

Workshop over Taiji's dolphin disputes: looking for alternatives



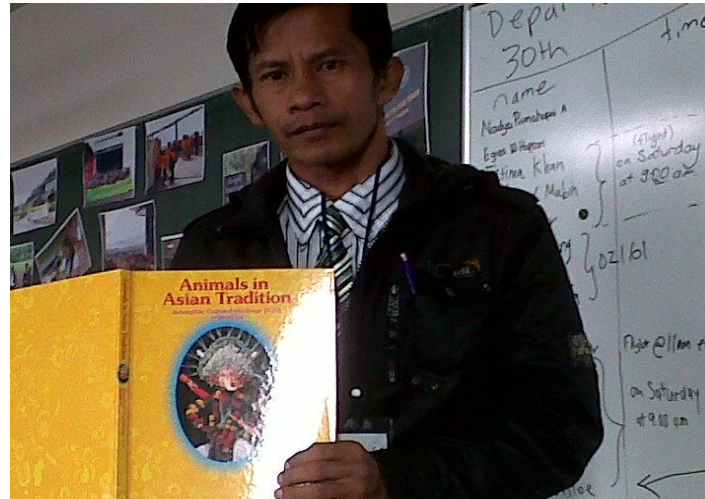
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We only borrow the beauty from next generation, and will need to return the them sometimes



There is something I can do and you can't, and there
something you can do and I can't.
Together we can be stronger



Miyajima Public Aquarium is the only aquarium with the Seto Inland Sea as its theme

Number of creatures exhibited: 13,000 exhibits covering around 350 species

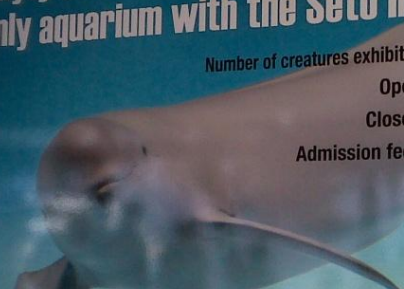
Open: 9:00 - 17:00 (Last entering: 16:00)

Closed: December 26 - 30

Admission fees: Adults: 1,400yen
Elementary and junior high school students: 700yen
Infants: 400yen
Under 4 years: Free of charge
(Discounts are available for groups of more than 20 people)

Approximately 5 minutes on foot from the exit of Itsukushima Shrine


www.miyajima-aquarium.jp




Background

The dolphin kill or what other people so-called dolphin slaughter happening in Taiji, Japan has been happening for years.

The Japan fisheries can legally hunt dolphin as according to IWC dolphins are not protected wildlife.




This practice cause great protests from animal lovers and environmental activists nationally and globally. Such protests as in some cases lead to unpeaceful condition .



Effort to stop the hunt has been also carried out through conservative and more aggressive approaches. None of the approaches, unfortunately was not carried out in formal way, through formal discussion, meeting nor workshops.

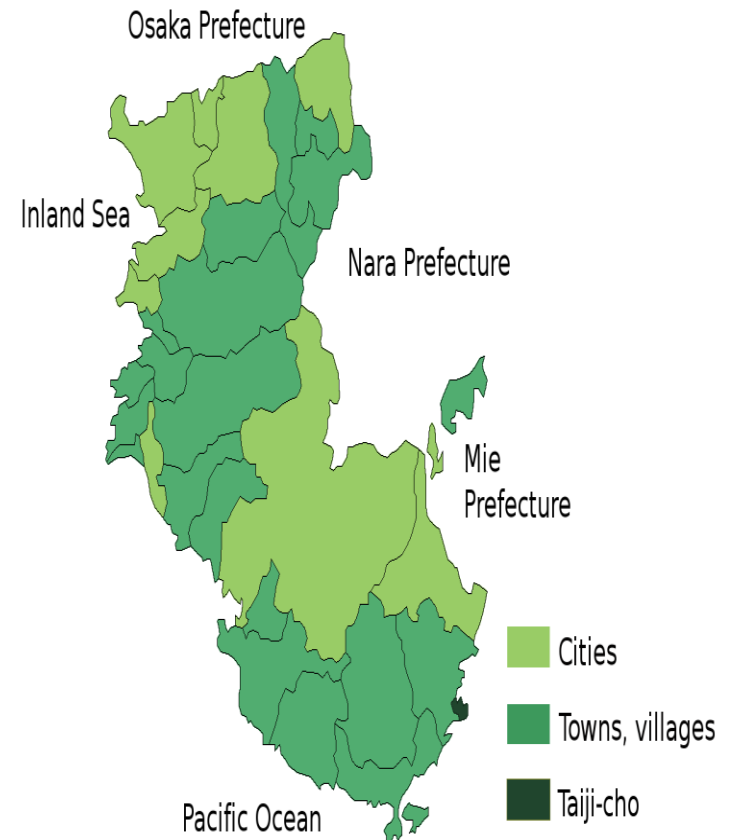
Stopping the dolphins hunt is almost impossible without looking the issues at many sides from the fisheries, activists, government' point of view. It is also important that research based-facts should be reported widely and publicly.



