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Extreme Weather Tests the Survival Skills of Three Animal Families in *Nature—Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise*

Three-part miniseries premieres Wednesdays, April 2-16 at 8/7c on PBS

In the heart of Africa's Great Rift Valley lies Katavi, a little-known National Park spanning more than three thousand square miles of western Tanzania. Here, *Nature*'s filmmakers capture a once-in-a-lifetime event – a severe drought followed by heavy rains that tests the survival skills of all those that call Katavi home in ***Nature—Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise***, premiering Wednesdays, April 2-16 at 8/7c on PBS ([check local listings](#)), pbs.org/nature, [YouTube](#) and the [PBS App](#).

In Katavi National Park, lions, hippos and crocodiles live more or less in harmony, until an unusual climatic cycle transforms the natural dry season into the toughest drought in almost a century. Desperation pushes all these animals to the edge of their endurance. Lion cubs face mortal danger from a rogue male lion intent on a takeover. Hippos fight viciously for territory rights in a dwindling river. Even crocodiles, usually capable of surviving prolonged periods without food or fresh water, fall victim to the intense conditions. And when the drought finally breaks, Katavi veers from one extreme to another. For some, the return of the rains brings not salvation, but further peril.

Episode One, "Sanctuary"

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Katavi National Park is typically a lush paradise for wildlife in Tanzania. However, the upcoming dry season looms more threatening than ever before. Meet the hippo, crocodile and lion families who must navigate this change of seasons.

Episode Two, “Purgatory”

Premieres Wednesday, April 9 at 8/7c on PBS (check local listings), pbs.org/nature, YouTube and the PBS App

The dry season is developing into a severe drought that is more intense than anything Katavi National Park has witnessed before. The young animals attempt to understand their rapidly changing world while the experienced adults rely on their years of knowledge to survive.

Episode Three, “Salvation”

Premieres Wednesday, April 16 at 8/7c on PBS (check local listings), pbs.org/nature, YouTube and the PBS App

After the worst drought in years, hope looms on the horizon. The rains finally arrive, and the water brings relief and movement for all. However, the parched land cannot absorb the heavy rain, bringing fresh dangers and further testing the animal families' survival skills.

Nature—Katavi: Africa's Fallen Paradise is a production of The WNET Group, Terra Mater Studios and Shibumi Films in association with ARTE and WDR. The miniseries is written, produced and directed by Owen Prumm and produced by Sarita Sharma. Narrated by Nimmy March. For Terra Mater Studios, Sabine Holzer, Martin Mészáro and Michael Frenschkowski are Executive Producers. For **Nature**, Fred Kaufman is Executive Producer. Bill Murphy is Series Producer. Janet Hess is Series Editor. Danielle Broza is Digital Content & Strategy Lead.

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