"Red-Bellied Lemur on the Verge" wins Emmy

Long-time CVB researcher & director of the LEEP Laboratory for the Evolutionary Endocrinology of Primates (LEEP) Dr. Özlem Özgür was featured in an award-winning short biographical film from Seacology linked below. "Red-Bellied Lemur On the Verge" won a Grand Award at the LA Independent Women Film Awards and the Impact DOCS directing of a long-form video. The film was also an official selection for the Rocky Mountain Film Festival, the TV Film Festival, and the Denver Film Festival.

"Red-Bellied Lemur on the Verge" is one of the latest films that CVB has produced, directed, or supported. The documentary is a collaboration between CVB's Founder Dr. Patricia Wright and Filmmaker Scott Bradley, and it brings viewers inside the work of the dedicated people helping to protect endangered lemurs and landscapes in Madagascar.

"Red-Bellied Lemur on the Verge" was nominated for the Seacology Prize, an award given by Seacology to one “islander” for exceptional achievement in preserving island environments and cultures. Dr. Özgür was not available for this award, but her dedicated work has paved the way for her colleagues to make significant contributions to the field of primatology.

The documentary is available for streaming and offers Malagasy frogs immunity from chytrid and providing insight on how to deal with chytrid outbreaks in other parts of the world.

"Red-Bellied Lemur On the Verge" premiered at the 2023 Seacology Prize Awards Ceremony in New York City, where Dr. Özgür was presented with an award in recognition of her efforts to protect endangered lemurs and landscapes in Madagascar.

You can watch the film here: https://www.redbelliedlemurontheverge.com/

Congratulations to all who made this documentary possible! Dr. Özgür says, "I am so grateful for the opportunity to explore this dynamic in an area with very low human disturbance."