To cover all the efforts has been made, it is important that workshops over the issue should be held.

Facts about Taiji

- ❑ Country : Japan
- ❑ Region : Kinki
- ❑ Prefecture : Wakayama
- ❑ District : Higashimuro District
- ❑ Total area : 5.96 km² (2.30 sq mi)
- ❑ Population (1 January 2011)
 - Total 3,225
 - Density 541/km² (1,400/sq mi)
- ❑ Number of Fisher : 26-28 people



Dolphins hunt

- ❑ It's a 400-year history as the cradle of whaling, and has flourished over the years.*
- ❑ Babies, pregnant females, nursing mothers are taken (20,000)**
- ❑ Dolphin hunts take place both to capture live dolphins for marine parks and aquariums (\$150,000)**

□ Dolphin meat is also sold as meat, despite the fact that the meat often contains toxins, including mercury and PCBs at unhealthy levels, and sells at a very low price (\$600)**

The tests carried out by the National Institute of Minamata Disease (NIMD) of 1,137 Taiji residents in 2009 revealed that average high methyl-mercury (MeHg) levels were 11.00 parts per million (ppm) for men and 6.63 ppm for women — compared with an average of 2.47 ppm for men and 1.64 ppm for women at 14 other locations in Japan (source: [BOYD HARNELL](#), www.japantimes.co.jp)

Source:

* <http://www.pref.wakayama.lg.jp/>

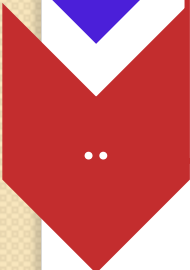
** TDAG and www.takepart.com/thecove

Stakeholders

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- Dolphin
 - Fisheries

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- Local people
 - Dolphins park business

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- INGOs
 - Local and International Activists

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- Government
 - Research centres

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Number of dolphin caught

Date	Species	Number Captured	Number Killed	Number Aquarium	Number Released	Other
08-Jan-2012	Striped, (S.coeruleoalba)	11-13	11-13	0	0	0
05-Jan-2012	Striped, (S.coeruleoalba)	41-45	41-45	0	0	0
21-Dec-2011	Bottlenose, (T. gilli)	33	23	10	0	0
19-Dec-2011	Striped, (S.coeruleoalba)	20-25	20-25	0	0	0
18-Dec-2011	Striped, (S.coeruleoalba)	34-38	34-38	0	0	0
16-Dec-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	Unk	Unk	1	2-4	0
15-Dec-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	10	7	3	0	0
14-Dec-2011	Striped, (S. coeruleoalba)	14	14	0	0	0
12-Dec-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	12	11	1	0	0
11-Dec-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	~ 16	~ 13	3	0	0
04-Dec-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	9-11	8	3	0	0
27-Nov-2011	P. Spotted, (S. attenuata)	30-35	30-33	2	0	0

Date	Species	Number Captured	Number Killed	Number Aquarium	Number Released	Other
16-Nov-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	6-7	6-7	0	0	0
13-Nov-2011	Rough-tooth, (S.bredanensis)	~ 2	0	0	2	0
13-Nov-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	19	11	0	8	0
06-Nov-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	8-10	8-10	0	0	0
03-Nov-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	13-15	13-15	0	0	0
03-Nov-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	Unk	Unk	0	0	0
29-Oct-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	10-11	10-11	0	0	0
27-Oct-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	~ 10-12	~ 8-10	0	1-2	0
25-Oct-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	~ 10-12	~ 8-10	0	2	0
23-Oct-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	~ 10-12	~ 10-12	0	0	0
11-Oct-2011	Risso's, (G. griseus)	~ 13-15	~ 13-15	0	0	0

