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First study of wildlife filmmaking in Southern Africa with particular emphasis on the relationship between trends there and elsewhere.

In the 1970s, Southern Africa became the major locale for African filmmaking with an increasing use of the Kalahari Desert, Okavango Delta and Kruger Park area. This study examines the relationship between filmmaking in Southern Africa and international broadcasters and audiences, and argues that previous accounts have neglected the importance of innovations from Southern Africa.

Readership

Students of environmental film and communication; conservationists, historians of broadcasting and documentary; people interested in the relationship between politics and conservation.

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