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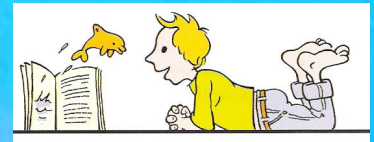
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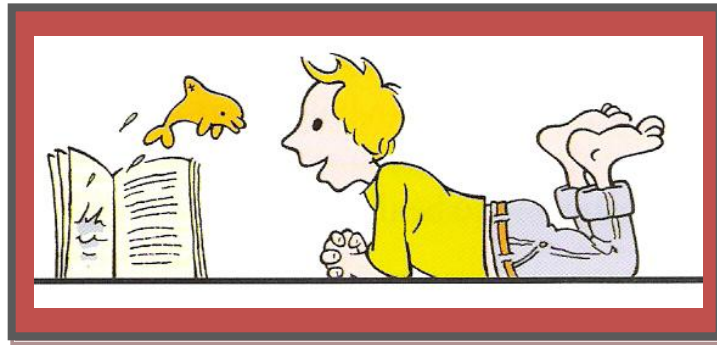
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A DOLPHIN FOR CHRISTMAS



A Dilo book signed by author Horace Dobbs with a special dedication becomes a treasured possession that will last long after Christmas

Dilo and the Isle of the Gods is the latest in a series of six books about a mischievous dolphin whose antics get him into all sorts of trouble. In this gripping story the dolphin sets off in the company of a suckerfish named Rema in search of new adventures. Even before he arrives at the mysterious, volcanic Isle of the Gods Dilo has exciting adventures in abundance. The Dilo stories are all based on Horace's vast experience diving and filming sea creatures in places such as the Galapagos Islands. Written for 5-11 year olds the Dilo books are enjoyed by youngsters of all ages. Adults enjoy them too. Hidden in the stories are hosts of fascinating facts about the undersea world and the enchanting marine mammal that has been termed "Man's Cousin in the Sea" – the dolphin.

Dilo books introduce young and old alike to the principles upon which International Dolphin Watch is founded

Dilo's adventures and misadventures make readers aware of the joy that dolphins can bring into our lives. The enchanting stories unveil the huge wealth and variety of life under the sea. By looking at the world through the eyes and mind of a dolphin the stories make the reader aware of the need to nurture and respect all wildlife.

Dilo books also bring to the notice of the possibly unenlightened reader, in a non-confrontational way, why dolphins should be totally free to roam the open seas and should not be confined in dolphin circuses.

Dilo books make ideal gifts - there are six to choose from

Horace puts his soul into his books. **He loves signing them.** He is often told, sometimes years after he has signed a book, that it has become more treasured with the passing years. So if you would like to gift a book to a youngster that he or she will enjoy and may even read to their own children in years to come, why not visit the Dolphin Shop

http://www.idw.org/html/dolphin_shop.html .

Choose a book. Specify the message and the name of the boy or girl you want it dedicated to and Horace will add his magic touch before it is posted off.

A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS - CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE **P**OWER **O**F **D**OLPHINS



Make a donation to the Registered Charity 1121315 - [Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes](http://www.operationsunshine.org) www.operationsunshine.org and help others less fortunate to see the wonders of dolphins in their natural environment

Through EDUCATION your gift can also help make learning a joyful experience based on the IDEAL (Integrated Dolphin Education and Learning) principle.

CHARITY AIMS - Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes is a UK based International Charity which aims to bring joy and healing into the lives of those with additional needs through dolphin inspired education and art, community projects and family retreats.

The charity is run by volunteers, therefore there is little administration expenses and all money raised goes towards fulfilling the aims of the charity.

How would your money be spent?

- Operation Sunshine supports community initiatives that encourage and enable children and adults with additional needs around the world to achieve their full potential through dolphin related activities (£150 can fund a dolphin art session).
- Through partnerships with International Dolphin Watch and Delfino, the charity funds Dilo Dolphin Cocoons for children with learning difficulties in schools, children's hospices and special needs facilities (£320 can fund a Dilo Dolphin Cocoon).
- You can make a contribution towards enabling children with additional needs and their families to go on a respite programme to experience the wonders of dolphins in their natural environment (£2000 funds a place on a respite retreat).

What are the results?

- Help children with learning difficulties reach their full potential.
- Learn new skills.
- Develop new confidence.
- Increase communication skills.
- Increase creativity and joy in their lives for those less fortunate.
- Building friendships and support networks.
- Raise cross cultural awareness and increase international community connections through shared vision and building partnerships.
- Appreciate the marine environment and the need for conservation.

CONSERVATION

Conservation and religion join to save Ganges dolphin

By Henry Foy Henry Foy – *Thu Oct 28*

NARORA, India (Reuters Life!)

As the sun sets over a serene stretch of the mighty Ganges a pair of smooth, grey dolphins arch gracefully out of the water, bringing hope that wildlife can again call India's great river home.

Millions of Indians along the banks of the 2,500 km (1,550 mile)-long Ganges depend on the river, but unchecked levels of agricultural, industrial and domestic waste have poured in over the past decades, threatening the wildlife.

Five kilometers upstream from Narora, a five-hour drive west of New Delhi, the 350 megawatt nuclear power station that put this sleepy town on the map looms as a reminder of India's unrelenting drive for industrialization.

In Karnabas, a small village just upstream from Narora, a local drama troupe performs for more than 150 villagers.

"Humans are polluting our river!" an actor playing a [Hindu god](#) declared, a WWF banner celebrating World Dolphin Day hanging over the makeshift stage.

"The life of our Mother Ganga is endangered! Please do something!"

Distinguishable from its ocean-going cousin by a long, pointed snout, the Ganges dolphin is one of only four freshwater species in the world. The total population across India, Nepal and Bangladesh is estimated at 2,000, down from 4,500 in 1982.

But along a northern stretch of the holy river, a Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) project is leveraging the religious importance of the Ganges for [Hindus](#) to teach villagers the virtues of conservation and protection of its sacred water. The upper stretch of the Ganges, from Rishikesh in the foothills of the Himalayas to Ram Ghat in the central state of Madhya Pradesh, holds great religious significance for Hindus. Locations along the river figure heavily in the Hindu holy text, the [Ramayana](#). A bathe in the river is a rite of passage.

"The religious sensibilities of the people are interlinked with the conservation of the river," said WWF-India project leader Sandeep Behera as he stood on the river bank in the shadow of a [Hindu temple](#), while young boys chanted hymns on a nearby pier.

"If I ask a local farmer to give up just one afternoon to learn about conservation, he will ask 'What will I eat in the evening?'," Behera said.

"Therefore, we found that religious leaders were the way to get the message across."

PROTECTING THE HOLY RIVER

Vivek Kumar Mishra, a Hindu priest at the riverside Vedic school just outside Karnabas, stresses the importance of protecting the holy river in his lessons.

Local fishermen no longer hunt the dolphins for fear of reprisal from village leaders who have signed up to the WWF project, while a WWF campaign promoting natural fertilizers has dramatically reduced chemical pollution into the river.

"What they (WWF) are doing is working. It's become very clear that we need to clean the river," said Ritesh Sharma, a 26 year-old shopkeeper in Karnabas.

Dolphin numbers in the 165 km stretch upstream from Narora have almost trebled over the past 15 years, to an estimated 56 today, according to WWF-India.

There are other encouraging signs.

India's government recently recognized the Ganges River Dolphin as the country's national aquatic animal. And last week, the [Ministry of Environment](#) and Forests promised to rid the river of untreated sewage and industrial pollution by 2020.

Behead, who began conservation work in Narrow as part of his PhD, understands that changing peoples' attitudes takes time.

"This is not one or two years' work," he said. "What you see happening is the result of 15 years of engagement."

Dolphins with Jobs

A Guidebook for Dolphin Defenders

by Richard O'Barry

*Thank you to Animal Friends Croatia for this post - To find out more and how you can help visit:
<http://www.animal-friends-croatia.org/index.en.php?id=749>*

When you first see a dolphin show, it looks like a lot of fun. The dolphins are always smiling, and they're also laughing in their own way - and so are we. The audience is applauding as these marvellous creatures - so intelligent, so bursting with energy - doing amazing tricks for us.

