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Caption: *Racing Extinction* exposes the international wildlife trade and other forces that are decimating our wildlife. Credit: Ethan Johnson-OPS

### **‘Ding’ film investigates truth behind vanishing species**

The documentary film *Racing Extinction* continues the fifth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium. Directed by Louie Psihoyos, Oscar-winning director of *The Cove*, it takes a team of artists and activists on an undercover operation to expose the hidden world of endangered species and the race to protect them against mass extinction.

The team’s covert tactics and state-of-the-art technology used to document the link between carbon emissions and species extinction expose forces against nature in an inspiring affirmation to preserve life as we know it.

Spanning the globe to infiltrate the world’s most dangerous black markets, *Racing Extinction* reveals stunning, never-before-seen images that truly change the way we see the world.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free eight-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s remaining scheduled films. All showings begin at 1 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, please visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

Feb. 1 – *Racing Extinction*

Feb. 15 – *Before the Flood*

March 1 – *Sonic Sea*

March 15 – *Why Just One?*

March 29 – *Seed: The Untold Story*

April 12 - *The Future of Energy*

#### ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds. To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [dingdarlingsociety.org](http://dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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