

**NAME: Colin Prior****LOCATION: Beinn an Lochain, 2010**

One of Britain's leading landscape photographers, Colin Prior has spent his career capturing the world's wild places in vast panoramic formats. He is a founding member of the non-profit International League of Conservation Photographers.

Rab Neutrino Endurance jacket

"It's something I carry with me every time I go into the mountains, whether it's winter or summer. If you're on a high camp you might be a bit damp from perspiration, you're on the summit and looking for a campsite, you know you've got to eat, you're trying to get some photographs... the sun's going down and your brain knows that you're cooling down. You just pull that Rab down jacket on and – as well as raising your body temperature – it's amazing how much it changes your mental attitude. It de-stresses the situation. It's

a subconscious thing, but it's extremely valuable. It turns a hostile environment into one that you can tolerate. People often ask me if I've had any dangerous encounters, and that's the other reason I carry it. If I were to fall and break a leg I feel that jacket would give me some additional time until help might arrive. I started wearing Rab down jackets about ten years ago. Before that I just wore a fleece and a shell jacket. Sometimes it would get extremely cold as the fleece just wasn't enough to give me the insulation I needed."

Terra Nova Voyager tent

"Because of the improvement in the weight of materials, I can use a more spacious two-person Terra Nova tent that's the same weight as the one-person Hilleberg tent I used to use. It has allowed me to camp and work at altitude as – with all my equipment – I'm not keen on bivvying. The price of that is the extra weight I have to carry, which is less and less of a problem as materials get lighter. Using a tent like this is the only way I can be present in these wild places at dawn and witness something that nobody else is witnessing."