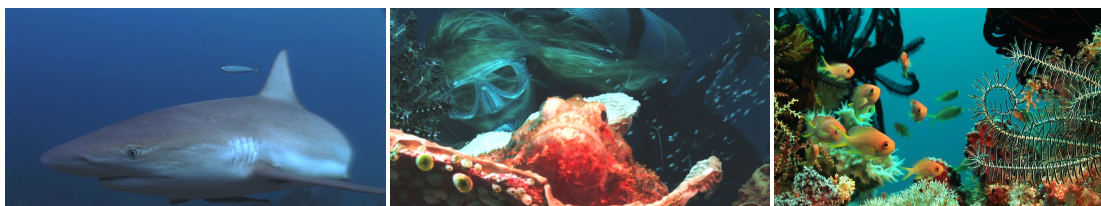


**SEAWAY
A DOCUMENTARY SERIES**



**Program
Synopsis**

The **SEAWAY** documentary series consists of 13 episodes for television filmed in various parts of the world. The series will allow viewers to discover practically unknown corners of the planet that stand out for the quality of their environments and landscapes. All of the episodes have been filmed in natural reserves or strictly protected regions. The differentiating characteristic of this series is its essentially submarine contents. Our production company, **TakeAway Films**, is committed to showing destinations that are attractive to the viewer for their singularity and their especially rich marine flora and fauna, while at the same time highlighting traditional cultural values. Today those places are considered the best diving destinations in the world.

Episodes

1. TWELVE LEAGUES. CUBA.
2. MAYAN SECRET. YUCATAN, MEXICO.
3. CONDEMNED PARADISE. COIBA ISLAND, PANAMA.
4. MOLUCCA ROUTES. INDONESIA.
5. UNPREDICTABLE LAND. PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
6. SUBMERGED VOLCANOES. CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN.
7. RAINBOW OF THE SOUTH. FIJI.
8. TIOMAN AND SIPADAN. MALAYSIA.
9. PURE LIFE. COSTA RICA.
10. THE CORAL SEA. AUSTRALIA.

11. DREAMING OF BLUE. PALAU (MICRONESIA).
12. JOURNEY TO THE SEA 1
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Structure

The **SEAWAY** series reveals the most spectacular and isolated regions of the planet. The contents of the 13 episodes are dedicated especially to the loveliest underwater settings found anywhere in the world.

SEAWAY allows us to probe unexplored places that conventional tourism rarely reaches because of remoteness and scant infrastructure. The series reflects not only the flora and fauna of these destinations, but also their landscapes and some of their culture and customs.

All these places enjoy significant levels of government protection, as Biosphere Reserves, National or World Heritage Sites, Natural Parks, National Parks, etc.

1. TWELVE LEAGUES. THE QUEEN'S GARDENS, CUBA.

Los **Jardines de la Reina** – the Queen's Gardens – are located on the southern coast of Cuba and are one of the most important natural reserves in all the Caribbean. They comprise more than 600 absolutely virgin keys that today enjoy legal protection. In of this area of 1,400 square kilometers, there is only one small floating hotel with seven rooms that hosts privileged divers from all over the world. They are famous for their numerous sharks, perfectly preserved coral reefs, and wide variety of fauna, both on land and under the sea. We pay special attention to the sharks, so this episode is particularly spectacular. The site's excellent preservation also allows us to talk about what the Caribbean was like more than 30 years ago.

2. MAYAN SECRET. YUCATAN, MEXICO.

Cenotes are sacred sinkholes which were formed after the glacial period and which run underground throughout the Yucatan Peninsula, in Mexico. Our team entered a virgin sinkhole that had only been explored by cave divers, the Cenote Pedrín, located in the middle of the jungle on the Yucatan Peninsula. The expedition pushes its way through the jungle to discover this sinkhole, while at the same time explaining what these geological formations are like and their natural value. In this episode we also show another legendary diving site located on the Gulf of Mexico near Holbox and known as Los Picos. These wild and practically unknown underwater mountains between Mexico and Cuba abound with manta rays and sharks.

3. CONDEMNED PARADISE. COIBA ISLAND, PANAMA.

The island of **Coiba** is considered one of the planet's natural jewels and is both a World Heritage Site and a Biosphere Reserve. Until the year 2002 it was a prison, but since then it has become a place for scientific research because of its wealth of species and subspecies, both land and marine. Located in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor, Coiba, together with the Galapagos Islands, Cocos Island, and Malpelo Island, is the kind of wildlife sanctuary that is hard to find anymore. This island allows us to portray a unique natural setting and delve into the recent and little-known history of the prison. We will also include a brief tour of Panama, a country known above all for its famous Canal.

