

David Attenborough was born in 1926 in London. He is a well-known broadcaster, writer, and naturalist noted for his innovative educational television programmes, especially the nine-part 'Life' series.

David developed a strong interest in Natural History at an early age. He was educated at Clare College, Cambridge and began work at an educational publishing house in 1949. In 1952 he completed a training programme and became a television producer for the BBC. His first TV series, *Zoo Quest*, in which live animals were filmed in the wild and in zoos, proved enormously popular.

He was director of television programming of the BBC from 1968 to 1972, but he resigned to concentrate on his first love of Natural History. He subsequently wrote and narrated a succession of award-winning television programs on Anthropology and Natural History, most notably the *Life* series. More recently, he filmed *State of the Planet* and *Are We Changing Planet Earth?* both of which dealt heavily with environmental issues such as global warming. Climate change became a central part of Attenborough's life.

David later narrated *Our Planet*, an eight-part series in 2019. That year the BBC also broadcast his documentary *Climate Change—The Facts*, in which he warned that the failure to act could lead to "the collapse of our societies."

David was nominated as the People's Advocate for Climate Change at the COP 26 meeting in Glasgow in 2021.

Together with others, David continues to fight for positive change to reverse the devastating effects our human lives have on the natural world.

Across both broadcasting and the environment, David Attenborough is a courageous advocate for positive change.



**Sir David Attenborough**

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