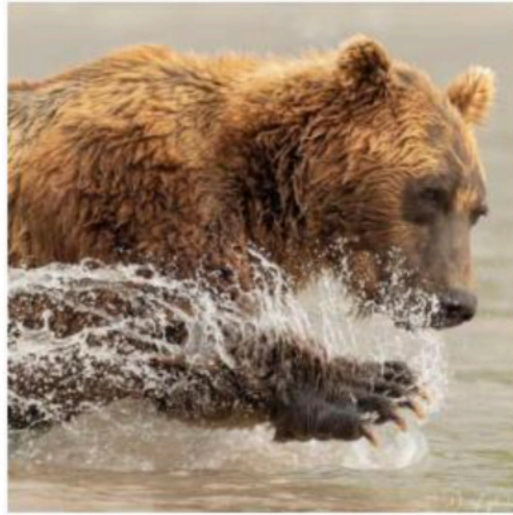


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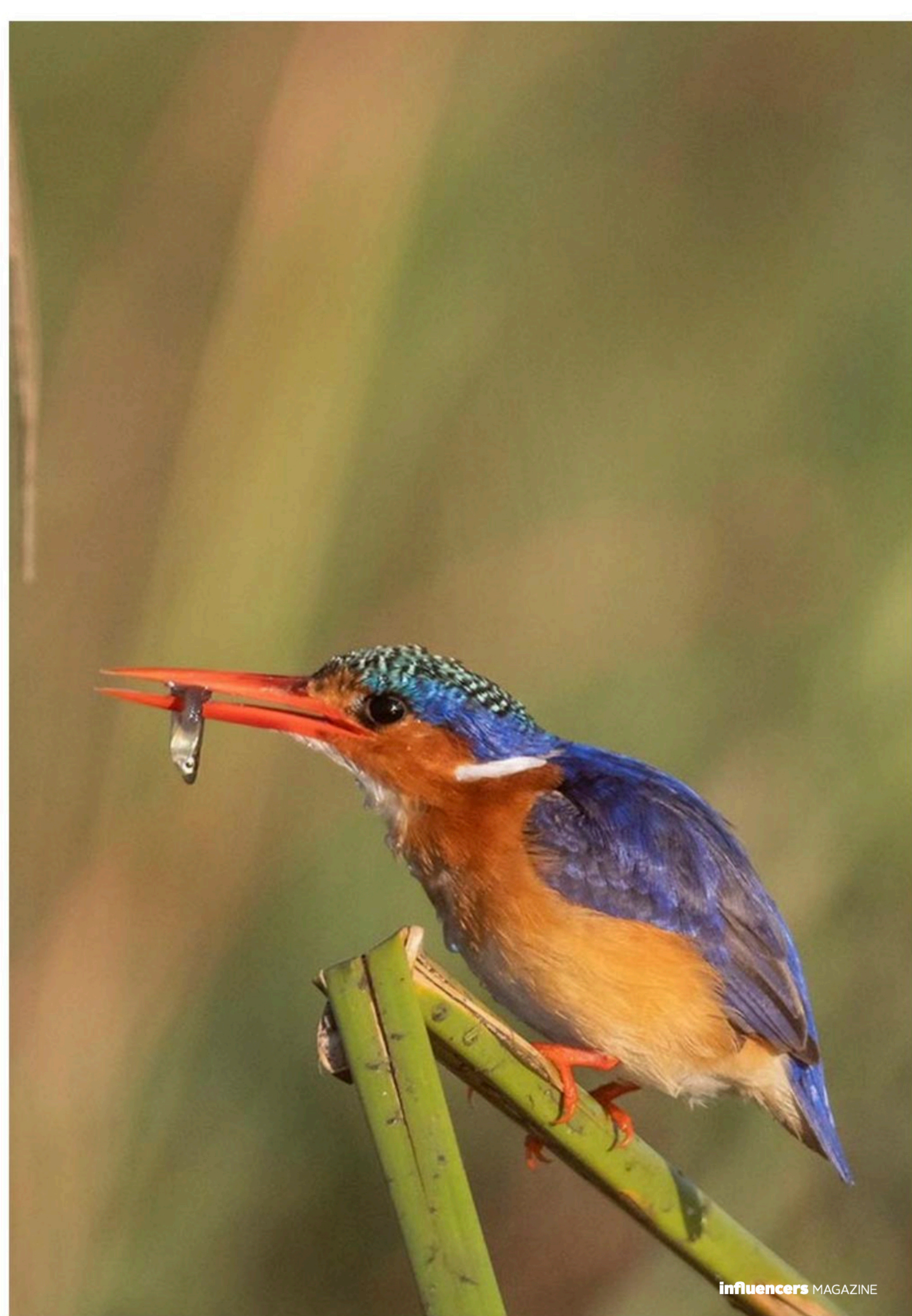
Daisy Gilardini is originally from Switzerland but now lives in British Columbia – Canada. She started taking photography seriously during her first trip to India in 1989 and since then has visited more than 70 countries with camera in hand. After falling in love with Antarctica during her first trip there in 1997, she has spent most of her time photographing the Polar Regions. In two decades of polar explorations she joined over sixty expeditions to Antarctica and the Arctic, most of them on research vessels and icebreakers, one on a sailing boat, some overland and in 2006 she joined a Russian expedition to the North Pole on skies.

