse activities as commercial contract diving and marine survey work for the likes of Eskom, Telkom and SAPPI, caving, cave diving, nuclear reactor diving and mountaineering.

I have often been very fortunate to have been in the right place at the right time. I have been amongst the privileged few to be in places no human has placed a foot on before and have been the first person to dive in the fuel pool at the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station in South Africa. All of these experiences would not have been possible without the help of incredible support teams to whom I owe my sincere gratitude.

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These activities are all included in my website so please take the time to dig around for anything that you may find of interest.

awards & productions

Charles was a 2002 **Primetime Emmy Award winner** in the category Outstanding Cinematography for work done for **The Blue Planet: Seas of Life**, produced by the BBC / Discovery Channel.

In 2006 Charles filmed rays feeding on squid for the BBCâ??s Planet Earth: Shallow Seas.

Charles Maxwell is proud to have worked with the below companies:

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- **The Blue Planet: Seas of Life** â?? BBC / Discovery Channel â?? Emmy Award winner
- Planet Earth: Shallow Seas â?? BBC / Discovery Channel
- Supernatural: Time Warp â?? BBC Wildlife on One
- White Shark, Deep Trouble â?? National Geographic Television
- Sensitive Sharks â?? BBC Wildlife on One
- Air Jaws â?? Discovery Channel
- Smart Sharks: Roboshark â?? BBC / Discovery Channel
- African Penguin: Cool Bird in a Hot Spot â?? BBC Wildlife on One
- Das Grosse Fressen (Natal Sardine Run) â?? German Television
- Sardine Festival â?? Discovery Channel â?? Award at the 29th Festival Mondial de Image Sous Marine, Antibes, France, 2002
- Be the Creature â?? National Geographic Television
- Lâ??Oceanografic Aquarium â?? French Television
- Shark Coast aka Oceans Apart â?? BBC Natural World
- Massive Nature: The Deep â?? BBC Natural World â?? Winner of the Jules Verne Award de la meilleure realisation, 2005
- John Lydon (Johnny Rotten): Shark Attack â?? Channel Five, UK.
- Planet Carnivore: Oceans â?? National Geographic Television
- The Deep Blue â?? Big screen version of The Blue Planet

Video Footage

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Cango Caves: The Discovery of a New Section

In 1973 the Atlantic Underwater Club, of which I was a member, was approached by the South African Speleological Societyâ?¦

Table Mountain, Western Cape

Table Mountain Timelapse of Clouds

Table Mountain is the iconic landmark of Cape Town, South Africa. During the summer months, from October to March, aâ?¦

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Cave Diving, Film Shoots

Cave Diving in Namibia

Namibia is a land of contrasts and surprises. Where the once mighty Fish River carved its magnificent canyon, severe droughtsâ?¦

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Film Shoots, Squid

Squid and Their Predators

Squid, Loligo Vulgaris reynaudii, spawn in the inshore areas of the Eastern Cape throughout the year, with this activity peakingâ?¦

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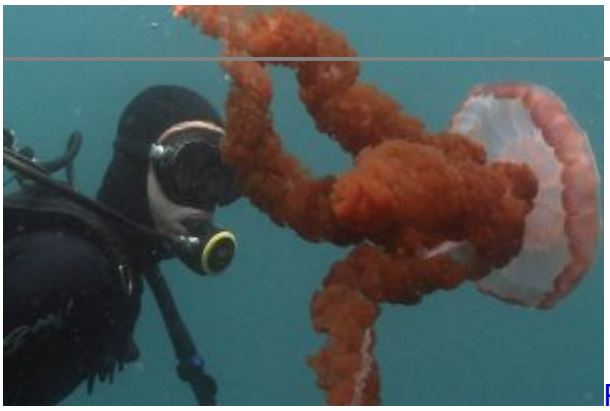

Featured, Film Shoots

Going wet and wild with a camera

Location: Cape Point, South Africa Renowned underwater photographer Charles Maxwell has been involved in diving adventures for over 40 yearsâ?¦

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Articles, Film Shoots, Sardine Run

The Natal Sardine Run

Location: Africa, South Africa, East Coast The east coast of South Africa sees a phenomenal event every autumn â?? hugeâ?¦

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South Africa is one of the sharkiest coasts on earth

â?? Sir David Attenborough in his narration for the BBCâ??s â??Shark Coastâ?•

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