Could anything be better?

Well, yes. It could be better if it were true. The dolphin smiling and all of us laughing and having a rollicking good time, all this seems like it's really happening. But look again. It's actually show business. At first glance you think it's real and I don't blame you, because it's magic, theatre magic.

For many years I worked the show-biz side of things. I helped capture dolphins for the Miami Seaquarium and trained them, putting on a great show of dolphins leaping and jumping through hoops on command and acting the clown in amusing skits. I even trained the most famous of all dolphins, Flipper, who starred in his own TV series and feature films during the 1960s, some of which are still being seen around the world. It was a great job and a daily challenge, staying ahead of the scriptwriters and the several dolphins that played the role of Flipper.

Disillusionment

Only toward the end of my dolphin-training career did I admit to myself that there's something wrong about using dolphins for our amusement. They have wonderfully rich lives of their own until we yank them out of the sea, their lives as a species going back 60 million years. I worked for a time on the Miami Seaquarium Capture Boat and used to help abduct them, kicking and screaming all the way. We brought them ashore and dumped them into an alien fantasy world - and why? It was my job. If someone would pay me to do this, surely, I thought, it must be okay. I really thought what I was doing was acceptable. I even convinced myself that the dolphins we captured were lucky because they would be cared for by humans for the rest of their lives. And listen to the people laugh and clap their hands when the dolphins do flips in the air. Isn't that worth something?

I could have stayed in the business of capturing and training dolphins and could have made a lot of money doing it. But when the *Flipper* show ended and I suddenly had lots of time to think about my life so far, I was sick to my stomach. I was appalled and disgusted by what I had been part of. I was also determined to stop it.

Oh, it would be difficult, I knew. Perhaps impossible. If it had taken me years to see dolphins as they actually are and what we were doing to them, how could I expect the public to understand? I was being paid to think that it was okay, of course. On the other hand, I knew what dolphins in the wild were really like. Most people who go to dolphin shows believe that it's great family entertainment. How could I get anyone to

realize that this is just a lie, an elaborate ruse masking our ruthless exploitation of these magnificent creatures?

Like any other business, the dolphin captivity industry is based on supply and demand. As long as there are people willing to buy tickets to watch dolphins perform tricks, dolphins will be captured from the wild and trained to perform for huge paying audiences. Therefore, the key to putting a stop to the exploitation of dolphins is to reach the consumers. I am sure that if the public knew what really goes on behind the glittering scene of the captive dolphin spectacle, most would revolt against it. In other words, rather than buying tickets to watch dolphins perform, they would be helping us free them.

Getting worldwide public opinion on our side, getting people to see what we see at a dolphin show, that's our big goal. And we're making some progress overall, winning in some parts of the world; losing in others. If people understand our message, they'll join us. I'm sure of that. If they can realize that when we talk about "dolphin abuse," we don't necessarily mean that they're being kicked or neglected. Being in captivity itself is abusive. For a wild dolphin swimming free, being captured and plunged into a tank that's like a teacup, how could that not be abusive?

Quest to Save Dolphins With Art

Edited from Asian Journal

<http://www.asianjournal.com/deline-philippines/across-the-islands/7184-quest-to-save-dolphins-draws-support-in-subic-.html>

SUBIC FREEPORT—The season of killing dolphins in Taiji, Japan, has started this year, so A.G. Saño, the artist at the forefront of a movement to rescue them, decided to bring his crusade to this former American naval base and now bustling free port.

The Subic Freeport hosts Ocean Adventure, which draws families to shows featuring performing dolphins, sea lions and killer whales. Saño, 34, tours the provinces painting dolphin murals to highlight his cause.

“It was only appropriate that we should be doing this here in Subic. And contrary to my expectations, we were welcomed warmly and supported not only by our friends here but by the rest of the community,” he said.



No grudge

He said he does not bear any animosity towards Tim Desmond, the American owner of Ocean Adventure.

“But what he is doing is not out of love. It’s for profit. That’s what this crusade is all about. If he truly loved these sea mammals, then he’d use his resources and set them all free, back to their natural habitats,” Saño said.

He said he was led to this advocacy by the award-winning documentary feature “The Cove,” which exposed the annual herding and slaughter of some 23,000 dolphins at Taiji Cove in Japan. According to the documentary, the Japanese butchered dolphins, which were “rejects” that failed to pass a filtering process enforced by marine park officials to select dolphin performers for aquatic shows.

Costly performers

A bottle-nosed dolphin that fits the standards of theme park operators will fetch \$150,000, Saño said. Saño painted the walls of Lighthouse Marina Resort, an iconic establishment inside Moonbay Marina Complex here, and drew converts to his cause.

Zedrik Avecilla, whose family owns the Lighthouse resort, said he also saw “The Cove.”

“We’ve always been active in the protection of the environment here in Subic, even leading coastal cleanup drives of the bay, and this is no different. When I heard that Saño and his group were here, I offered our walls to be painted. It’s our way of showing support for the dolphins,” said Avecilla.

Saño said the crusade needs to change the minds of families who are lured to theme parks like Ocean Adventure.

“They should know the toll captivity has on these dolphins. In cages, where theme park operators claim that they are well fed and nurtured, they still do not live out their life expectancies. They only reach about a third of it, in fact. That’s why most of the dolphins in aquatic shows are juvenile, they die before they mature,” he said.

Note from Editor: With each brush stroke, 34-year-old painter A.G. Saño brings back to life images of bottlenose dolphins, thousands of which are slaughtered annually by fishermen in Taiji, Japan.

Saño hopes to jumpstart a national campaign as part of a growing worldwide crusade to seek an end to the killings in Japan of one of the most intelligent creatures on earth.

For 13 years, the artist had gone into a hiatus, focusing on his profession as an architect and his passion for photography. But viewing the 2009 Academy award winning documentary feature, “The Cove,” which exposed the annual herding and brutal slaughter of some 23,000 dolphins in a hidden bay at a national park in Taiji drove Saño to retrieve his brushes and paint for a cause.

For further information visit: <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/inquirerheadlines/metro/view/20100821-288104/Mural-is-the-message-Save-the-dolphins>

A.G. Saño can be contacted on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=764930370>

Report from Taiji: November 21, 2010

For once, I end my day with hope.

By Scott West, Sea Shepherd Conservation Society



This was the third day in a row that the dolphin molesters set out to destroy dolphins and yet returned to port without any. It was a good day in Taiji.

They will prowl again and again though before this is over. Many hundreds (perhaps thousands) of dolphins will have to die or be sold into slavery before it ends. This problem will not stop tomorrow, nor will the dolphin molesters stop on their own accord.

The solution will come from within Japan and it will come. Because Cove Guardians and others have been here, more and more Japanese are learning of the issue. Their awareness will start a movement which will end the capture and slaughter of dolphins and whales in Japan, by Japan. The pressure everyone is keeping on Japan through the embassies and other avenues will encourage the minds of political leaders.

An educated Japanese couple travelled down from Tokyo today to meet us. They told us how just three months ago they were unaware of the problem and now, because we have been here every day, they are active in bringing awareness and change. This is very encouraging.

Japan has the brain trust, the academic institutions, the technology, and the history to be the world’s leader in marine conservation. Pollution, over fishing, and wanton destruction of ocean wildlife are worldwide phenomena and worldwide problems. All life on this planet depends upon healthy oceans. This is not a West versus East or US versus Japan issue. This is about the future of each and every one of us and whether or not we will survive. I have hope this evening that in due time, Japan will take its place as the leader in ocean conservation. I just hope that it does not come too late.

Thank you to the citizens of Japan who are weighing these issues and beginning to take a stand to solve them. Thank you to everyone who is on the front lines of this war. This is a war to save ourselves from ourselves. Without your calling and writing to Japanese embassies and your own governments, there will be no change. Keep it up! Every time dolphins are pushed into the Cove, let them have it. Every time there is blood in the water, let them have it. Make good consumer choices. Not only do the molesters want to hide from us, but so does their government.

