

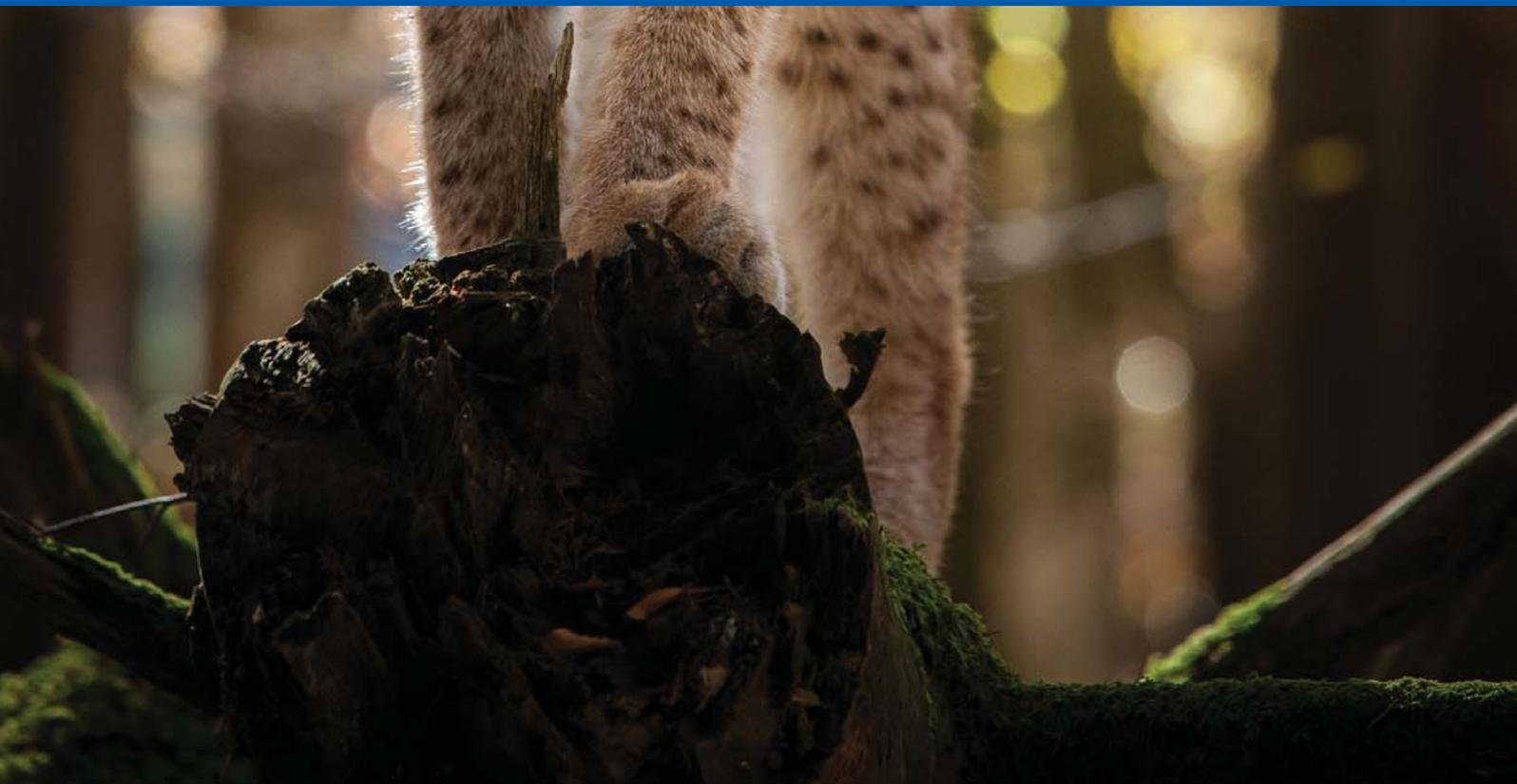


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MAKING AN ANCIENT FOREST

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2015 | 4K | 16:9 | 52 min | 5.1 + 2.0

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Directed by Rita Schlamberger
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Music Alexander Bresgen
Executive Producer Michael Schlamberger

A ScienceVision production.

Forests are far more complex than previously imagined – as revealed in Rita Schlamberger's latest film, „*Making an Ancient Forest*“.

The documentary, filmed in 4K, travels deep into the remote forests of the Kalkalpen National Park in Austria - the largest area of wilderness in the Alps. Abandoned and unmanaged by man for close to a quarter of a century, the forest's dramatic cycle of growth and decay now rules the landscape. What appears at first to be devastation and destruction is in fact part of the fundamental process

of the forest's regeneration and transformation back to its natural, primeval state.

The film, three years in the making, reveals the highly complex partnerships among plants, insects and animals, as well as the evolutionary creativity and intelligence of trees as they communicate with one another and respond to moment-by-moment stimuli. Their genius is attributed to one of the greatest collaborations in the history of life: a partnership with fungi.

One of the most salient changes in the forest is however, the return of the lynx. After 115 years of absence, the feline's illusive presence is a testimony to nature's power of revival and a reassurance that the bold conservation efforts in the National Park are slowly, but surely, contributing to *Making an Ancient Forest*.