## LA ISLA DE ALFREDO (Alfredo's Island) Supplemental Material

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## English Title Alfredo's Island

# **Synopsis ENG**

"La Isla de Alfredo" was created as part of Werner Herzog's Filming a Strange Planet accelerator program in the Canary Islands and features Alfredo Mora García as he describes his life on the island of Lanzarote while exploring environmentalism and the importance of nature.

### Synopsis SPN

"La Isla de Alfredo" se creó como parte del programa acelerador Filming a Strange Planet de Werner Herzog en las Islas Canarias y presenta a Alfredo Mora García mientras que él describe su vida en la isla de Lanzarote todo el rato explorando el ecologismo y la importancia de la naturaleza.

#### **Director Bio**

Curtis Matzke is an Emmy-nominated screenwriter and director based in Chicago, IL who in the fall of 2021 was mentored by legendary director Werner Herzog. His filmmaking explores a multitude of complex themes across various genres. Curtis has contributed to numerous short films, documentaries, and micro-budget features recognized at dozens of film festivals, including Chicago International, Cinequest, NewFilmmakers Los Angeles, and more. In 2018, Curtis was named "Most Diabolical" by the National Academy of Sciences and Austin Film Festival. Curtis holds a B.A. and an M.A. in Media Arts and Technology from Michigan State University.

#### **Director Statement**

"La Isla de Alfredo" is a Spanish-language film created as part of Werner Herzog's Filming a Strange Planet accelerator program that took place in the Fall of 2021 in the Canary Islands. I was one of a select group of international professional filmmakers to participate in the program under the guidance and mentorship of the esteemed German director. This short interview was conducted in mere minutes on the final day of the program and completed with no additional production crew or outside resources without having a complete understanding of the language. The film is an exploration of the island of Lanzarote that emphasizes environmentalism and the importance of nature.

You can view more about this unique and incredible program here: www.laselva.coop/en/en-werner-herzog-lanzarote

