

MAN EATS WILD

EPISODE SYNOPSES

EPISODE 1 - "Alpine Ghosts" - Mario takes on the unforgiving alpine mountains of the south island of New Zealand in a gruelling fallow deer hunt with his bow at the end of the rutt and cooks an impressive venison pie dish on the same antler of the deer he harvests.

EPISODE 2 - "Duck and Fly" - Mario enjoys the camaraderie and challenge of duck hunting on opening day and then teaches the audience how to cook an ancient Chinese recipe with one of the leading chefs of an award winning restaurant , then takes to a serene South Island river for some iconic fly fishing only to demonstrate how to smoke trout with a matching aioli.

EPISODE 3 - "Mountain Monsters" - After being dropped off into the mountains where there were only whispers and tales of mountain monsters being seen. Mario is on the search of the outer limits of the mountains to find him self a monster red deer. His arrow successfully finds a big red and he showcases some recipes he learnt from the southern regions of Italy form leading celebrity chefs. But not before a mammoth carry out through the back country of the Deep South.

EPISODE 4 - "Up with the Gods" - Mario teams up with good friend and precision rifle expert Bernard and heads into the high alpine mountains above New Zealand's rugged West Coast in search of tahr. Drawing on his Greek roots, Mario cooks a rustic "Kleftiko" dish in an earth oven.

EPISODE 5 - "Volcanic Kingfish" - Mario hooks up with old friend and current world record holder for kingfish Rick Pollock . They fish the the coast of Newzealand just off a live Volcano, then tragedy strikes..... after the Volcano erupts mario returns to catch a whopping Bass Grouper and prepares an amazing ceviche dish.

EPISODE 6 - " Pigs and Prehistoric Fish" - Mario returns to his home land in Australia to help a friend with some wild boar pest control and catch some prehistoric fish out of a billabong.... But drama strikes and Mario finds him self in crocodile infested water plucking fish out with his bare hands.... All of these delicious bush treats are prepared of course in a termite oven which Mario makes.

EPISODE 7 - "Deadly Outback" - We are in the outback of Australia ... where everything is trying to kill you. Fishing in the most populated river for saltwater crocidiles on earth, Marios dream has always been to catch a barramundi over a meter long then we visit some Natives in search of a wild Buffalo that has been causing the locals alot of havoc. Mario ends up cooking all this outback game for friends in the community.

EPISODE 8 - "Food from Above and Below" - Mario must face his fear as he harvests crayfish and abalone during the mating season of the great white sharks. He then heads up into chamois territory in mountain tops of Fiordland. This world heritage area is where the mountains meet the sea, it's very remote and rugged and the perfect setting for a New Zealand inspired surf and turf dish.