



Ismaele Tortella

Director and
Cinematographer

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About Me

I have devoted the past 13 years to the study of nature and film. Exploring far-flung corners of the globe has opened my eyes to the diversity of our planet.

- Documentary Director
- Drone Pilot A1/A2/A3
- Wildlife Cinematographer

Languages

- Italian - Mother tongue
- Spanish - C2
- English - B2
- Norwegian - A1

Experience

- Director & Photography**
My World - "Stone Biter - Saving the Arctic Sea Forest" 2025
Short Documentary supported by Amberjack, Schoolyard and Jackson Wild.
- Photography**
Silverback Films - "Arctic series" (in production) 2025
Drone operator and remote underwater cameras.
- Director & Photography**
Folk Films - "Arctic Blue" (in production) 2025
Personal feature documentary.
- Director & Photography**
ORF - "Citizen Power - Saving the Kelp Forest" 2024
Short documentary for Universum Spezial ORF 2.
- Photography**
Plimsoll - "Year on earth" (in production) 2024
Long lens.
- Additional Photography**
Doc Lights - "Orcas, herrscher der Meere" 2024
Drone operator and camera. Screened on ARTE, ORF.
- Photography**
BBC NHU - "Wild Scandinavia" 2023
Drone operator and camera. "Life on the Edge" episode.
- Photography**
FX produksjoner AS - "In cod we trust" (in production) 2023
Feature documentary directed by Guro Saniola Bjerk.
- Underwater and Photography**
DeepSea Production - "Makten över havet" 2023
Screened on SVT.
- Photography**
Rein Film AS - "Sea Sisters" (in production) 2021
Feature documentary directed by Brunella Fili.
- Book Author**
Daniele Marson Editore 2019
Author of the book "Iguazù, alla scoperta della foresta atlantica".
- Director & Photography**
"Mediterranean Lights" - Short Doc 2019
Personal short documentary.
- Director & Photography**
"Looking for Mobydick" - Short Doc 2018
Personal short documentary.
- Photography Assistant**
Wolf Filming in Abruzzo 2017
Director Marco Andreini filming wolves in the National Park of Abruzzo, Italy.

Skills

- **PADI Advanced OW** diver and free-diving experience in cold waters.
- Extra underwater certifications: **dry suit** and **enriched air**.
- **Outdoor Guide** experience in the **Norwegian Arctic**, specialized in: northern lights, whales and white-tailed eagles.
- **STCW95 and Crowd & Crisis** safety trainings.
- **Driving license B**.
- **Boat license** (Båtførerprøven).
- Experience in ski mountaineering.

Showreel



Education

- **Documentary Masterschool**
Documentary Campus 03/2023 - 10/2023
Masterschool is a one-stop-shop for non-fiction projects of all media looking for a boost in the European market.
- **TalentStipend**
Deep Sea Production 05/2022 - 02/2023
Underwater filming masterclasses with Göran Ehlmé and Johan Candert.
- **ESODOC**
Zelig Film 05/2020 - 12/2020
Training initiative for media professionals to develop the potential of their documentary.
- **Master degree in Forest Science**
Università degli Studi di Padova 10/2014 - 09/2016
Final mark 110/110 cum laude.
- **International Exchange Argentina**
UNaM - FcF de Misiones 08/2015 - 07/2016
One year interchange in the UNaM, Argentina.
- **Bachelor degree in Forest Science**
Università degli Studi di Padova 10/2010 - 12/2013
Final mark 110/110 cum laude.
- **Erasmus Universidad Politecnica Madrid**
UPM - E.T.S.I. Montes 09/2012 - 06/2013
One year interchange in the Polytechnic University of Madrid.

Awards and Publication

- **Winner of Wild Pitch**
National Geographic Pitch at Wildscreen 2024
- **Winner of Pitch Below Zero**
Tromso International Film Festival 2024
- **Shortlisted for The Whickers Award**
The Whickers 2023
- **Pitch IDS**
Torino Film Festival 2021
- **Best Short Documentary**
ME Film Festival | International Film Festival 2020
- **Official Selection**
LONG STORY SHORTS | International Film Festival 2019