We can use more Cove Guardians. To join us (voluntarily, and completely at your own cost and risk) in Taiji, write to us at coveguardian@seashepherd.org. (Please note that this is a new address.) We will get back to you, but please be patient. We cannot keep an eye on the Cove and answer Email at the same time. [Contributions](#) to Sea Shepherd to keep our official presence here are needed and welcome. I am the current official Sea Shepherd representative and will be replaced when I leave on December 9, 2010.

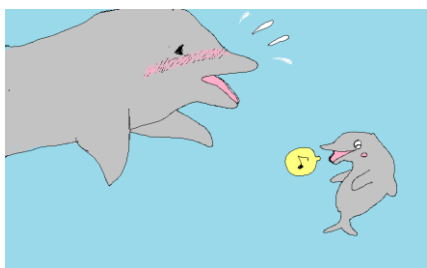
For the Oceans,

Scott West

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society

<http://www.seashepherd.org/>

FREE DOLPHINS - Here is a video cartoon worth viewing



Thank you to Yumiko and Takashi Nakamura, International Dolphin Watch correspondents in Japan, for making this film and keeping us updated – FOR THE LOVE OF DOLPHINS!

Japanese version

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IpIodRnd_B8

Spoken in Japanese and with English text

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n6D2PnqO5E>

Please distribute around Japan and worldwide. Yumiko and Takashi Nakamura can be contacted on Email: yumi03210819@yahoo.co.jp

Report from Yumiko from Taiji Japan

We met Sea Shepherd crews in Taiji, who are such wonderful people doing their best to save the dolphins like you all. Scott showed us around, the mountain where we could see the wide ocean, the killing cove and the butcher house below. We could imagine very well how the dolphins were chased into the cove by fishermen and how the dolphins had to fight for their lives. When I stood up on the hill and see the killing cove directly below, I suddenly felt the sorrow and darkness of the killed dolphins and burst into tears. I cannot explain very well how it was like, but I felt something horrible was happening to dolphins at that cove. I have never felt such an evil atmosphere, ever before.



The bone structure of the whale and the real harpoon on the left side, and the pen in which Risso dolphin, pilot whale, many bottlenose dolphins were put.

I also felt the evil atmosphere all around Taiji Town, where all houses were bigger and looked wealthier than any other ordinary houses of the rural area in Japan. Only 3000 people (mostly older people) live in Taiji Town and I suppose they can earn much money by selling dolphins to sea aquariums all over the world.

The roads, the town office, the parks, the whale museum established by Taiji Town were so clean and beautiful, though few people could be seen.

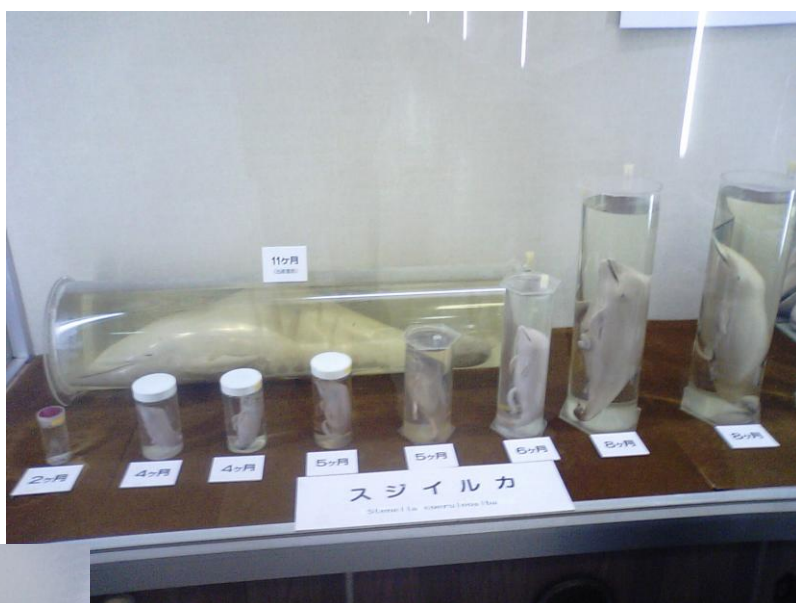
We found the skin, internal organ and meat of the whales were sold at the whale museum and the local supermarket. But we couldn't find any dolphin meat at all. I wondered if they recently have not sold or bought the dolphin meat at the supermarket or they just sold them as pet food?



The fetuses stripped from pregnant dolphins - from 2 months old to 11 months old (just before birth!)

We were so shocked to find many fetuses of dolphins were on display, put into the formalin solution jars. We took the pictures of them and showed them to Sea Shepherd crews. They wanted to see them directly so we took them to the museum the next day.

There were so many fetuses of the whales (sperm whale, killer whale, humpback whale, etc) in the glass jars, and the internal organs, eye chunk, heart, tongue, stomach, intestine, etc. were on display too.



We also saw many dolphin trainers that tried to make dolphins obey their orders on the dolphin show, but the dolphins didn't want to obey them. The trainers said the dolphins were all new-comers. Instead, the older dolphins were taken into the ocean with their tails tied with rope, and killed cruelly some days ago for some reasons. The trainers looked so irritated and troubled in front of the viewers.

When I came close to the pool, 3 bottlenose dolphins came to me and stared in my eyes. They looked so sad! I said to them, "I am so sorry. I know your family were killed just in front of you. I am sorry we humans broke your lives and future happiness....everything." We stared at each other for a long time, and I felt they absolutely tried to understand what I said and heard my apology. I clearly felt they are so intelligent and gentle to us, in spite of being prisoners in such an old, dirty and small pool! The next day Carrie talked with the dolphins and she said she felt their feelings too! We felt we have to save them; we have to do everything we can do for them in our lifetime. We must not give up until the dolphins and whales can live with their families in the open sea. They should not be threatened, chased, captured and killed by man. They deserve it!

As Dr. Horace Dobbs said, "*education is very important*" I totally agree with him. We all have to do everything we can to save all dolphins and whales.

With much love,
(For the dolphins and whales)
Yumiko

International Dolphin Watch Searches for a Solution

Message from Dr. Horace Dobbs, Founder of International Dolphin Watch

Yumiko's film expresses what happens in a hunt from a dolphin's viewpoint very well. Most people who watch dolphin shows enjoy them as entertainment because dolphins cannot suppress their joy of living - even when they are imprisoned in a concrete pools. The spectators see nothing wrong with taking dolphins out of their natural environment in which their babies, like humans, have very strong bonds with their parents and families around them. This occurs partly through ignorance. Many people view dolphins as fish that have no contact or bond with their hundreds of babies once they have spawned.

EDUCATION is clearly the answer to remedy this ignorance.

I think this film also very clearly demonstrates the horror that dolphins, as highly evolved mammals like humans, must experience when they witness their companions being killed. And if they survive the emotional trauma they must experience with their large brains when they are put in captivity. This defines the PROBLEM.

Members of International Dolphin Watch worldwide search for a SOLUTION based on the UNDERSTANDING that most fishermen love their job and need to work to live. This problem has become common in many industrialised countries in which workers such as coal miners and shipbuilders have had to ADAPT to a new way of life. To do this they need HELP. To get the help they need WITHOUT VIOLENCE we can draw their problems to the attention of the general public and to the politicians to pass laws to help dolphin hunting fishermen come to terms with the reality of the need to change their way of life in a rapidly changing world".

Please give us your thoughts on these comments and any ideas you might have on how this can be achieved in Japan?

Please Email
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Comments from Ric O'Barry

*"To whoever produced this fine video: PLEASE DO MORE OF THESE!
Education is the solution!
Domo arigato,
Ric O'Barry"*

Comments from Leah Lemieux

www.rekindlingthewaters.com

"There can be no doubt that our precious blue-green world and its wild inhabitants are in trouble. We certainly need solutions. --Human solutions, because of course humans are the cause of the destruction. Just as Horace says, we need to educate and then enable the people who are causing harm to make the changes needed. If we don't work together to make this happen, it won't; and if it doesn't, then we kiss our beautiful blue-green world goodbye. Make no mistake, it's a great challenge, but if you love our ocean planet enough, you've got to reach out. You've got to try."

