

RIVER MONSTERS 7 X 60

SERIES SYNOPSIS

Extreme angler, Jeremy Wade, is on the hunt for freshwater fish with a taste for human flesh. This rip-roaring ride through the dark side of nature mixes action and adventure with mysteries, edge of the seat chase and a battle of wills between man and almost supernatural beasts who lurk in the serpentine waterways of the planet, mooching murderously underwater, growing to truly awesome sizes.

Like all the best horror movies the images are intense and immediate, the grade is gritty and real, together heightening the drama on screen. With graphics overlaying the live action of a fish, Jeremy illustrates to the viewer, like a forensic investigation, exactly how these river monsters are constructed to kill.

Killer Catfish

Two years ago, on the treacherous Kali River, high in the mountains of Northern India, Jeremy unearthed the mother of all fisherman's tales – and the ultimate freshwater horror: *A super-sized freshwater fish turned man-eater*. Jeremy takes on the biggest, toughest challenge he's ever faced as he heads back to the Himalayas to separate fact from fiction and track down the monstrous beast.

- Jeremy throws himself into the treacherous and swollen fast-funning waters of the Kali river in order to land a fish that could have claimed numerous human victims
- A world record Goonch is landed on the banks of the river

Piranha - pee-rah-nah

In 1976 a packed coach crashed into the Amazon killing 39 people. By the time the bodies were pulled out by rescuers some had been so viciously mutilated by they could only be identified by their clothes. Tracking down survivors and eyewitnesses of Piranha attacks Jeremy Wade reveals why the Piranha fills our nightmares.

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- A bus crashes into the Amazon and the occupants are eaten by Piranhas (reconstruction)
- Jeremy swims in a swimming pool filled with hungry Piranhas
- Jeremy gets beaten up by hungry river dolphins, a thousand miles from the sea
- We meet a man who watched his grandson being eaten alive by Piranhas before his eyes. This man still lives in the same floating house with lots of children they could suffer the same fate

Alligator Gar

In the Deep South of the United States lives a river monster with the reputation of the Devil. Blamed for a series of violent attacks on humans, Extreme angler Jeremy Wade heads to Texas on its trail in an attempt to uncover the facts behind this animal's notoriety.

- The first alligator gar that Jeremy catches is small, but draws his blood when handled
- Jeremy catches a 7 foot long alligator Gar on the Trinity river
- Jeremy swims with a 200 pound captive gar in an enormous aquarium and escapes unscathed

Piraiba pi-ra-ee-bah (and Candiru -/ can-dee-roo)

A man swallowed whole by a fish, a body eaten alive from within. Another penetrated in a most unnatural fashion, yet more with multiple stab wounds. Jeremy Wade is in pursuit of these notorious killers to discover the facts, to determine if their crimes are real and their methods as gruesome as reported.

- We are introduced to fish in the Amazon that will bore inside you and eat all your flesh from within
- We see morgue images of bodies that look like they were shot, and learn that fish were responsible for the injuries.
- We meet the man who had a fish swim up his penis and witness the moment he was re-introduced to that fish for the first time. The fish was nearly 5inches long.

Amazon Assassins (Arapaima - a-rah-pa-ee-ma)

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In the darkest depths of the Amazon lurks a dinosaur. Legends tell of an evil spirit inhabiting an enormous fish. Taller than a man, it is covered in scales and crushes its prey with a tongue made of bone. Jeremy Wade has encountered this creature once before, and he came out second best. He's taking no chances in the rematch.

- Jeremy catches a massive Arapaima fish so big it couldn't be weighed!
- Jeremy goes searching for a mythical giant anaconda and finds evidence of a large snake

European Maneater (Wels catfish)

Jeremy Wade travels to Germany where he meets modern day victims of a freshwater beast that has been raising its snout above the surface of waterways in Europe regularly over the past 700 years. In Spain Wade discovers first hand that the Wels catfish is a living breathing aggressive predator growing to man-eating proportions capable of everything depicted in medieval records and more..

- Jeremy catches a 167 pound Wels catfish in Spain
- Jeremy loses his usually steely nerve when the big fish lashes out at him on release and makes for the bank
- The crew experiments with a camera attached to a lure behind the boat A wels catfish attacks the camera

Fresh Water Shark (Bullshark)

No fish inspires the same terror as the shark - a creature with an insatiable hunger for brutal violence. But at least these killers are confined to the oceans. Or are they? Freshwater expert Jeremy Wade investigates how this is possible and just how far inland these sharks will bring their reign of terror.

• Jeremy investigates reports that small sharks are getting trapped up inland waterways and growing big on freshwater prey - Jeremy catches a small bullshark in a Queensland canal - many miles from the sea

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