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Nature: Invasion of the Giant Pythons *Production Biographies*

Shawn Heflick
Herpetologist/Conservation Biologist

Shawn Heflick, president of a Conservation NGO working out of the Amazon Basin, has a vast experience with and love for giant snakes, venomous species and crocodilians both in captivity and the wild. He has traveled the world in search of spectacular wildlife.

Heflick received an MS in field/conservation biology and has worked on an extensive amount of biological topics including herpetology, ecology, conservation, botany, mammology, ornithology, ichthyology, physiology, anatomy and morphology. He is the president of the Central Florida Herpetologist Society (CFHS) and was recently featured in *Time Magazine* (August 2009) about his efforts to control the imploding python population in the Florida Everglades, led by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) commissioner Ron Bergeron.

Heflick was raised on a remote farm in Ohio and has spent most of his early life immersed in what would become his life's passion ... wild things and wild places!

Fred Kaufman
*Executive Producer, **Nature***

Multiple Emmy Award-winner Fred Kaufman has been Executive Producer of the PBS series **Nature** since 1991 and has worked on the series since its premiere in 1982. Many of **Nature's** most memorable presentations have been produced under Kaufman's stewardship, including the

acclaimed three-part miniseries *Deep Jungle* (2005); the landmark eight-part *AFRICA* (2001); the miniseries *Inside the Animal Mind* (2000); and the two-hour special *Dogs That Changed The World* (2007). In 2006, Kaufman won a George Foster Peabody Award for *The Queen of Trees* — a stunning high-definition portrait of the relationship between the tiny fig wasp and the giant fig tree. In 2008, Kaufman won a second Peabody Award for *Silence of the Bees*, which looked at the global crises of the disappearing honeybees. In 2002, he created and executive produced an urban wildlife series for kids called *Wild TV*. And in 1994, he executive produced a series of wildlife specials featuring celebrities called *In the Wild*. Memorable shows from that series included *Dolphins with Robin Williams*, *In the Lion's Den with Anthony Hopkins*, *Elephants with Goldie Hawn* and *Orangutans with Julia Roberts*, which won a prestigious Genesis Award for best PBS documentary.

To develop and fund programming, Kaufman has forged major international co-production partnerships with the BBC and National Geographic Television, and he has collaborated with the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park. He has executive produced well over 200 documentaries and several miniseries for PBS. Under Kaufman's guidance, ***Nature*** has won seven primetime EMMYs and nearly 600 industry awards.

He serves on the advisory boards of The Humane Society of the United States Hollywood Division and Durban Wild Talk Africa Film Festival and is a member of the Directors Guild of America and the Writers Guild of America.