Daisy's images have been published internationally by leading magazines and organizations, such as National Geographic, Smithsonian, BBC Wildlife, Nature's Best, Audubon, The Telegraph, Outdoor Photography, Greenpeace, World Wildlife Fund, among many others. Her work has received awards at the most prestigious international photo contests such as the "BBC Wildlife photographer of the year", "Travel Photography of the Year", "Nature's Best" and many more. In April 2010 Daisy had the great honor to be part of the jury of the "BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year" considered as the "Oscars" of nature photography photo contests.



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Influencers Magazine caught up with Daisy Gilardini to pose twenty questions.

1. Did you travel in 2020?

Yes, in January, before the pandemic started, I spent a month in Antarctica. In March I was in Wapusk National Park, Manitoba, Canada for polar bears cubs. After that, due to travel restrictions, I was confined to Canada and explored my backyard. In July I explored the British Columbia Cascade Mountains, in August I was in Northern British Columbia for grizzly bears and in the fall I was the Rocky Mountains.

2. Where were you in lockdown?

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

3. What's been your favourite trip ever, and why?

Antarctica for sure. It's like no other place on earth... it is actually a planet on our planet.

4. When you're away, what food do you miss most?

Properly cooked pasta 'al dente'.

5. What's your favourite mode of travel: train, plane, boat or automobile?

Sail boat. It is quiet and allows you to reach very remote places.

6. You have 5 minutes to pack, what's going in your bag?

My camera, my computer, my phone and a few clothes.

7. What's been the most useful item you've bought?

My noise reduction headphones.

8. Where would you honeymoon if you were marrying in 2021?

Costa Rica.

9. Where would you go for a city break in 2021?

Paris.

10. Window or aisle seat?

Aisle seat.

11. Where did you grow up?

Lugano, Ticino, Switzerland.

12. What were your holidays like as a child?

Summers at sea in Italy or in the Swiss/Italian Alps.

13. Why did you decide to start posting/become an influencer?

To share my passion for photography, travel and nature and try to raise awareness on environmental issues.

14. What's been your biggest highlight since becoming an influencer?

Being able to inspire people to follow their heart and passions.

15. Out of all the photos you've taken this year, what's your favourite?

A picture of a grizzly bear shaking, shot in British Columbia, Canada.

16. What's on your playlist?

A bit of everything, from pop to rock music, from classical music to jazz, it really depends on my mood.

17. What's been your scariest moment travelling?

I almost died in Madagascar due to food poisoning with Malaria at the same time.