4. MOLUCCA ROUTES. INDONESIA.

The tropical reefs of the **Molucca Islands**, in Indonesia, overflow with marine biodiversity. These reefs are home to unique and varied species and their transparent waters let us observe a delicate and rich world of corals and small, strange, and colorful fish, while at the same time enjoying the company of sharks and large manta rays. This episode was filmed from an emblematic boat: the Ondina. Aboard the Ondina we explore a route through the Moluccas until we reach the Lembeh Strait, in Sulawesi. This area is the capital of muck diving.

5. UNPREDICTABLE LAND. PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Papua New Guinea, in Oceania, represents the thousands of small islands that exist in this largely unexplored part of the world north of Australia. It is one of the regions of the planet with the greatest biodiversity and one of the few virgin territories left. Its diversity also stands out on land, where Melanesians, Polynesians, Micronesians, Chinese, Europeans, and Australians live together and where the country's more than 700 native languages are spoken.

This episode begins with the way we were received by the Kofure Clan, who wished us good luck on our underwater journeys.

Beneath the waves Papua is like no other place and is very attractive to any viewer who wants to see things he or she has never seen before.

6. SUBMERGED VOLCANOES. CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN.

The sea bottoms of volcanic origin are the heart of this episode, in which we explain what underwater volcanoes are like and the origin of these geological formations.

The **Chinijo Archipelago** is a Marine Reserve, Biosphere Reserve, and a Natural Park. It consists of five islands, of which only one has a small inhabited town, La Graciosa.

Its underwater landscapes are very pretty, but we have also managed to portray the tranquillity and beauty on land of this small paradise located south of Europe.

7. RAINBOW OF THE SOUTH. FIJI.

The **Fiji Islands** are the paradise that we all dream of when we think about the South Seas. But the reality on these lost coasts of the Pacific Ocean surpasses even our imagination. These tropical islands with white sand beaches full of palm trees and their peoples with their infectious love of life envelope us with the genuine local atmosphere. Their crystal-clear waters are home to exquisite walls of soft corals and several types of sharks, like the legendary bull shark. Without a doubt, this episode is full of fascinating moments that the viewers will find singular.

8. TIOMAN AND SIPADAN. MALAYSIA.

Malaysia is a country with rich sea bottoms full of natural treasures near modern cities. We begin our story at the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, and from that city we travel to one of the world's most famous dive sites and, according to the legendary Jacques Cousteau, one of the best preserved sanctuaries of marine life: Sipadan.

Sea turtles are the submarine stars of this area and are the stars of this episode. We will enter the famous and disturbing Turtle Cave. We will also visit Tioman Island, which boasts a wide variety of soft and hard corals.

9. PURE LIFE. COSTA RICA.

Costa Rica is synonymous with Nature and adventure. No other country in the world brings together so many ecosystems in such a small area.

For that reason, this episode is especially rich in flora and fauna, both on land and underwater.

Its coasts teem with sea turtles, sharks, and manta rays.

On land there are five different types of forests full of exotic animals like the quetzal.

Costa Rica boasts 26 national parks and we tour the most emblematic ones.

10. THE CORAL SEA. AUSTRALIA.

Australia's **Great Barrier Reef** is a World Heritage Site and one of the world's natural wonders, with 2,300 kilometers of reefs. It is the largest structure ever built by living creatures and there can be no doubt that we are talking about one of the biologically richest places on the planet, with exceptionally diverse marine life. The Coral Sea is home to the greatest number of animal species on Earth. We tour the most important areas of the Great Barrier Reef and reach the Far North.

This episode also features two of the country's most emblematic sunken ships: the Pandora, which is steeped in history, and the Yongala, considered one of the five best dive sites in the world.

11. DREAMING OF BLUE. PALAU (MICRONESIA).

The thousands of small islands that make up **Palau** are uniquely beautiful. They are of volcanic origin, but are covered with trees, thanks to the heavy rains. Palau figures among the three best diving destinations in the world. In this episode we will see the region's extraordinarily rich marine life: all kinds of corals and a complete, surprising, and very populous fauna. We will also show the viewers the famous lagoon that is home to millions of isolated and harmless jellyfish.

12. JOURNEY TO THE SEA 1

An underwater journey through the western half of the planet, with the most important experiences and best images of Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, and the Chinijo Archipelago in the Canary Islands.

13. JOURNEY TO THE SEA 2

An underwater journey through the eastern half of the planet, with the most important experiences and best images of Australia, Fiji, Palau, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea.

TECHNICAL DATA

CATEGORY: Television

GENRE: Documentary

FORMAT: 16:9 (panoramic)

EPISODES: 13 (series)

DURATION: 25 minutes per episode

ABOUT US

TakeAway Films is a production company with extensive experience in the audiovisual field: documentaries, reports, television commercials, events... but above all, it specializes in underwater shoots.

TakeAway Films has received awards at various specialized film festivals for its audiovisuals related to the underwater world.

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