



Proposal

**Warner Amazon Expedition
Discovering the World's Largest Snake 'Yacumama'**

**An Extraordinary Scientific
& Human Interest Story**

Warner Amazon Expedition 2010

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Presented by: Greg Warner**



PREAMBLE

This is the incredible true story of Mike Warner (73) and his son Greg Warner (45) who travelled to the heart of the Amazon in search of the Giant Anaconda and found it in March 2009! A second expedition offers TV Producers and private investors an opportunity to create a nature/adventure/human interest documentary as the team get closer and go in on the ground during their second Warner Amazon Expedition.

The back story and human interest elements are as intriguing as the zoological and scientific story as is the global news and web phenomenon that followed the expedition and discovery in March 2009.

INTRODUCTION

Mike Warner has been researching claims of large reptiles since 1985. Most of the research has focussed on areas in and around the Amazon basin. The work has been carried forward privately without any external funding or organisations being involved.

The research material includes, but is not limited to, excerpts from books, ancient texts, art, scientific journals, newspaper reports, eye witness accounts, legends, mythology and local folklore. More recently (c. 2007) satellite photographs of two separate sites in the Peruvian Amazon were commissioned which eventually led to the Warner Amazon Expedition in March 2009. This expedition was also privately funded and included Mike's son Greg Warner in the preparation, execution and subsequent data analysis resulting in photographic evidence, which is being examined by leading scientists of the world. This evidence suggests that at least one giant snake known by the indigenous people as 'Yacumama' or the 'Black Boa' exists in the region of the Napo/Amazon confluence and one near the city of Iquitos.

The dimensions of this animal are estimated at 2M width x 40M length.



THE STORY

This is the story of a remarkable man working in solitude in, Northern Ireland, for 23 years who quietly become one of the world's leading experts in giant snakes, the facts, the history, the legends, the folklore, the theories and the science.

At this early stage some of the world renowned scientists analysing the data from the March expedition confirm that the photographic evidence 'may indeed represent a snake of immense proportions'. Other in-depth analysis is ongoing by scientist, biologists, herpetologists and crypto zoologists but early indications suggest that his may be one of the greatest zoological discoveries of our time.

THE NAMES

Giant Anaconda, Black Boa (S.A.), Yacumama translated 'mother of the water' (S.A.), Sachamama translated 'mother of the jungle/earth' (S.A.), Giant Sucuriju (S.A.), Matadora translated 'the bull killer' (S.A.), Dormadera translated 'the sleeper' (S.A.), Incanyamba (S. Africa), Lau (Africa), Minhocao (cryptid), Leviathon (old testament).

THE HUMAN INTEREST

After 10 years of estrangement Mike Warner made contact with his son Greg in October 2008 and together they agreed, rather than talk about past family issues, that they would discuss innocuous matters, so Mike began telling stories of giant snakes around the world and throughout history.

As the weeks and months passed Mike began to share more and more of his research, ancient texts, art, scientific journals, newspaper reports, eye witness accounts, legends, mythology, Amazon folklore, old maps and, surprisingly, privately commissioned satellite photographs of two sites in the Peruvian



Amazon which showed signs that these giant anacondas (Yacumama ‘mother of the water’) might actually exist in at least one of these sites.

Gradually Greg realised that his fathers work was important, not just to his father, but possibly to the world and suggested that Mike finish the job by going down to the Amazon to find the mythical giant anaconda.

The wheels were set in motion and extraordinary events ensued, proposals were sent to scientific organisations, Sir Richard Branson, Natural Geographic and even His Excellency Alan Garcia Perez, President of the Republic of Peru.

By March 17th 2009 they were leaving Belfast for a trip to the Amazon Basin which would result in the discovery of the largest snake in the world. The dimensions of which are estimated at 2M width x 40M length. Photographic and video evidence has since fuelled international debate, ridicule and even “excitement” from the worlds most respected scientists in their field and the story has been published locally, internationally and in many languages.

Recently the two were invited to be interviewed on U105 live radio where Mike was at his charismatic best.

THE PROPOSAL

Although they will consider any proposals that support their second expedition to verify actual size and quantity of snakes in the area, Mike & Greg see themselves as modern-day explorers and part of the story content behind a professional presenter. They will make available the research archive and photographic evidence from Warner Amazon Expedition 1, diary and candid footage, news reports, interviews and more.

The Warner Expedition team believe they now have the knowledge and capability to locate other Yacumama.



The locating, tracking and conservation (not killing) of these creatures is essential to maintain safety and create wealth for the region.

RISKS

Their theories are already on public release and scientific and public attention is growing on this area of the Amazon in Peru. As information is already in the public domain it is also possible that expedition teams are already planning to go to the area to investigate our claims further.

As the Napo/Amazon confluence (site 1) represents a major trade, tourism and transport route close to the city of Iquitos matters would need to be addressed delicately.

Data from site 2, Lake Hamburgo, deep into the Pacaya Samaria Reserve, is beginning to be released and in an extraordinary twist suggests that Mike may well have found the home of a creature related to Mokele-mbembe, not in Africa but deep into the Peruvian Amazon.

The Warner Amazon Expedition has literally become a global phenomenon and from humble beginning may turn out to be the most important zoological expedition in history.

All the elements for a great discovery, great program and great story are there.

This project now needs someone with similar vision to get involved and support expedition 2 and finish the job Mike & Greg started in a living room, looking over old maps, one night in October 2008.



PREREQUISITES

It is a prerequisite that anyone involved in the project provide assurances that all *reasonable* efforts will be made to ensure the conservation of the creature(s) and the natural habitat following release of the Warner Expedition & Research data and any subsequent discoveries.

Appropriate photographic and scientific analysis equipment (to be determined) to ensure the effective exploration of the areas targeted for the next expedition.

The core team in the UK & Peru are used in the planning and execution of the expedition.

CALL TO ACTION

Discussion and ideas are invited from TV production companies and private investors for this truly unique opportunity.

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