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Selex ES thermal cameras continue to support TV nature series with Infra-Red imagery

Selex ES, a Finmeccanica company, once again provided the BBC with its Thermal Imaging (TI) technology, this time to capture live film for BBC Two's Autumnwatch, which followed the stories of the UK's wildlife in autumn. The technology was previously seen by TV audiences last month during the series 'The Great British Year' where the cameras were able to capture night-time animal behaviours.

"With the theme of this season's Autumnwatch focusing on how the UK's unpredictable weather can dramatically affect our wildlife, Selex ES's cameras are perfectly suited to the job; the SLX Merlin camera can capture high quality images regardless of weather or time of day" said Mike Gilbert, Selex ES Optronics UK SVP.

The SLX Merlin used for filming was specially adapted for the BBC by Selex ES and includes a touch screen control tablet at the rear of the imager and miniature monitor / video recorder mounted on top, allowing the cameraman to be self-sufficient during filming.

The camera captured footage for live broadcast from Leighton Moss in Lancashire, Tuesday 29th Oct – Friday 1st November. It was designed and manufactured at Selex ES's Basildon and Southampton sites and uses the company's own Infra-Red detectors.