

Initiating constructive dialog: a case study of Taiji crises

The little town with a really big secret

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Background



- Each year from September to May over 20,000 dolphins are slaughtered in Japan.
- Environmental move on the issues is getting bigger
- Small cetaceans, namely dolphins are not protected by the [International Whaling Commission](#) (IWC). In fact, the IWC affords no protections for 71 (out of 80, known) cetacean species, including all dolphins and porpoises, which is why Japan can legally kill them by the tens of thousands.
- The Japanese people have been intentionally sheltered from the slaughter, and the large majority are still unaware that much of the meat they purchase is actually mislabeled dolphin meat.

Aim

- General: creating peace for human and animals
- Specific:
 - Gathering information on dolphin captivity
 - Creating document based on mutual understanding

Target

- Japanese government
- Environmental activists
- Scientists
- Japanese fisheries

Time Frame

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	in charge
Tasks							
Developing action plan tool							
Gathering information on animal right and fisheries							Team
Three-partied discussion							Stakeholders
Assessment							Team
Publication							Team

Assessment

- Legal base information
- Number of dolphin captivity practice
- Number of protest

Challenges

- Funding
- Networking
- Resources

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