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I am an aspiring natural history filmmaker based in Hokkaido, Japan, with experience camera operating, researching, fixing and camera assisting. I completed my masters' research project in Australia, mapping the distribution of an endangered bird by using camera traps, where I found it fascinating to reveal and visualise their cryptic life and behaviour. I wrote an article for a local conservation community newsletter to raise awareness of the bird and importance of habitat connectivity. This experience led to my pleasure to share stories with people and to give them a hope. I have eye for details and am passionate about creating strong imagery that engages people's emotion.

Credits

***Film under NDA* (in production) 2023 (4 x 60min)**

John Downer Productions for BBC 2 - Cinematographer/Fixer

- Shooting: Long lens *Canon CN20 + RED Helium/V-Raptor VV*
- Fixing: Setting up an international shoot

***Blue Planet III* (in production) 2023-current**

BBC Studios for BBC 1 – Researcher/Fixer/Camera Assistant

- Story finding: *Subjects under NDA*
- Fixing: Setting up an international shoot

***Asia* 2021-2024 (7 x 60min)**

BBC Studios for BBC 1 - Camera Assistant/Researcher/Local Guide

- Story finding & recces
- Shooting:
 - Long lens *Canon CN20 + RED Gemini & Phantom 4K VEO Subjects: long-tailed tits*
 - Timelapse *Canon 5D IV & Sony FX3*
 - Sound recording *TASCAM, Zoom & Sennheiser*
 - Making of *Sony handycam*
 - Assisting Motion control, Drone & Workflow *ShotPut Pro off-loading*
- Fixing/Translating

Additional Experience

- Environmental assessment (birds/fish) 2023-current
My interest & work in science and conservation on the ground still continue alongside the filmmaking career. This way I make connections with scientists and gather a lot of interesting behavioural information.
- Picchio Wildlife Research Center
As an ecologist on sea turtles and microbats 2022
As a nature guide/**videographer** 2020-2021
As a black bear management officer 2019
 - Long-lens *Blackmagic Pocket Cinema 6K + Canon 100-400mm. Subjects: red fox, brown bear, songbirds, raptors, flying squirrels, seals, etc.*
 - Timelapse *Subjects: drift ice, clouds, sunset & stars*
 - Drone *DJI Mavic 2 Pro. Subjects: Jumping salmon, general views*

360° Camera *Insta360 ONE X, GoPro Fusion. Subjects: Salmon run, swifts*

Editing *Davinci Resolve Studio & Premiere Pro*

Social Media management *Instagram & YouTube*

Stock footage for a resort hotel *Kitakobushi Shiretoko* (promotional video)

- Local guide in Hokkaido for a film | Winds films *A Night on Earth: Japan* 2020
- Short promotional video for a farrier service in Australia 2018

Communication

In addition to my filmmaking skills, I can work as a translator/fixer and local guide in Japan while forming strong relationships with scientists, stakeholders and locals. Available in Japanese and English.

Education & Qualification

MA Animal Science (Wildlife Biology), University of Queensland, AUS 2017-2019

Completed Bridging English Program, ICTE University of Queensland, AUS 2016

BSc Engineering (Computer Science), University of Tokyo, JPN 2011-2015

Clean Japanese drivers' license

Certificate of Completion of Basic First Aid Training

Certificate of Completion of Advanced First Aid Training

Tree Master Climbing Academy (TMCA) Fully Qualified Tree Climber (SRT/DRT/Lanyard)

Taxonomic Proficiency Test in Animals (Japan) 2nd grade

Award

Highly Commended at Lockyer in the Wild Nature Photography Competition 2019

Kit

Sony FX6, Sony a6700, Sigma EF 60-600mm, Canon EF16-35mm, Canon EF24-105mm, Sigma EF Macro 105mm, Sachtler150mm legs/CINE30HD, GoPro10 & Insta360 ONE X.

References

For Long Lens work

Huw Williams | Producer, John Downer Productions | Huw.Williams@jdp.co.uk

For Camera Assistant work

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For Research/Fixing work

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Stefan Hunt | Assistant Producer, BBC | stefan.hunt@bbc.com

Billy Clapham | Assistant Producer, BBC | billy.clapham@bbc.com