



## **TIGRESS PRODUCTIONS TO PRODUCE NIGEL MARVIN'S SHARK ISLAND FOR FIVE**

Bristol, 11 September 2007: Leading independent factual producer Tigress Productions has been commissioned by UK broadcaster Five to produce a major new event series ***Nigel Marvin's Shark Island***.

Commissioned by Five's Wildlife and Factual Acquisitions Executive Bethan Corney and directed by Michael Davies, the 5 x 45-minute and 1 x 30-minute series will air on the channel later this year. Tigress' parent company IMG holds all international rights to the series.

***Nigel Marvin's Shark Island*** sees presenter and naturalist, Nigel Marvin, explore the Cocos Island, one of the largest uninhabited tropical islands in the world and home to some of the greatest shark displays on the planet.

The series features stunning underwater footage of Nigel, up close and personal with sharks, and discovers the secrets behind this mysterious island, which is located off the coast of Costa Rica in the Eastern Tropical Pacific and is said to be the inspiration for both *Jurassic Park* and *Treasure Island*.

Filmed over the course of one month during peak shark season, Nigel and a crack team of experts, experience living onboard a dive boat under the great limestone cliffs of Cocos. Exploring the island, he finds out more about the mammals that have managed to make this remote outpost their home, and taking to the water in a million dollar mini submersible he finds out why it attracts the largest known concentration of sharks in the world.

Five's Commissioning Editor for Wildlife and Factual Acquisitions, Bethan Corney, says: "Nigel Marvin is a key face of wildlife on Five. Building on the success of Nigel's *Penguin Week*, we are proud to be commissioning more event weeks like ***Nigel Marvin's Shark Island***. Tigress produces stylish, bold and entertaining wildlife programming and Shark Island promises to be glossy, adventurous and fresh."

Andrew Jackson, Managing Director of Tigress Productions says: "Five continues to push the boundaries of wildlife programming and we are delighted to be making such an inventive series of programmes on one of the most fascinating subjects in the natural world."