Comments from Paige Sinclair, CEO of The Pet Porpoise Pool, NSW

The story line in the cartoon mirrors the recent documentary called 'The Cove', and the Pet Porpoise Pool has issued their support behind the films message.

It really disturbs me to think this happens in this day and age. The senseless slaughtering of dolphins each year must be stopped! Wild dolphins should not be slaughtered for meat or taken into captivity. For dolphins currently held in captivity around the world, we must manage the populations without introducing live wild animals.

As an active rescue and rehabilitation centre, we work very closely with National Parks and Wildlife Services to assist in any standings' of wild animals and assist them back to the wild. In Australia, it is the decision of National Parks and Wildlife Services to approve the rehabilitation of a wild animal, and ultimately the release of that animal.

State and Federal law protects wild animals from institutions such as ourselves from capturing marine life. This Act has now been in place since 1999 and this is something the Pet Porpoise Pool works very much in accordance with.

We also strive to use our animals we have as ambassadors of their species not examples of their kind, by educating our visitors about the issues all marine creatures face with the appalling carelessness (by the human species) to dispose of rubbish in a sustainable fashion.

*Regards,
Paige Sinclair
Chief Executive Officer*

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From Dolphin killing to Eco Tourism

Could this be a solution for Taiji?

While Futo, Japan has in the past been known as a village where dolphins are slaughtered, it now has a far brighter distinction. It is the village from which dolphin and whale watching cruises are departing in concert with a BlueVoice.org effort to replace dolphin slaughters with eco-tourism.

In October 1999, the village of Futo Japan became infamous around the world for the brutal slaughter of a pod of some 75 dolphins. Video of the slaughter appeared on television screens around the world. The images of the bottlenose dolphins being pulled from the water to have their throats cut caused an avalanche of protest against this barbaric practice. Letters, faxes and emails expressing outrage poured into the Japan Fisheries Agency, the office of the Prime Minister and the Fishing Co-op at Futo. The public outcry caused a halt in the dolphin hunt for 5 years. But now, the fishermen plan to hunt dolphins again.

BlueVoice has been working in Futo to replace dolphin hunting with a dolphin watching business. While eco-tourism brings money to the entire community, hotels, restaurants, souvenirs vendors, etc., dolphin killing provides money for only a select few. And it puts dolphin meat, which is highly toxic, into the food markets of Japan.

Mr. Izumi Ishii, once a dolphin hunter, has vowed never to kill dolphins again. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather had hunted whales and dolphins. It took tremendous courage for him to denounce a centuries old tradition in a country where tradition is revered.

In 2002 he launched the first dolphin and whale watching trip out of Futo Harbor. He was accompanied by eco-tourists and journalists from Japan, Australia and the United States. The world was watching to see if such a venture could be a success. And the first trip was a tremendous success; a sperm whale rose and lingered for



some 45 minutes. It was both curious and relaxed moving to within a few feet of the boats. Perhaps a dozen Japanese television crews and many print reporters were sprayed by the exhalation of the whale. On the whale watching boat delirium reigned. Stories of the successful inaugural whale/dolphin watching expedition were all over Japanese media.

*Friendly sperm whale wows
Futo Dolphin Watch*

Mr. Izumi Ishii was once one of the most outspoken advocates of the capture and killing of dolphins. But Ishii-san had changed. "I heard the sound of the dolphins crying as they were killed. I could not bear it," he said in describing his reasons for converting from dolphin killing to dolphin watching. "The value I now see in dolphins is not the value of their meat, but of the wonder they incite in us.

"I had been moved by the sight of pods of dolphins and sometimes forgot my job as a hunter even when I was hunting them. I would like to convey my excited feelings to people through dolphin watching."

Ishii-san is a businessman and now considers that he will make more money with dolphin watching than hunting. Dolphin watching will bring financial benefit to travel companies, hotels in the area, restaurants and souvenir stands as well as the fishermen themselves. A dead dolphin is worth only \$300 for its meat. Live dolphins attracting tourists are worth many times that sum.



BlueVoice's Hardy Jones joins Izumi Ishii in announcing launch of dolphin watching from former dolphin hunting village at recent International Whaling Commission meeting. (photo© Circlet 2002)



He has also seen films about dolphins that caused him to change his original conclusions that dolphins are just fish. He now realizes they are highly intelligent, air breathing mammals and appealed to stop the cheating and the violations of the rules governing dolphin hunts.

Ishii had realized that in some cases the cooperative was instigating dolphin hunts, which were illegal. When he complained, members of the Fishing Cooperative denounced him and tried to get him to resign as a fisherman, even to banish him from Futo. But Ishii was encouraged when Japanese and international conservation groups spoke positively of his courageous actions.

The staff of both the National Fishery Agency and the Fisheries Section of Shizuoka Prefecture ignored his appeal that the fishing co-op should stop hunting in violation of quotas. "It is very ironical, but the attitude of the National Fishery Agency toward me made me what I am today," said Ishii.

BlueVoice.org and other international conservation groups have pledged their support for his endeavor and brought groups of tourists to help him inaugurate dolphin watching.

In 2003 Blue Voice brought Mr. Ishii and Mr. Inaba, a member of the city council of Ito County to Monterey, California. Here they were able to see firsthand the enormous benefits a successful whale watching business could bring to a city. Mr. Inaba was impressed and promised to do all he could to promote dolphin/whale watching in Futo and to end the dolphin slaughters.

Mr. Ishii does not want to keep his new business exclusively for himself. "The most important thing is that I succeed in the dolphin watching business. If I can succeed in it, other fishermen in Futo will follow me."

That would truly put an end to the killing of dolphins at Futo and provide an example for other villages where it is still practiced.

If the dolphin hunt in Futo is not stopped, it jeopardizes this successful endeavor. Please lend your support to Mr. Ishii by expressing your condemnation of the dolphin hunts. Let the Japanese authorities know you abhor the capture and killing of dolphins.

For further information and how you can help visit: <http://www.bluevoice.org>

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Anything you can do... Playful dolphin steals the show, sharing a wave with an amazed surfer

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news>

8th November 2010



RESEARCH

Is mercury slowly poisoning the Japanese public by eating whale and dolphin meat?

www.wn.com

Here are some media reports:

Mercury high in Japanese town that hunts dolphin

By JAY ALABASTER, Associated Press Writer TAIJI

Residents of the dolphin-hunting village depicted in Oscar documentary “The Cove” have dangerously high mercury levels, likely because of their fondness for dolphin and [whale](#) meat, a government lab said Sunday. The levels of mercury detected in Taiji residents were above the national average, but follow-up tests have found no ill effects, according to the National Institute for Minamata Disease. The tests were done on hair samples from 1,137 volunteers of the town’s roughly 3,500 residents. “The results suggest there is a connection between hair mercury levels and eating cetaceans,”...

http://heartspring.net/mercury_poison_symptoms.html

Symptoms of Mercury Poisoning

By the Environmental Protection Agency

- Impairment of the peripheral vision
- Disturbances in sensations ("pins and needles" feelings, numbness) usually in the hands feet and sometimes around the mouth
- Lack of coordination of movements, such as writing
- Impairment of speech, hearing, walking;
- Muscle weakness
- Skin rashes
- Mood swing
- Memory loss
- Mental disturbance

Mercury Exposure

Health problems caused by mercury depend on how much has entered your body, how it entered your body, how long you have been exposed to it, and how your body responds to the mercury. People are at risk when they consume mercury-contaminated fish and when they are exposed to spilled mercury.

Elemental (metallic) mercury and its compounds are toxic and exposure to excessive levels can permanently damage or fatally injure the brain and kidneys. Elemental mercury can also be absorbed through the skin and cause allergic reactions. Ingestion of inorganic mercury compounds can cause severe renal and gastrointestinal toxicity. Organic compounds of mercury such as methylmercury are considered the most toxic forms of the element. Exposures to very small amounts of these compounds can result in devastating neurological damage and death.

For foetuses, infants and children, the primary health effects of mercury are on neurological development. Even low levels of mercury exposure such as result from mother's consumption methylmercury in dietary sources can adversely affect the brain and nervous system. Impacts on memory, attention, language and other skills have been found in children exposed to moderate levels in the womb.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/16166142/Dolphins-Mercury-and-Toxic-Seafood>

75% of human mercury exposure comes from seafood consumption.