Date	Species	Number Captured	Number Killed	Number Aquarium	Number Released	Other
07-Oct-2011	False KW, (<i>P. crassidens</i>)	~ 17	~ 7-8	4	0	~ 5
04-Oct-2011	Striped, (<i>S. coeruleoalba</i>)	~ 25-30	~ 25-29	1	0	0
10-Sep-2011	Bottlenose, (<i>T. gilli</i>)	~ 22-25	0	1	~ 22-24	0
07-Sep-2011	Risso's, (<i>G. griseus</i>)	14	14	0	0	0

- **21-Dec-2011:** The bottlenose dolphins driven on 21-Dec-2011 were left in the cove overnight. The slaughter and selection of individuals for captivity occurred on 22-Dec-2011.
- **15-Dec-2011:** Risso dolphin(s) transferred to the Hotel Dolphin Resort, Japan (unknown number of individuals)
- **08-Dec-2011:** 1 Risso dolphin transferred to the Hotel Dolphin Resort, Japan.
- **23-Oct-2011:** 1 false killer whale was transported to Izu-Mito Sea Paradise.
- **07-Oct-2011:** A pod of 17 False Killer Whales were captured, the results after capture were a bit confusing however it was estimated that 4 animals were set aside for captivity and at least 1 was sent to Taiji Whale Museum (TWM). 7-8 animals were killed, a remaining 5 animals have an unknown fate.

Source: [Ceta Base](http://www.ceta-base.com/drivefisheries.html) (<http://www.ceta-base.com/drivefisheries.html>)

2011/2012 DRIVE HUNT TOTAL NUMBER OF DOLPHINS SLAUGHTERED

Species	Number
Risso	271 – 287+*
Bottlenose	25
Striped	330 - 356
Pantropical Spotted	128 - 133
False Killer Whale	8
Total	762 – 809+*

Source: [Ceta Base](http://www.cetabase.com/drivefisheries.html) (<http://www.cetabase.com/drivefisheries.html>)

2011/2012 DRIVE HUNT

TOTAL NUMBER OF DOLPHINS TAKEN CAPTIVE

Species	Number
Risso	32
Bottlenose	13
Striped	1
Pantropical Spotted	2
False Killer Whale	7
Pacific White Sided	2
Total	57

Source: Ceta Base (<http://www.cetabase.com/drivefisheries.html>)

National and International Responses

Conservative

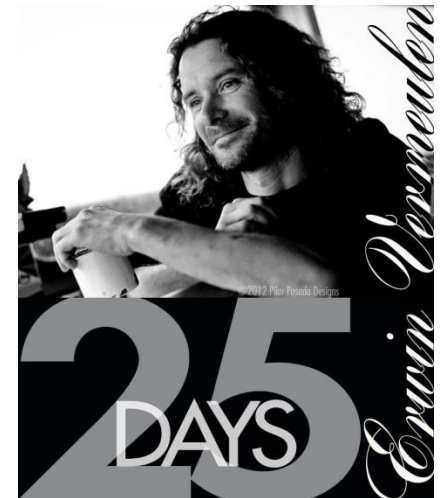
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Dolphin Way

