



## **TIGRESS PRODUCTIONS EXPLORES** **JAGUAR ADVENTURE WITH NIGEL MARVEN FOR FIVE**

### **Secures commission for new series of *Nature Shock* films**

Bristol, 28 February 2008: Leading independent factual producer Tigress Productions has been commissioned by UK broadcaster Five to produce a major new event series ***Jaguar Adventure with Nigel Marven***. This follows the success of Tigress' series *Nigel Marven's Shark Island* which aired on the channel last year. In addition, Tigress is also producing a further four x 60-minute ***Nature Shock*** films for Five following a great reception for the first series which has recently aired on the channel.

Commissioned by Five's Commissioning Editor of Factual Bethan Corney and directed by Andrew Graham Brown, ***Jaguar Adventure with Nigel Marven*** (6 x 30-minutes) will air on the channel later this year. It is executive produced for Tigress by Andrew Jackson and the production manager is Sally Corfield.

Tigress' parent company IMG holds all international rights to the series which will be available outside the UK as 5 x 60-minute episodes.

***Jaguar Adventure with Nigel Marven*** follows the presenter and naturalist in search of the biggest jaguars in the world. Nigel heads to the Pantanal, a monster swamp in the heart of South America. This fabled Brazilian wetland, the size of Britain, is home to some of the most amazing animal spectacles on earth including the illusive jaguar. Weighing almost as much as two men, the jaguar has powerful jaws and often kills its prey by piercing the skull with one bite.

Nigel spends a month uncovering the secrets of this enormous water world in his quest to find the jaguar. From armadillos to giant bats, Cayman crocodiles to anacondas, Nigel's mission is to find out how these amazing creatures live in this monster swamp.

His journey starts on Transpantaneira Highway, the only public road in the Northern Pantanal. Almost 100 miles of dirt track, it takes Nigel deep into the swampland. It's the dry season and the animals are beginning to congregate around the remaining pools of water making life a little easier for the wildlife spotter. But the jaguar remains hidden and soon Nigel has to swap his jeep for a river boat.

The remaining rivers are home to the Giant Otter, Capybara and a host of other prey animals which become a magnate for the big cats; it's one of the most water loving of the cats. This six part series takes Nigel on an incredible journey in which he also learns about the conservation efforts now being made to preserve the big cat for future generations.

Tigress is also starting production on four new 60-minute films for a new series of ***Nature Shock*** for Five.

***Tasmanian Devils*** looks at the story behind the photograph of a Tasmanian Devil which launched a multi-million dollar project to save the world's largest marsupial carnivore from extinction.

***Monster from the North*** investigates the identity of a mysterious creature shot and killed in the Canadian Arctic. No-one knew the animal existed. The film unveils the truth behind the monster.

***The Whale That Blew Up In The Street*** is the blow-by-blow account of what happened when a giant sperm whale carcass exploded in Taiwan as it was being transported to a museum.

***Supersize Pigs*** tells the story of monster hogs in Alabama and how they have sparked a number of controversial hoaxes.

Andrew Jackson, Managing Director of Tigress Productions says: "Our relationship with Five continues to go from strength to strength. Nigel Marven is a wonderfully enthusiastic wildlife presenter and we're delighted to be working with him and Five again to make another series of adventurous natural history shows. We're equally pleased to have secured a second series commission for Nature Shock. It's great to see Five backing new ways of making natural history and I'm pleased to see that we continue to be at the forefront of reinventing the genre."