INVITATION | Live Panel Discussion
Nature’s Fear Factor

World Wildlife Day 2022
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You are cordially invited to this session of Wednesdays for the Planet of 2022, organized within the frame of the 2022 World Wildlife Day celebrations, under the theme "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration". Watch the documentary "Nature's Fear Factor" (54 min) and join us for a live panel discussion on the film with leading international experts.

The armed conflict in Mozambique left the Gorongosa National Park devoid of wildlife. Gradually, several species were reintroduced, but without predators, their populations soared. Grazing animals roamed freely, dramatically changing the ecosystem and altering its equilibrium.

Until recently, the impact of predators was thought to be simple: predators eat prey, keeping populations in check. But ecologists are realizing that it’s not all about consumption. Just the presence of predators can cause significant changes in behaviour. Scientists call this the “landscape of fear,” and in Gorongosa, they are hoping to harness its effects to help bring an ecosystem back from the brink by reintroducing African wild dogs.

This documentary reveals how predators — and the fear they trigger—play a surprising and crucial role in keeping wild ecosystems healthy.

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