One of the worst incidents of mercury poisoning in contemporary history occurred in the Japanese town of Minamata in the 1950s and 60s. The Chisso petrochemical factory dumped an estimated 27 tons of mercury compounds in the bay, poisoning the fish which the locals eat as the linchpin of their diet. The mysterious illnesses – including numb limbs, slurred speech, palsy and blindness - and birth defects that resulted became known as “Minamata Disease” but were all a result of toxic mercury.

Mercury builds up in ocean life through a process called bioaccumulation, in which repeated exposure to low-level toxins builds up to problematic levels over a lifetime.

Oceans become polluted with mercury when atmospheric emissions from coal and industrial plants are transported into the sea. Groundwater contamination is also a source of oceanic Water samples in a 2006 USGS study showed a 30% increase in ocean mercury levels from 1990s levels

A United Nations study in 2003 states that through the burning of fossil fuels, like coal and cement plants, mercury is rising in the environment at the rate of 1.5 – 3% per year.



A Japanese mother bathes her child, one of many such children born with severe birth defects in the town of Minamata due to the parents eating fish contaminated with mercury dumped into Minamata Bay by the Chisso plastics manufacturing company. Recent reports say that Minamata disease (mercury poisoning) is now showing up among Indian villagers in the Amazon due to gold miners using mercury to separate gold from ore.

Says Tsuginori Hamamoto, who grew up eating fish caught in Minamata Bay and now is confined to a wheelchair because of the ravages of mercury poisoning, "Because we have destroyed the environment, human beings have been destroyed. The cause of Minamata disease is industrial effluent from the (Chisso) factory. What lies behind this is the fact that everyone is seeking an easy life. Are you still going to continue to lead an easy life?"
[Photo by W. Eugene Smith]

- ❖ Comments from Governments, Scientists and Researchers welcome?
- ❖ Do you have a child or know someone that has been affected by mercury poisoning?
- ❖ Email your comments to: idw@talk21.com

FRIENDS NEWS

Rekindling the Waters

THE TRUTH – I wanted very much to share with you this little video I made from my recent time in Taiji Japan FOR THE DOLPHINS!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/delfinusdelphis?feature=mhum#p/a/u/1/dYCqOP-ZE-Y>

Please watch and share.

Many thanks

Leah Lemieux

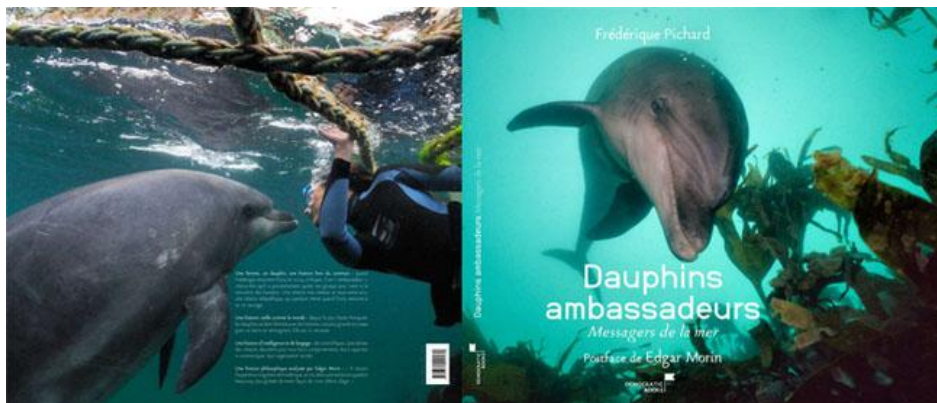
www.RekindlingTheWaters.com

Dauphins Ambassadeurs: Messagers de la Mer

(ISBN: 978-2-36104-013-0)

Surprising and Educational

**Frédérique Pichard announces the release of her book
“I am sure it will touch your hearts”.**



When Frédérique Pichard meets Dony the dolphin a remarkable relationship develops.

Dony, an "Ambassador" dolphin temporarily left his family to come to meet the people, an intense relationship develops between them - a telepathic relationship, which persists even when Dony returns to the wild.

A story as old as the world: from the highest antiquity, dolphins befriend humans. The greatest writers in Greek and Latin, a history of intelligence and language: the scientists and specialists of cetaceans decode for us their behavior, communication skills, and their social organization. A philosophical history analyzed by the great thinker Edgar Morin: Through the unique experience of Frederick Pichard “challenging globally the way we live, to be, to act.” The book is decorated with a stunning iconography (mosaics antique prints and paintings).

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Institut Dony

For centuries, Dolphins are Friends of Man ... Yet everywhere in the world they are threatened.

Each year an estimated 100,000 dolphins are killed commercially and 300 000 die accidentally in fishing nets.

To help put an end to this process, the United Nations has launched a campaign involving governments, NGOs and the private sector worldwide to emphasize the need to protect dolphin species.

They are faced with deliberate hunting, Navy pollution, the growing imbalance in their ecosystem, the destruction of habitat, entanglement in fishing nets, loss of prey due to fishing, excessive noise pollution generated underwater by man who damages their echolocation system. Dolphins living in captivity, in most cases are used and do not survive long.

On the European coast, whales and dolphins are protected under French, Italian and Monegasque Law. It is prohibited to destroy and capture. But it is not enough! It is necessary to go beyond: a large number of international organizations and public are aware of their lifestyles and communication toward humans.

For further information visit: <http://www.institutdony.com>

Project Jonah, New Zealand

<http://www.projectjonah.org.nz>

Together we can protect them and save them from harm



Through you, we care for marine mammals in three ways:

RESCUE We deliver essential first aid to stranded or injured marine mammals. Over the years we have given thousands of Kiwis the basic skills needed to rescue stranded dolphins and whales. Through this network, thousands of animals have been saved.

ACTION We inform and educate people and give them a way to take part. Through our public education and awareness campaigns we inspire, motivate and empower New Zealanders to make a tangible difference to the lives of marine mammals.

PROTECTION We act as a watchdog and encourage key decision makers to do the right thing. We expose marine mammal suffering and help create and enforce laws that will protect these animals. Marine mammals face many threats. Everything from commercial whaling to forced captivity, ship strike and pollution. But there are many ways to reduce the impact of human activity, and some are surprisingly easy.

We work constantly to raise awareness of the issues affecting marine mammals in New Zealand and overseas. This is vital in building greater understanding and respect. By taking action you can help us achieve our goals and create long-lasting change.

Walking on water

AUSTRALIAN DOLPHINS have been observed carrying out surface tail-walks in increasing numbers, in what appears to be a growing cultural fad among the dolphin community.

Dr Mike Bossley, of the Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society, has observed dolphins in Adelaide's Port River for more than two decades.

The first to be observed tail-walking was a female, Billie, which was thought to have picked up the habit around 1988 during a period held captive in an aquarium.

For many years Billie performed alone, but about eight years ago

most if not all the cultural behaviours described to date have been of a utilitarian nature, mainly to do with obtaining food," said Dr Bossley.

"The only dolphin example seen up to now is in Shark Bay, West Australia, where a small group of dolphins habitually carry a sponge on the end of their jaw while fishing to protect them from fish spines."

Tail-walking appeared to be different. "As far as we are aware, tail-walking has no practical function and is performed just for fun – akin to human dancing or gymnastics," said Dr Bossley. "As such, it represents an internationally important example of



another female, Wave, followed suit. Now the habit, rare in the wild, has suddenly spread to another four Port River dolphins, both adults and calves.

