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## **16th ANNIVERSARY PLANET IN FOCUS ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 2015 AWARD WINNERS**

Toronto – October 25, 2015, Toronto: **PLANET IN FOCUS (PIF)**, Canada's largest and longest running environmental film festival, is proud to announce this year's awards winners. Announced by the Vice Chair of PIF's Board of Directors, Keir Brownstone at The Closing Night Gala, tonight's award winners included:

Best International Short – **NATURE RX** by Justin Bogardus

Best International Feature – **BANKING NATURE** by Sandrine Feydel & Denis Delestrac

Best Canadian Short – **NORMA'S STORY** by Alex Hawley

Best Canadian Feature – **AFTER THE LAST RIVER** by Victoria Lean

Mark Haslam Award – **DAUGHTER OF THE LAKE** by Ernesto Cabellos Damian

The coveted GREEN PITCH prize was awarded to **PREY**, directed by Sivana Vythilingum and produced by Hannah Barron and Sivana Vythilingum. The filmmakers went home with \$22,000 in cash and services sponsored by Fearless Films, SIM Digital, The Source Shop, Precision Transfer Technologies, PS Production Services, Vistek, Trinity Square Video, Eggplant Pictures, Mach Sound, Scenic Drive & Rush Cut.

### **About Planet in Focus Foundation**

The **Planet in Focus Foundation** is a not-for-profit and member driven charitable organization whose mission it is to promote environmental education by raising awareness of critical environmental issues through a variety of media-based initiatives including; the Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival, the Green School Tours, cross-Canada *Earth Day Screenings* and the *UN World Environment Day Student Film Festival*. Also featured is the monthly screening series *Salon Vert* at the Hot Docs Bloor Cinema which showcases the best environmental films from Canada and around the world.

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