

SPECIAL CONSERVATION ISSUE

International Dolphin Watch (IDW)
Has an unblemished reputation as a non-profit
organisation dedicated to helping dolphins since
it was founded by Dr Horace Dobbs in 1978.



INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN WATCH (IDW) IS A GLOBAL FAMILY OF DOLPHIN LOVERS

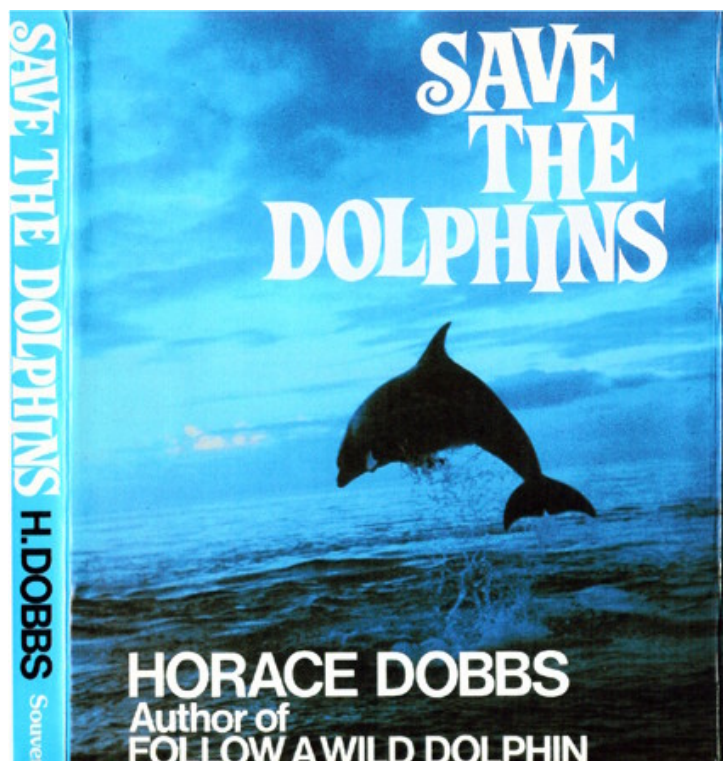
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**The Founder of IDW, Dr. Horace Dobbs, looks back at the past 30
years and his commitment to helping Dolphins**

**On 24th February 1978 I read with horror in the *Daily Telegraph* the banner
headline:**

JAPANESE CLUB 1000 DOLPHINS TO DEATH.

**I was so distressed, I founded International Dolphin Watch later in the same
year and recorded the events that led to this dolphin massacre in my book *Save
the Dolphins*, published in 1981.**





SAVE THE DOLPHINS
H. DOBBS
Souvenir

From joyous freedom to senseless slaughter — the photograph on the front of this jacket contrasts with the grim scene above, showing helpless dolphins dragged ashore and stabbed to death by Japanese fishermen.

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TODAY JAPAN STILL CONTINUES THE DOLPHIN HUNT

Most of the terrified dolphins are barbarically slaughtered for human consumption. Others are sold on to dolphinariums to spend their lives in concrete pools for human entertainment.

I was lucky. When I set up International Dolphin Watch (IDW), HRH Prince Charles supported me and agreed to judge a competition in which the children of Cornwall were invited to write stories and draw pictures of dolphins.

Here is the entry submitted by Antony Chapman, age 9, from Saltash Junior School:

I AM A HUNTED DOLPHIN

As I look around me I see the shadows of motorboats. I look up, I see yellow faces and slanted eyes. Suddenly I hear a squeal! One of the school is already dead. The other dolphins go to help while I investigate. I rise to the surface of the water but see nothing. Then suddenly out of nowhere a speedboat comes charging at me. It's trying to kill as it did the other dolphin. I must go and warn the others. Meanwhile up above the Japanese are circling in their boat. Then I see a flush of bubbles. A man tries to kill me with a harpoon. I swim into deep water where he can't get me. Then I come out. It looks all clear to me I say but it isn't. For behind some seaweed hides the man. He catches me with his harpoon. It looks like the end of my life.

Antony will be 40 now and the story he so movingly told when he was a boy could sadly still be written today because we have failed to bring this barbaric killing of dolphins to an end.

IDW published printed newsletters from 1978 - 2005.



