

# Taking action against the dolphin slaughters in Japan !

## Why ?

Each year, in Japan, the government allows the catching at sea of around 20 000 cetaceans, with up to 1,900 killed in Taiji... A majority of them are killed in extremely violent conditions – with the « kind assistance » of the dolphinariums. A documentary, « The Cove », reveals the truth about these killings.

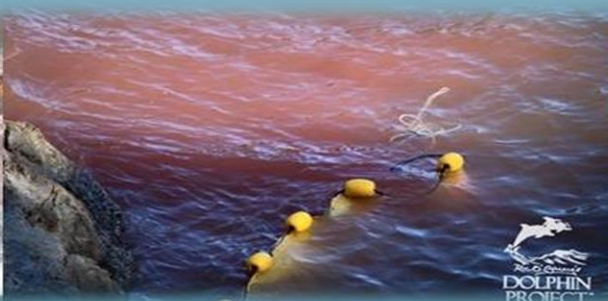
## The purpose of these captures is firstly meat consumption :



Cetacean meat is eaten in Japan – by a small minority, though. Speaking of which – let's not forget that the Japanese seas are extremely polluted : consequently, eating cetacean meat, as contaminated as it is, is damaging for the consumer, exposing them to mercury poisoning and PCBs.

## Secondly, supplying dolphinariums :

The captivity industry, by efficiently helping and subsidizing those drive hunts, allows them to exist. Actually, hunting only for the cetacean meat would not likely be profitable enough. Funding the killings permit the dolphinariums to select some cetaceans and export them all around the world. **Do not be accomplices of these slaughters, boycott the dolphin show parks !**

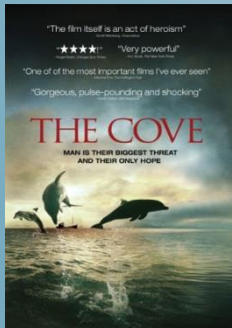


# How to easily act ?



Do not go to dolphinariums and enjoy real « whale watching » (observing cetaceans in their natural environment). No dolphinariums = no slaughters !

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*  
— Margaret Mead.



Watch « The Cove », 2010 Oscar winning documentary, alerting the world about the Japan dolphin slaughter :  
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