

SERIES FACT SHEET

Title	<i>National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth</i>
Air Date	April 23, 2008 on PBS (check local listings)
Series Duration	Two one-hour programs
Series Description	<p>Around the globe, scientists are racing to solve a series of mysteries: Oil spills and ocean dumping may grab the headlines but could all the smaller daily doses of contaminants into our waterways be leading to even greater ills for the ocean and ourselves? Could our insatiable appetite for fish be wreaking havoc far from the ocean's shore, unraveling the very fabric of life on land and even altering the climate of the planet? <i>National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth</i>, hosted by Award-winning actor, writer and director Edward Norton (<i>Primal Fear</i>, <i>American History X</i>, <i>Italian Job</i>), uses engaging storytelling and innovative imaging to explore new discoveries about the health of the planet. These two one-hour episodes (<i>Dangerous Catch</i>, <i>Dirty Secret</i>) are constructed as a high-tech detective story, with the fate of the planet at stake, revealing the way that seemingly distant events are connected and ultimately how they are affecting our individual health and well-being.</p>
Episode Titles	Hour One: <i>Dangerous Catch</i> Hour Two: <i>Dirty Secrets</i>
Series Host	Edward Norton, actor, writer, director and environmental advocate.
Executive Producers	Mark Shelley, Sea Studios Foundation Stephen Reverand, National Geographic Television & Film
Series Producer	David Elisco
Hour One Produced by	David Elisco
Hour 2 Produced by	Rob Whittlesey
Produced for PBS by	<i>National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth</i> is a Sea Studios Foundation Production for National Geographic Television & Film.
Major Funding	Major funding is provided by contributions from the National Science Foundation and The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the ITT Corporation.

Web site	www.pbs.org/strangedays <i>National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth's</i> Web site explores the major themes and key stories presented in all episodes and provides viewers with additional information on the series. Links to informal science education institutions and organizations offer opportunities for viewers to learn more and explore solutions to the environmental problems examined within the series.	
Resources for Learning	Learning resources developed especially for educators, parents and youth leaders will be available free online. These materials include activity guides, available to download and use in classrooms and informal science settings including home schoolers. Activities are especially appropriate for middle school-aged learners. All of the activities are peer reviewed, correlated to national education standards and conform to the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Excellence in Environmental Education – Guidelines for Learning (K-12).	
Media Library	Resources including video clips, time code indexes, a glossary, interviews, printable educational materials, episode summaries, and Web-links are available to educators. DVDs will be available for purchase.	
Accessibility	<i>National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth</i> is closed-captioned for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers by The National Captioning Institute.	
Available on Request	Interview with Executive Producer, Mark Shelley Additional photos Screening DVDs	
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