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THE WUPPER - SUCCESSFUL RENATURATION

45' (GER)

The film shows pictures that have never been shot before: of the river bed, of spawning salmon, mating crabs and still-growing anchor ice; of dipper birds searching for food under water; of kingfishers catching fish, captured in slow-motion footage; of the family life of badgers, foxes and a wide variety of birds.

The Wupper is renowned for the records it sets. It was once regarded as "Germany's hardest-working river." It supplied countless craft businesses and industrial enterprises with power and electricity. Domestic and industrial sewage meant that it degenerated into the sewer for the entire region. Just a few decades ago it was declared biologically dead. Today, it has revived and is one of the most successful and outstanding renaturation projects in the country.

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