In the final PRINTED edition of the IDW Newsletter that was posted to members in November 2005, I reported on the Japanese situation as follows:

SAVING DOLPHINS - The Struggle Continues

The Elsa Nature Conservancy was established in Japan in 1976 for the protection of all nature world wide. Its stated aim: "Each practices nature/environment protection in whatever way is personally possible." The founder, Professor Eiji Fujiwara, and his wife Sakae Hemmi (who made a wonderfully poetic translation of *Dilo and the Call of the Deep* into Japanese) are especially dedicated to the protection of dolphins, and have meticulously documented the terrible plight of these beautiful sea mammals in their homeland. Evidence of this is a report by Sakae on the horrifying round-up of dolphins off the Izu Peninsular in November 2004. It is important that the endeavours of this very courageous couple should be acknowledged and Elsa supported wherever possible.

IDW has available for free loan a 15 minute video, narrated in English, of the atrocities. Please contact the IDW office if you can use it in any way to help bring these barbaric dolphin hunts to an end.

Elsa Nature Conservancy: Box 2, Tsukuba Gakuen Post Office, Tsukuba 305-8691, Japan Tel/Fax: 0081 29851 1637 Email: PAHO3724@nifty.ne.jp



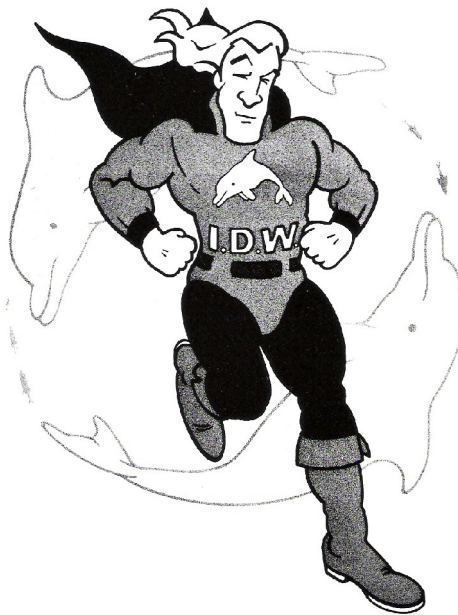
In 2006 IDW went paperless and published its first electronic Newsletter.

It was edited by Jackie Connell who valiantly continues to undertake this hugely demanding unpaid job for which I offer her and her husband Terry my huge thanks on behalf of the dolphins and the countless people who have benefited from the colossal amount of work they both put into successive newsletters

In the Friends of IDW Newsletters April 2007 entitled **DON'T MURDER DOLPHINS**, I reported the ongoing efforts to bring about change in the attitudes and practices of Japanese fishermen and my hopes that those would change.

The internet is the most powerful weapon we have for this purpose. With the aid of my artist friend, Rico Oldfield, I have created the concept of WEBSITE WARRIORS on the basis that anyone and everyone who has a computer can use it to bring about the same kind of collective pressure that suddenly brought the Berlin Wall crashing down and the end of the Cold War 20 years ago.

International Dolphin Watch
Acting to help dolphins



DON'T MURDER



DOLPHINS

Illustration from *Save the Dolphins* by Horace Dobbs (Souvenir Press)

IDW has allies in Japan in the form of Professor Eiji Fujiwara and his Wife Sakae who founded the [Elsa Nature Conservancy](#) in 1976.

The 15 minute film Elsa produced on the capture of 200 dolphins for captive displays and slaughter in October 1999 is available **FREE from IDW as a video or on DVD.**

It is very distressing to watch and showing it is controversial but it does drive home very forcefully the horror of a practice that has been dubbed The Japanese Auchwitz and we must do all in our power to bring to an end.

To obtain a copy Email <mailto://idw@talk21.com>

In October 2009 a new film **THE COVE** was released. Details were in the October Newsletter. Please support it and publicise it.

WE MUST SUCCEED! WE WILL SUCCEED!

Dr Horace Dobbs
Honorary Director
International Dolphin Watch

**THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES WORLDWIDE TO STOP THE
SLAUGHTER OF DOLPHINS IN JAPAN**



Together we can stop Japan's dolphin killers!

