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Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science Announces New Exhibition:

MONSTER FISH: IN SEARCH OF THE LAST RIVER GIANTS

Who/What:

The Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science invites guests to dive beneath the surface of the world's rivers in the new special exhibition, *Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants*, opening Saturday, October 28 on levels two and three of the museum's West Wing. Enormous in size and rapidly dwindling in number, these ancient fish play critical roles in their freshwater habitats. Dr. Zeb Hogan, aquatic ecologist, National Geographic Fellow and host of the Nat Geo WILD series "Monster Fish," has spent nearly two decades searching for and studying the rare, large freshwater fish species profiled in the exhibition. The interactive exhibition will include five extraordinary, life-size sculptures of monster fish as well as videos and hands-on interactive activities for audiences of all ages.

Monster Fish takes guests on a journey to river basins around the world to learn about colossal fish and the people that depend on them. Through detailed maps, sculptures and custom illustrations, the exhibition showcases diverse freshwater ecosystems. In addition to highlighting the biology of different fish species, the exhibition depicts the cultural ties between the fish and local people. From mythical tales and storied traditions to threats and conservation efforts, guests will leave with a greater understanding of the connection between humans and fish.

Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants runs from Saturday, October 28 through spring 2018 at Frost Science. Admission is complimentary with museum tickets. More information is available at frostscience.org/monsterfish (coming soon). Monster Fish is developed and traveled by the National Geographic Society.

Interactive Exhibition Highlights: Monster Fish features several interactive elements and games designed to provide guests with opportunities to learn about how monster fish grow; how scientists study them; and how anglers and others can help these fish survive.

- Monster Size Me: Users maneuver a marble through a circular obstacle course, avoiding threats like invasive species and dams and seeking ways to grow areas like protected habitats.
- Minnow or Monster?: Groups can step onto a large scale to see their equivalent weight in monster fish.
- **Go Fish:** Children use magnetic fishing poles to catch fish and then place them into a chute for release back into the river. A model boat serves as a theater, which guests can climb aboard to view video shorts featuring Dr. Hogan talking about what it is like to search the world for monster fish.

WHERE

Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33132

TIME

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Press Photos: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1hhmge69hgp5a7z/AADK8siEvgq-

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B-Roll Footage: https://www.dropbox.com/s/3zkfujuyp3b0xmo/Monster%20Fish%20B-

Roll%20Footage.mov?dl=0

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