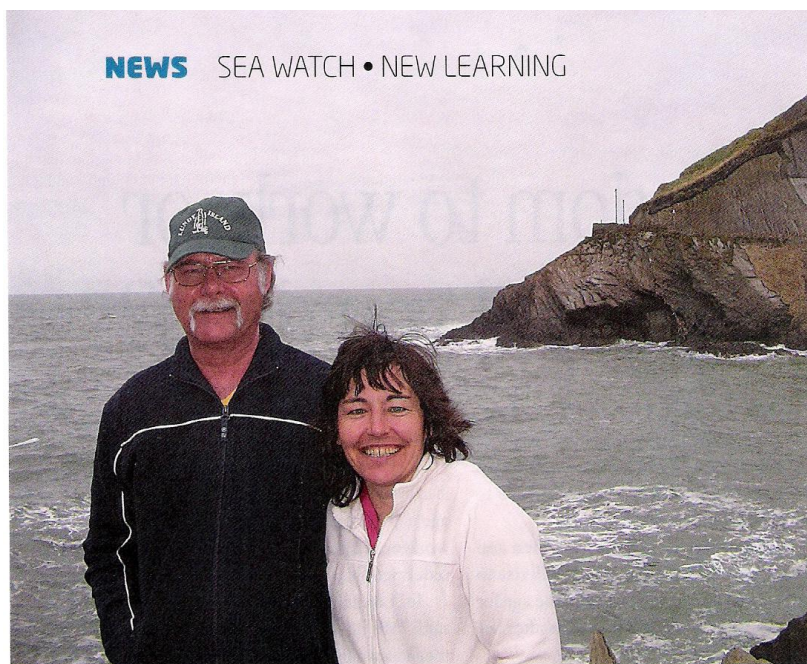
The almost-daily explosion of activity seems to be motivated simply by a desire for amusement.

"Cultural behaviours in animals have been identified in several species, particularly chimps. However,

the behavioural similarities between humans and dolphins."

The finding also has significance for conservation. "The discovery of cultural behaviours in some species will require a whole new approach to conservation, so that the cultures of specific communities become recognised as worthy of protection," said Dr Bossley. ■

U3A News - Members having a Whale of a Time with Sea Watch/New Learning



Chris and Sharron Blackmore: regular watchers at Ilfracombe

Whale of a time

CHRIS BLACKMORE, recently retired, can now spend more of his time watching and recording marine mammals near his home in Ilfracombe, for the marine research charity Sea Watch.

Chris and his wife Sharron trained five years ago as observers with the Sea Watch Foundation and have been holding regular watches at Capstone Point in Ilfracombe,

and leading watches during the National Whale and Dolphin Watch.

Sea Watch is keen to encourage more people to become regular observers around the UK coast.

Anyone interested should contact Gemma Veneruso at Sea Watch on 01545 561227 or email her at sightings@seawatchfoundation.org.uk.



This dolphin, whom the watchers have named Spot, was pictured with her calf

14 U3As at a 'learning adventure'

DELEGATES FROM 14 different U3As attended a national conference at Lancaster University to hear about the "New Learning Adventure" run by the Department of Continuing Education in conjunction with Lancaster and Morecambe U3A at the university.

The scheme was set up to offer U3A

members access to weekly lunchtime lectures from leading academics and to discussions, as well as enabling them to sit in on undergraduate lectures.

Funded by the previous government's transformation fund for a learning revolution, it provides a model for future partnership programmes.

To find out more about U3A (University of the Third Age) visit:
<http://www.u3a.org.uk>

Oceans Essence – Swim with dolphins in the wild

Heavenly Dolphins Tour

Starts Saturday 12th February to Thursday 17th February 2011

Swimming with wild dolphins is a dream you can now make a reality in beautiful Ponta D'Ouro, Mozambique.

The dolphins swim with us because they want to, there are no gimmicks, and this is the genuine, real deal.

Here there are no pools or trainers, just you and the dolphins up close and personal, on their terms and in their natural environment.

Our Heavenly Dolphins Tour incorporates inspiring meditations to relax, rejuvenate and uplift body, mind and spirit.

Learn to breathe the dolphin way and experience greater healing, relaxation and increased lung function.

Develop your foot massage skills to impress friends and loved ones, PLUS...learn to work with universal energy for unimagined healing.

Join us in a much-needed beach clean up to keep the beach and ocean environment pristine and litter free.

There is a presentation by Michelle on the life lessons the dolphins have shared with her.

Angie Gullan will give a fascinating talk on the enchanting world of dolphins.

Bookings are open for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. The dates are booked out of high season to offer you peace and tranquillity as well as relaxed and interactive dolphins. Our dates do not coincide with school or public holidays.

Come along and join us in paradise, open your mind and heart to the dolphins, you'll leave forever changed!

The tour is limited to 10 people, so don't delay. Spaces will get booked up quickly.

For further information and to book your place visit: http://www.oceansessence.com/tour_dates.php .

The Divine Dolphin



Dear Dolphin and Whale Lovers

Are the dolphins and whales calling to you in your dreams and awake time? Are you ready to answer the call?

The Divine Dolphin offers opportunities to swim and interact with dolphins and whales in the best locations on the planet. Check out our upcoming schedule and we hope you'll join us for the life changing experience of interacting up close and personal with our beloved friends in the sea.

Our [Humpback Whales of Silver Bank](#) trip is February 5-12, 2011. To swim and float with the whales is an experience beyond your wildest imagination. Come to Silver Bank, Dominican Republic, a protected whale sanctuary and nursing and breeding grounds for the humpback whales. Float along with mom and baby as baby nurses before your eyes. Watch the Valentine Dance of males courting females. FEEL the vibration of the Humpback's song. You will never be the same.

Our [Swim with the Dolphins of Bimini](#) trip is June 5-10, 2011 and we have an amazing adventure planned for you! Not only will you get to swim, glide, and twirl with the wild and friendly dolphins of Bimini, but Sierra Goodman and Stephanie Griffin will facilitate this trip and offer the [Connecting With Your Inner Guidance and Embracing Your Authentic Self Workshop](#). Between the dolphins, the magic of Bimini, and this most powerful workshop, your life will change forever.

Last, but certainly not least, we have our [Costa Rica Humpback Whale and Dolphin](#) trip February 19-26, 2011. While this trip does not include swimming with the large pods of dolphins and whales found here, (it is illegal in Costa Rica), it includes a tour to the crown jewel rainforest of Costa Rica, Corcovado National Park where you will see monkeys, toucans, macaws and much more. This is an eco tour with nature beyond your wildest dreams!

Whether you are interested in one of our amazing trips to be with the dolphins or whales or not, do come by and check out our updated website!

Oceans of Love

The Divine Dolphin

www.divinedolphin.com

Message from Dr. Estelle Myers re Dolphins in Bali

28th October 2010 was the 30th anniversary of the first [Rainbow Dolphin Planetary Pause for Peace](#), held at Cape Tribulation in Queensland Australia, with a circle of 10. This is where my dolphin adventures began with instructions to use the vision of rainbow and dolphin to link hearts and minds for world peace, to free captive dolphins worldwide, to birth babies underwater - from the water of the womb to the water of the world.

As many know, Dr. Horace Dobbs and I cooperated together to close the Sea Circus in Australia, New Zealand and England - and watch the Marine Eco Tourism viewing whales and dolphins grow to a multi million dollar business all over the world, in the oceans of the world.

And of course waterbabies have been born safely worldwide.

It was therefore a shock horror and surprise, while on vacation here in Bali, to discover 3 poor sad dolphins in a concrete pool at Melka Excelsior Hotel Resort, Lovina bali-dolphin-swimming.com. The pool, where the dolphins were held, was so pathetic it made my blood boil. It was purpose built six years ago and 4 dolphins were captured and imprisoned - two males and two females - John, Jack, Gombloh and Ucil. Today one of the male dolphins has died. The owners claim that they rescued them from a circus that was mistreating them and they actually believe that their purpose built resort is a happy place for them now. In fact three times a day the dolphins



are forced to perform old circus tricks no longer appropriate and to suffer humans touching them while they are restrained by a net and to swim with them.

I plan to negotiate a rescue plan in a win-win situation early next year.

It is my intention to communicate with the owners to open their hearts to the possibility of a rescue and release program early next year 2011 and to hold a celebration event at their resort as an international public relation exercise which would then set an example to others. I hope to convince them that the dolphins would, as they have in most places around the

world, CHOOSE TO COME AND PLAY on the beach nearby and then they could offer real human dolphin interaction with FREEDOM FUN AND FRIENDSHIP WATCH THIS SPACE AND HOLD THE VISION OF A SUCCESSFUL MISSION - ON THIS 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MY FIRST DOLPHIN COMMUNICATION.