18. What place is top of your bucket list?

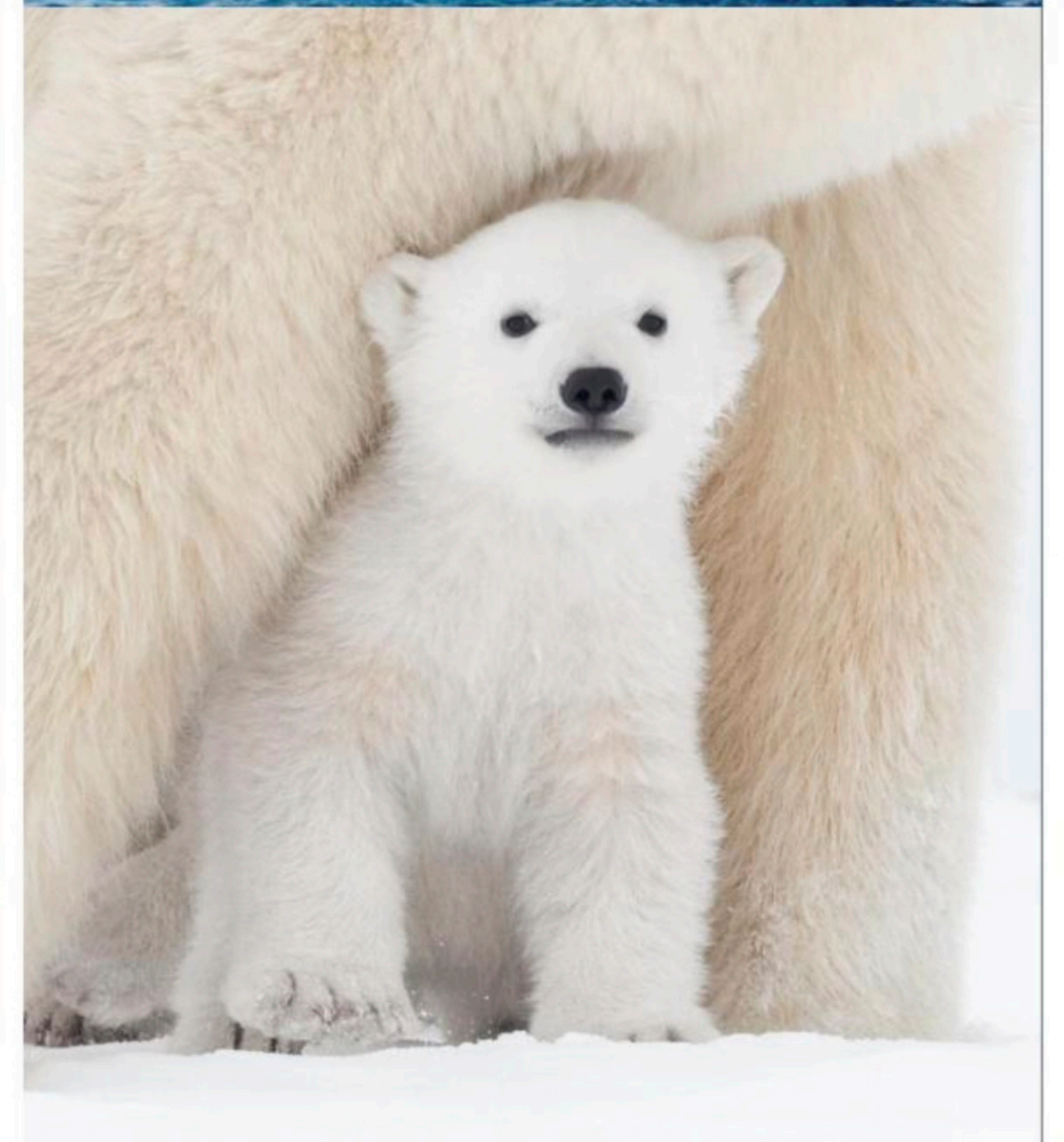
The Geographical South Pole.

19. What has 2020 taught you?

Take nothing for granted.

20. Where will you go in 2021?

If all goes well and we can start travelling I have a full year ahead... in Canada there's Manitoba, British Columbia and Yukon, and internationally there's Svalbard, Galapagos, North Pole, Kamchatka and Alaska.



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