

National Geographic Unveils Annual ‘Pictures of the Year’ Retrospective – Reveals Top 29 Photos Captured From Nat Geo Photographers in the Field in 2023

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Nov. 14, 2023) – Each year, National Geographic photographers canvass the globe to uncover stories that offer a new understanding of our world; and every day, National Geographic’s photo editors comb through their images, choosing those that not only tell a story but also “compel the eye and inspire the heart,” according to National Geographic Editor-in-Chief Nathan Lump.

This year, from more than 2.1 million images created by more than 160 National Geographic photographers working across every continent, 29 were selected for [PICTURES OF THE YEAR 2023](#), the brand’s annual retrospective of the best and most compelling stills captured by their photographers in the field.

“These are images that aren’t just striking—they tell a story and reveal something that makes you see and understand the world in a new way,” Lump said.

From venomous sea kraits in Palau to monarchs wintering in Mexico, **PICTURES OF THE YEAR 2023** takes audiences behind these rarely seen subjects and rarely felt moments. The result is a curated collection that’s designed to incite curiosity and inspire a greater understanding of our world.

This year’s online edition also features a series of tips from top National Geographic photographers to help audiences take better pictures, including wildlife, portrait, nighttime and underwater photographs. **PICTURES OF THE YEAR 2023** is available [online](#) now and on print newsstands.

Visuals – including b-roll – are available [here](#). Spokespeople available upon request.

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