



# Jahawi Bertolli

## Profile

Date of Birth: 5th December 1987

Nationality: Kenyan and Italian

## Experience

### **FOUNDER & CEO, AFRICA UNDERWATER, NAIROBI KENYA : 2012 - PRESENT**

Africa Underwater is the expansion of Dew Drop Productions now focusing in the making of natural history productions with a focus on the underwater world, environmental issues and educational films. Our first short documentary for the Lamu Marine Conservation Trust was screened at the Smithsonian Institutes Folklore Festival 2014, featured in Africa Geographic and selected videos and photos are on display in the Museum Of Natural History, Washington DC. The latest project, completed for CORDIO East Africa, on Locally Managed Marine Areas, was premiered at the United Nations World Oceans Conference in the USA in 2017. Although based in Kenya, projects have been completed in the Galapagos Islands, Mauritius, Burma and Thailand. Clients have included the European Union, IUCN-ESARO, the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI), The Lamu Marine Conservation Trust, CORDIO East Africa, Royal African Safaris, Seacology and Oceans Below.

### **FILMING CONSULTANT & ADVISOR, BLUE OCEANS TV, MONACO: 2016 - PRESENT**

Filming Consultant, marine advisor and underwater filming trainer on the newly started online marine educational movement.

### **FILMING COORDINATOR & UNDERWATER VIDEOGRAPHER, OCEANS BELOW, KOH TAO, THAILAND : 2012 - 2014**

Managed, coordinated and filmed various aspects of film productions including the recent international PADI campaigns. Organised the videographers for dive shops and taught the Open Water Video & Documentary Internships for students who had completed their BSAC Professional Videographer Course. Filmed and edited open water videos both scuba diving and free diving.

### **FOUNDER, DEW DROP PRODUCTIONS LTD, NAIROBI, KENYA : 2010 - PRESENT**

Dew Drop productions is a multi media production company and record label dealing mainly in music production projects from commercial music singles to documentary soundtracks. Clients have included the International Livestock Research Institute, World Agroforestry and the Classic Safari Rally.

## **PROJECT MANAGER, SISO LTD, NAIROBI, KENYA : 2008 - 2011**

Supervised the construction of a luxury apartment development, coordinating various aspects between the developers and the contractors.

## **A&R ASSISTANT & DJ LIAISON, SOUTHERNFRIED RECORDS, LONDON, UK : 2007**

Managed the different aspects of the discography and various tasks related to the music catalogue for Fatboy Slim's personal record label. Co-ordinated various producers involved in the music releases.

## **INTERNATIONAL DJ & MUSIC PRODUCER, WORLDWIDE : 2006 - PRESENT**

DJ appearances include London super club Fabric, opened for Solarstone's 'Touchstone' album launch at The Plug in Sheffield, the Malawi Lake Of Stars festival with BBC Radio One, Headlined the first Earthdance Festival in Kenya, headlined the 6am Beachlife events amongst many others. Singles and remixes have been completed for ULTRA Music USA, Southern Fired Records UK, KOSMO Records Germany, Solaris Recordings, amongst others. Also featured in the MTV Base series 'Touching Base' as one of Africa's rising producers.

## **Education**

Point Blank Music College, London, UK- Music Production & Sound Engineering Diploma : 2008  
United World College of the Atlantic, Wales - International Baccalaureate Diploma : 2006

## **Dive Education**

Apnea Total, Koh Tao, Thailand - Advanced Free Diver Course : 2012  
Scuba Junction, Koh Tao, Thailand - PADI Dive Master Course : 2012  
Oceans Below, Koh Tao, Thailand - OpenWater Student Video Internship: 2012  
Oceans Below, Koh Tao, Thailand - Documentary Film Making Internship : 2012  
Oceans Below, Koh Tao, Thailand - BSAC Professional Underwater Videographer Course : 2012

## **Skills**

Fluent in English, proficient in French and Swahili. Experienced underwater and wildlife cameraman. Experience in Photographic Safari Guiding. AIDA Static Apnea Record Holder for Kenya. Accomplished music producer and editor experienced in Adobe Premiere Pro, Apple Logic Pro, Apple Final Cut X, Ableton Live amongst other applications. Worked on various media projects including the feature film 'Nowhere in Africa' and Kenyan soap opera series 'Changes'. Emergency First Response Primary and Secondary Care Training (2012). NARS/SLSGB Beach Lifeguard (2006) with experience as a surfing instructor. Snake Handler.

## **Referrals**

Elisabeth Lauwerys; Founder & CEO, Oceans Below, Koh Tao, Thailand - [elisabeth@oceansbelow.net](mailto:elisabeth@oceansbelow.net)

Peter Sylvester; CEO, Royal African Safaris, Nairobi, Kenya - [pjs@royalafricansafaris.com](mailto:pjs@royalafricansafaris.com)

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