



BAMBOO STORIES

by Shaheen Dill-Riaz



SYNOPSIS

It is midsummer in northeastern Bangladesh. Five men face a dangerous mission. They must conquer the great river with their raft. Their journey will last a month and take them 300 kilometers downstream. Their cargo: 25,000 bamboo logs. During daytime, endless heat, pouring rain and dangerous rapids keep the men on their toes. At night, river pirates lurk in the darkness for easy prey. But it is worth it for the men, who all make the journey as part of their very own struggles for existence.

With breathtaking images from Bangladesh, filmmaker Shaheen Dill-Riaz introduces the viewer to the rough world of the men who have been working in the woods and on the river for generations. They only have one goal: get the bamboo to the wholesalers in the capital Dhaka on time.

From above, the woods like a vast expanse of lush green that comes in all variations of the color. On the ground, the bamboo forest is much less romantic. Here leeches, centipedes and evil spirits have driven some poor...

FESTIVALS

2019

Ram Bahadur Award (Best Film) – Film Southasia Kathmandu

DocPoint Helsinki

Filmfest Bremen

BIM Award – 67. Trento Film Festival

Woodstock Film Festival

2020

nominated Deutscher Dokumentarfilmpreis – German Documentary Award

NaturVision Filmfestival Ludwigsburg

CAST AND CREW

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96 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Sustainability, Nature/Animals, Ecology/Environment, Economy, Travelling, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Bengali

PREMIERE

Germany (2019)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

[MAYALOK Filmprod. | Shaheen Dill-Riaz](#)

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FILM LOCATION

Bangladesh

LINKS / REFERENCE

[https://sabcat.media/filme/...](https://sabcat.media/filme/)

VOD

<https://www.amazon.de/Bambo...>