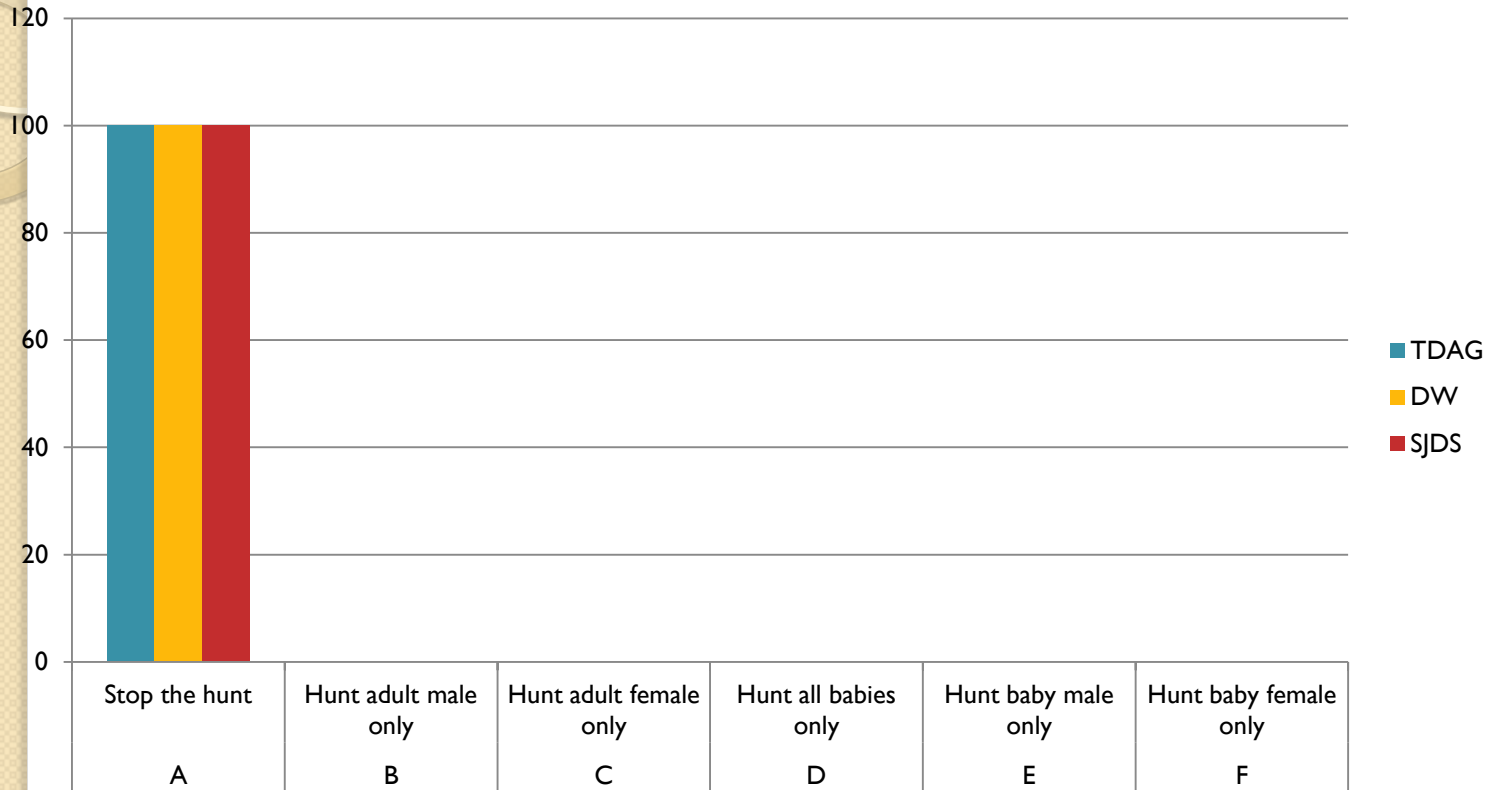
Aggressive

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Stop the
Japanese dolphin
Slaughter

