

## The Whale Induna – Crits and Awards



"You should beg, borrow or steal this documentary, watch it and then form your own conclusions. All I can say is that I found it profoundly moving, especially after my weekend with whales." **Carol Lazar – The Star.**

Pick of the Day: "The Whale Induna is exactly the sort of documentary South Africa should be turning out. It is expertly filmed and well-scripted, and this human-interest story about a Cape fisherman, Peter Esterhuizen, who devoted his life to the southern right whale, is sympathetically told. It is a natural history feature, with superb footage of whales. It is a travelogue, with the wild Cape sea, gentle coastline and stunning wild flowers. Above all, The Whale Induna is a true story that could have been told only in South Africa. Filmmaker Jeremy de Kock is to be congratulated." **Cas St Leger – Sunday Times**

"Jeremy de Kock's film, The Whale Induna, records Peter's unusual relationship with the whales beautifully, including the controversy about boat-based whale-watching. The film, which has stunning footage of Witsand's wild beaches and rivers in all weathers and of whales from all angles, also records Jeremy de Kock's dwindling scepticism of Peter's affinity with the whales, and of his growing liking for the big whale man."

**Melanie Gosling – Cape Times**

Winner of a **Silver Stone Award** 2002

Invited to be screened at the 1<sup>st</sup> **Sithengi Film Festival** 2002

Awarded the **Adjudicators' Special Mention Award** at the Apollo Film Festival and recognised for "addressing environmental issues in a beautiful and stylistic way."

Finalist in the **International Wildlife Film Festival** – The Judges' comments:

"I loved this film. Well-told story. Learned a lot watching this film. Excellent whale footage. Very inspirational – gave me a greater understanding. Great music. Very well written. Film held my attention all the way till the end. Great story of one man's passion for extraordinary creatures."

"Cinematography excellently balanced. This film must have been very personal to make; it certainly was personal to experience."

"Oh, so sad. Lovely music"

"Well cut. Very touching story about a regular guy with a unique life and passion"

"Beautiful story of a particular man's passion. Wonderful cinematography and music."

"The story structure was informative and interesting. Nice video imagery and use of music to help enhance the mood."

"Beautiful story. Good photography. Well written. Good cuts. Very well done. Quickly draws audience in, keeps attention. Quality story clearly articulated and delivered."

"Yes Yes Yes! Good Sound, Good Music, Good Script & Narration. An interesting and inspiring life story".