Britain’s famous nature broadcaster!

Sir David Attenborough was born in London, England, on May 8, 1926. Fascinated by nature from a young age, he studied Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge before starting work at the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in 1952.

Sir David’s first ever television series, Zoo Quest was released in 1954. It was the most ambitious nature documentary ever – and proved to be very popular! Sir David then worked as Controller of the BBC’s Channel 2, before quitting to become writer and narrator of the ground-breaking Life series. This award-winning set of programs ran from 1979-2008, showing millions of viewers never-before-seen wildlife from all over the globe!

Nowadays, Sir David is well into his 90s – but he’s still travelling all over the world and narrating inspirational programs like Blue Planet II and Our Planet, which are changing the way people think about climate change, plastic pollution, and other important environmental issues. He has also written several books and given speeches at events around the globe!

Did you know?

- Like most British people at the time, Sir David didn’t own a television when he went to work for the BBC. In fact, he’d only ever seen one TV program!
- Despite having travelled on boats, planes, trains and horses, Sir David doesn’t own a car, as he never passed his driving test.
- Though he is fascinated by all animals, Sir David is scared of rats!

FUN FACT!
Amazingly, Sir David is the only person to have won BAFTAs (awards from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts) for programs in black and white, color, HD, and 3D!

FUN FACT!
As you can imagine, Sir David loves animals! Two of his favorites are leafy sea dragons (closely related to seahorses) and monkeys!