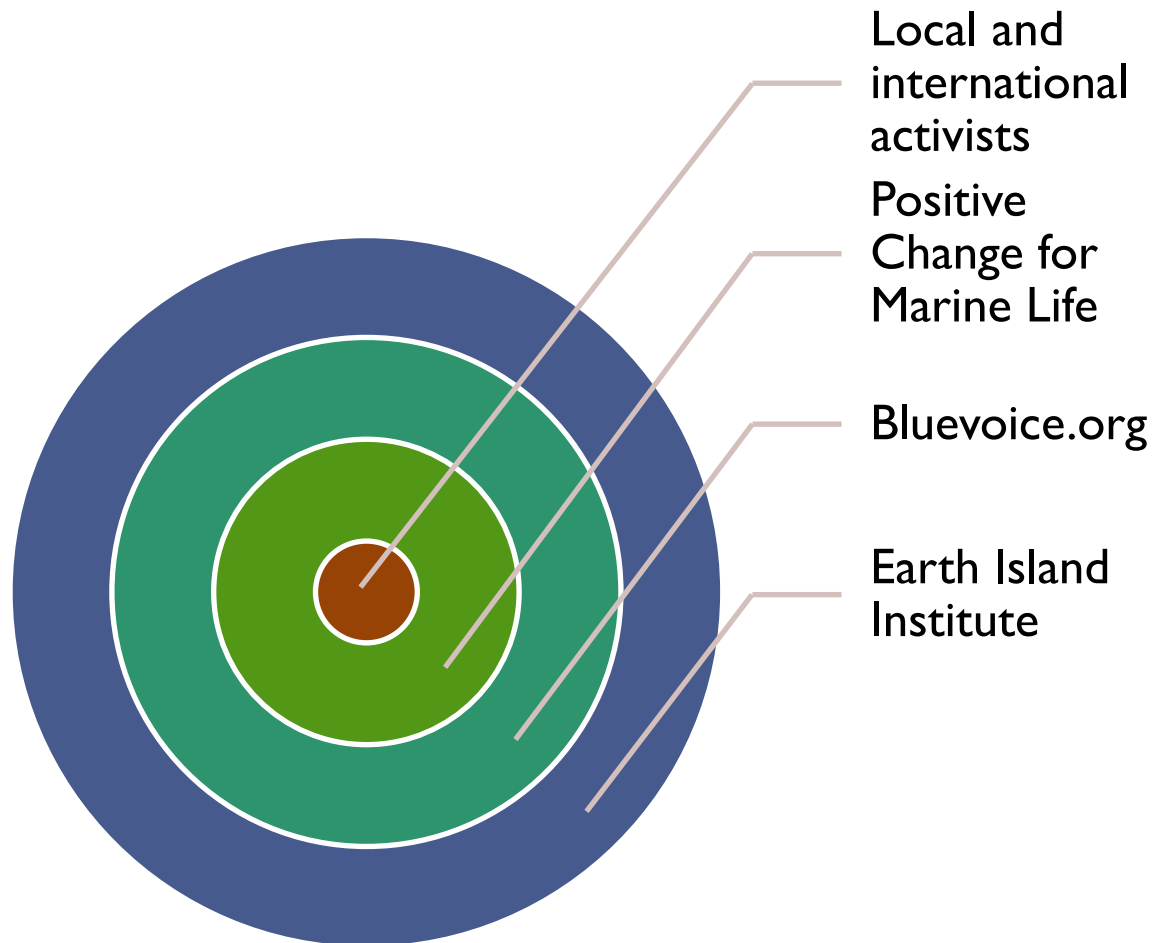


What do people want about dolphin hunt?



Local people, “ why people are against the hunts and used to kill the animals is cruel however the approach currently being taken by foreign groups is only making he himself thinks that the methods matters worse and any possible resolution near impossible!” (source: Positive Change for Marine Life.org, 2012)

Individual and International organizations working on the issue



Can it be stopped?



What are
the alternative?



What are resources available?

- ❑ I resign as a fisherman to be sad almost as same as killing dolphins.
- ❑ I do not understand the feeling of people wanting to eat a dolphin. Do not you live if you do not eat a dolphin?
- ❑ The dolphin capture is temporary profit. The dolphin watching gives profit permanently.

Izumi Ishii



A Former Japanese Dolphin Trainer

- ❑ I'm sure that if the dolphin hunting at Taiji were to stop, the captivity of dolphins in aquariums around the world would go down.
- ❑ I wish that The Cove could be seen by as many Japanese people as possible so that they would understand what is really going on.
- ❑ I hope dolphin hunting can finally be stopped and peace brought back to the lives of the dolphins.



What are possible solutions?

- ❑ Eco-tourism
- ❑ Dolphins show
- ❑ Conservation area

Action Plan Implementation Phase II: workshops on Alternative to Taiji dolphins' hunt

- Aim: Stopping Taiji's dolphin hunt
- Objectives:
 - Finding facts research-based
 - Finding alternatives to the dolphin hunt

Indicator of success

- ☐ Number of facts research-based
- ☐ Solution to Taiji's dolphin dispute
- ☐ End of dolphins' hunt

Assessment

- ❑ During the action plan implementation
- ❑ At the end of the action plan implementation

Expected participants

- ❑ Representative local and international activists
- ❑ Government of Japan (Mayor of Wakayama)
- ❑ Fisheries
- ❑ Osaka University
- ❑ Research centres
- ❑ International NGOs:
 - Earth Island Institute
 - Bluevoice.org
 - Positive Change for Marine Life

Timeline (2012 – 2013)

No	Activities	I (4 mnth)	II (4 mnth)	III (4 mnth)
1	Preparation and writing proposal			
2	Contacting participants and resources person			
3	Fund raising			
4	Informing the event and call paper			
5	Workshop			

Budget needed

No	Item	Amount (\$)
1	Administrative	600
2	Accommodation	1000
3	Air Fare	10,000
4	Local transport	5000
5	Over head	1000
Total		17,600

Budget Sources


- ☐ Personal
- ☐ International Organizations
- ☐ GOs and INGOs
- ☐ Fund raising

Assessment

- On going and at the end of the activity
- Quantitatively and qualitatively

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- ❑ Members of Dolphin Way group
- ❑ Others



Peace is achieved when
the power of love beat the love of power

Thank you for listening

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