With love and appreciation.

Dr Estelle Myers

Note: If you would like to comment or help Estelle in her mission please Email Dr Estelle Myers

estellejmyers@gmail.com



Note from the Editor: There is more about Estelle's work in our January 2007, May 2009 and latest book (Midwife to Gaia Birthing Global Consciousness) in our May 2010 Newsletters that can be downloaded through www.idw.org

Port Stephens Broughton Island Dolphin Adventure

"Life isn't measured by the number of breath's you take, though by the number of moments that take your breath away"

WE are offering a one off trip to the amazing national park Broughton Island this January.

Broughton Island is unique. It is the largest island in NSW, resides in the Port Stephens / Great Lakes marine park and includes our world first AMVE open water dolphin swim.

Join the Dolphin Swim Australia team on eco-tourism leader Imagine Cruises 50 foot luxury ocean catamaran for an adventure of a lifetime.

To find out more and to book your place visit: www.dolphinswimaustralia.com.au

Help save the rare dolphin habitat at Tin Can Bay, Australia

The Government has approved the destruction of rare dolphin habitat at Tin Can Bay. People have rallied together in an attempt to save this beautiful area and the gravely endangered Indo Pacific Hump-back dolphin, in a bold campaign targeting 1 million people to 'Click and Save' our marine wilderness near Fraser Island.

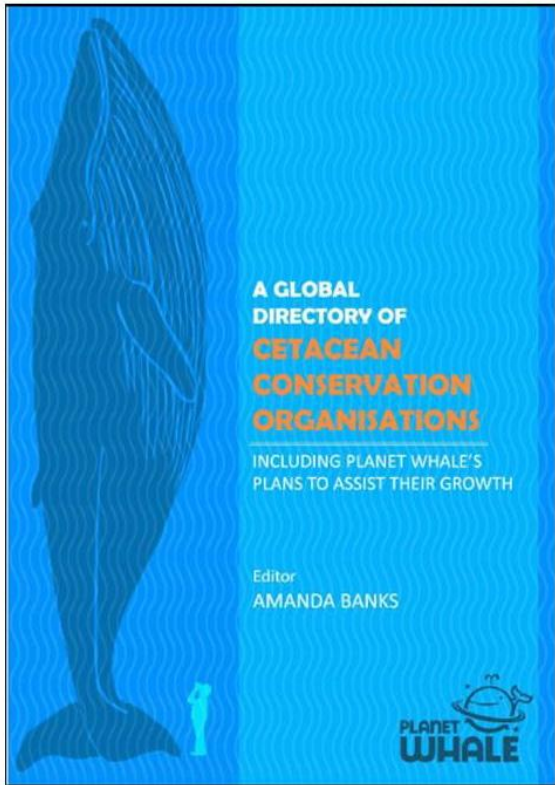
We have just a small window of opportunity to urgently stop a marina development in this pristine area, the heart of a UNESCO biosphere reserve, before a final decision is made by the federal government as early as December 2010. For this reason I ask you to please 'Click and Save Tin Can Bay' (in just 3 seconds) at <http://www.marina.tincanbaydolphins.com.au>. This is a perfect habitat for species that are threatened all over the world, and we need to make a stand and save some critical habitat for them. 'Soon there will be nowhere left for our wildlife to breed and live,' says Bob Irwin, father of Steve Irwin, the famous crocodile Hunter and wildlife conservator who is spearheading the campaign to overturn the government's decision.

Thank you; blessings and love,

Les & Trudi

Heartland Retreat, Cooloola Coast, Queensland, Australia.

Planet Whale



We are delighted to announce the publication of Planet Whale's report:

‘A Global Directory of Cetacean Conservation Organisations’

The report is available now for free:

<http://www.planetwhale.com/community/opinion/the-first-global-directory-of-cetacean-conservation-organisations.html>

The report would not have been possible without your contribution, so please feel free to upload it to any website. Alternatively you can create a link to the URL above from your website, social network or blog, so that your colleagues and members can read the report online.

We hope the information contained in this report is useful to you all. I am sure our review of the work undertaken by the world's CCO's (pages 9-17) will be of interest to many of you, as will the directory of 95 Cetacean Conservation Organisations (CCO's) worldwide (pages 21-133).

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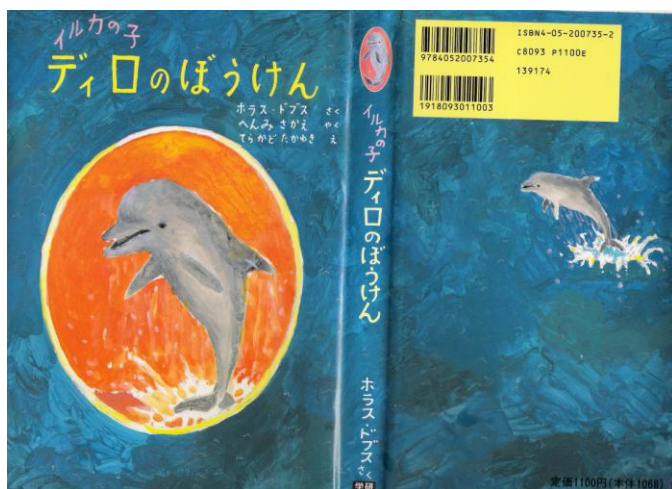
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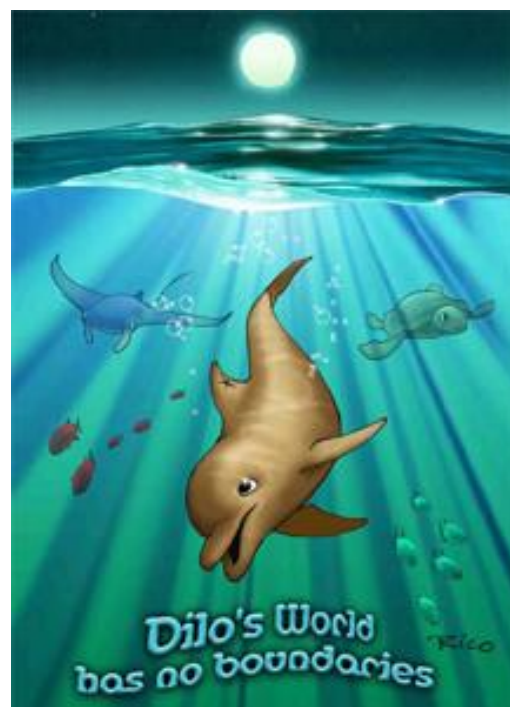
DILO – 2010 Year of the Dolphin in Schools Programme

Dilo is a mischievous dolphin who's story is told in a series of books by Horace Dobbs.

For information visit: <http://www.idw.org/html/dilo.html>



Dilo and the Call of the Deep in Japanese



IDEAL (Integrated Dolphin Education and Learning) uses stories about a make-believe dolphin named Dilo to make children aware of the lives of dolphins and the threats they face. For further information about IDEAL visit http://www.idw.org/html/ideal_.html and the October DOLPHIN Magazine.

Horace Dobbs has written six books about Dilo that look at the world from a dolphin's point of view. The first one: *Dilo and the Call of the Deep* was translated into Japanese by Sakae Hemmi and published by Gakken in 1996. ISBN4-05-200735-2 C8093.

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The book received good reviews and was "Recommended Reading" in the holidays by school authorities.



The Dilo books are can be ordered through the IDW Shop:

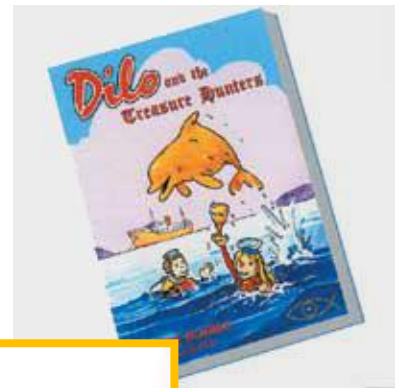
http://www.idw.org/html/dolphin_shop.html

Dilo Inspires Children in Ireland



Winners of the Children's Drawing Competition were announced in the August Newsletter.

Copies of *Dilo and the Treasure Hunters*, signed by the author, were sent to the schools of the winning entries in Ireland.



Dear Horace.

Mammy and I saw about 50 dolphins in Tramore last Sunday.

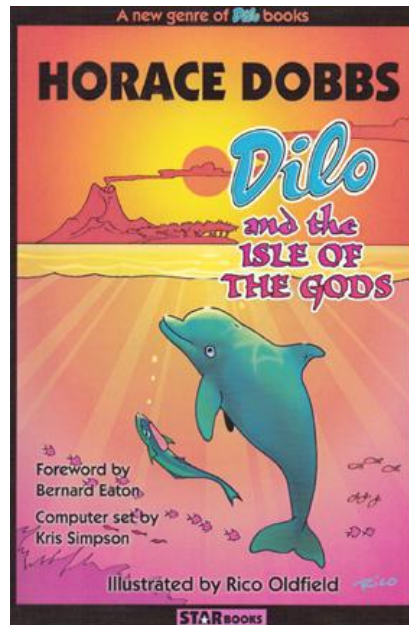
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Thankyou.

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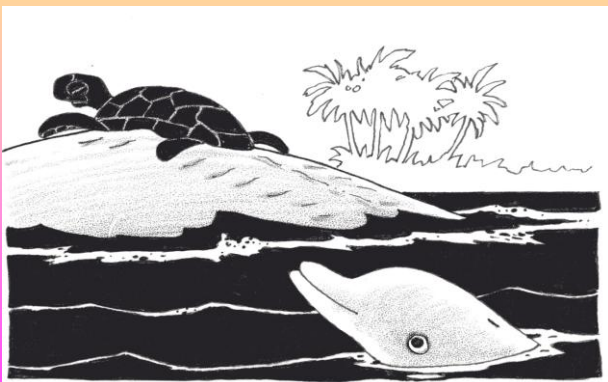
(Continued from September Newsletter)



15. Laying eggs

EVENING CAME.

From offshore, Dilo saw Tina struggle through the surf. The turtle hauled her huge bulk slowly up the beach. Each small move forward was hard work. When she was well up the beach she stopped and rested. Tina waited for darkness to come.



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Dilo stayed on the surface and watched. Waves creamed along the beach. A mellow moon climbed slowly into the night sky.

High on the beach something moved. Scoops of sand were being flung into the air. It was Tina, using her flippers like spades. The turtle was making a nest.

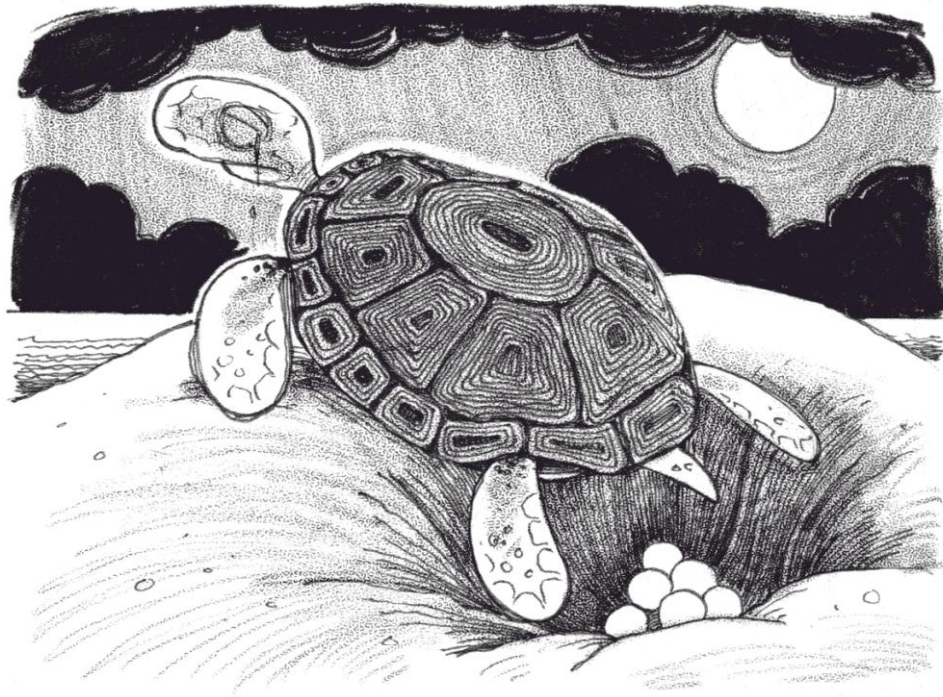
Gradually the hole got deeper. It was tiring work. But there was even more effort to come.

The turtle backed into the hole. She squeezed some muscles inside her body. An egg eased out beneath her tail and plopped into the nest. There it lay, covered in a slippery film that glistened in the moonlight. Other eggs followed, one after another. It was very hard work. Every now and again the turtle rested, panting through her nostrils. Tears rolled down from the turtle's eyes. Particles of sand stuck to them like a string of beads. Tina laboured all through the night until the hole was nearly full of eggs.

Dilo stayed off the beach throughout the night lazily cruising back and forth watching Tina lay her eggs in the moonlight

When the sky started to get light Tina had one last task to do. With a final effort she scooped the pile of sand beside

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the hole over her eggs. Some of the flying sand stuck to the teardrops still falling down her face. Her job was finished.

The turtle knew she had to get back into the sea before the sun came up. With the very last of her energy she struggled down the beach. One weary flip after another carried her towards the water. Then the magic moment came. She was floating. Now the sea carried her huge weight. With a few strokes of her tired flippers the turtle swam away from the land to safety and the freedom of the open sea.

As the sun rose higher in the sky the turtle swam slowly out to sea. Dilo could tell she was exhausted and left her alone. Dilo thought the turtle was safe. He didn't know that in her weakened state Tina was heading into terrible danger.

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The next chapter will be in the December Magazine.

The full version of Dilo and the Isle of the Gods, ISBN: 0-9541721-3-2 can be purchased through the IDW Shop and would make the perfect Christmas present: http://www.idw.org/html/dolphin_shop.html

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

IDW was founded in 1978 as a non profit organisation for the observation, conservation and study of dolphins - especially their relationship with humans.

Our aims and values have always been to make sure the seas and rivers are clean, healthy and productive for the benefit of both humans and dolphins; To respect the rights of dolphins to a free life in their natural environment; To recognise that since earliest times, dolphins have had an affinity with humans and allow this to evolve.

IDW has contributed to saving lives of countless dolphins and enabled thousands to achieve their dreams of meeting dolphins, free in the open sea.

Friends of International Dolphin Watch receive news and exchange information on a host of topics via this monthly online magazine.

Friends of International Dolphin Watch can use the website to share stories about their personal dolphin experiences, projects and fund raising events.

IDW has friendly links with organisations with whom it collaborates in the rescue and treatment of stranded and injured marine mammals.

IDW is forging links with indigenous peoples, to find ways of applying their ancient wisdom and understanding of the natural world to help solve present ecological problems.

Most of IDW's activities are conducted by dedicated volunteers. Nonetheless money is still needed to cover basic running expenses. Please help us continue doing what we do by making a donation. You can do this by logging in to the Donation section of the DOLPHIN SHOP http://www.idw.org/html/dolphin_shop.html or by sending your donation, payable to IDW, by post to: International Dolphin Watch, 10 Melton Road, N.Ferriby, HU14 3ET, UK.

WE ARE CREATING A GLOBAL NETWORK OF DOLPHIN LOVERS THAT CARE ABOUT OTHERS AND THE EARTH WE SHARE.

If you would like to be added to the International Dolphin Watch database and receive notification when the online Magazine goes live, please Email idw@talk21.com

Email your news and comments to me at jackieconnell@btinternet.com

Please spread the word and share this Magazine with friends and colleagues.

**WITH LOVE, UNDERSTANDING and UNITY WE CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD.
(TRUSTING, CARING, SHARING AND GIVING)**

Jackie Connell



EDITOR