**You can help stop Japan's secret dolphin slaughter by signing the
Campaign Whale Petition:**

<http://www.campaign-whale.org/campaigns/japan-dolphins>

For further info go to <http://www.vertigofilms.com/>

Here is a link to some information on The Cove movie being promoted in Tokyo:
<http://www.thecovemovie.com/BlogRetrieve.aspx?BlogID=5047&PostID=94027>

Within 24 hours of the screening of *The Cove movie* at the Tokyo International Film festival, a Google search revealed over 950 TV, print and radio news reports, in some 50+ countries.

The following CNN piece describes the obstacles being faced showing the movie in Japan:

<http://edition.cnn.com/video/#/video/showbiz/2009/10/21/lah.japan.dolphin.cove.cnn>

AL Jazeera news piece: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrcIk6pkPu0&hl=ja>

The *Al Jazeera TV News* has provided an in-depth investigation. The channel is received in over 30 countries and has an audience in the tens of millions.

For updates and alerts visit <http://www.thecovemovie.com/>

Every year, over 20,000 smaller whales, dolphins and porpoises are cruelly slaughtered in Japanese waters. The meat is sold for human consumption, even though it is tainted with toxic industrial pollutants such as mercury, DDTs and PCBs, all known to be hazardous to human health. Those that have witnessed these hunts first hand, or watched the secretly filmed footage, will never forget the appalling brutality and suffering inflicted upon these beautiful, intelligent creatures.

EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION

Education is needed to change the Japanese culture of eating whale and dolphin meat. Running whale and dolphin watching boats to promote education and appreciation of marine conservation, could be worth far more to the Japanese economy, as apposed to killing cetacean and destroying the marine environment.

The public need to be aware:

- Mercury is the most toxic non-radioactive element in the world.
- Advanced stages of mercury poisoning in humans look remarkably similar to mental retardation, cerebral palsy or dementia in adults.
- Some towns around Minamata had populations where 30% of the children were thought to have either cerebral palsy or mental retardation. The real culprit was found to be mercury poisoning from a nearby plastics plant that was dumping mercury waste into the water system. The Japanese government conspired with the company Chisso to cover-up the source for nearly 12 years.
- Pollutants like PCB's, mercury, cadmium and lead are being dumped into the environment at extraordinary rates. 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, or about 3-5 times since the industrial age.
- Dolphins, part of the cetacean branch, are mammals that began developing about 55 million years ago. Homo sapiens began a few million years ago. There are 32 species of ocean dolphins.

- Dolphins generally have a much larger brain than humans.
- The largest known brain in the universe – the brain of the Sperm Whale - is eight times larger than a human brain.
- Dolphins are the only known wild animals that will come to the rescue of a human being.
- Some Scientists think that part of the larger cetacean brain function is so they can process sonar. Sonar is the primary sense of dolphins. The best sonar man has, is a toy compared to that of the dolphins. Dolphins can use their sonar to see your heart beating or to tell if you are pregnant. for example.
- Dolphins can hear and communicate in a far larger range than humans can. Dolphin hearing ranges from about 75 hertz to over 150 kilohertz but most humans can only hear a much smaller spectrum of sound, from about 20 Hertz to 20 kilohertz. Dolphins loose this ability and are tortured when confined in a concrete pool.
- Dolphins can understand about 90 commands of American Sign Language but humans do not yet understand one word of dolphin language.

Editor's Footnote:

Horace's book [SAVE THE DOLPHINS](#), which has a Foreword by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, and was first published in 1981 by Souvenir Press is out of print. However, copies can be obtained via the internet from sites such as <http://www.amazon.com/>.

DOLPHINS TO THE RESCUE

Here is a heartwarming Email received from a Friend of IDW in 2005:

I am Nan Powell Beavers. I saw part of the history of Dr. Dobbs' research on TV. I would like to tell him a story I heard from my father. He was in the United States Army in 1942 being shipped to the South Pacific. Their ship was torpedoed and was sinking. Oil was burning all around the ship. My father and other soldiers had to dive under the burning oil and swim under water to get past it. There was an island in sight but far away. The men were all too tired to swim. The ones who survived turned over and began to float. At this time a school of dolphins came alongside, swam under them and floated them to shore. My father said had it not been for the dolphins, some of them would not have made it. He always said they were smarter than man. The dolphins knew the men were in trouble, not dead. My father was picked up later by another ship. I just wanted Dr. Dobbs to hear this story. I was born in 1944.

Nan from Arkansas, USA.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER - PLEASE KEEP YOUR COMMENTS AND STORIES COMING.

Email your news and comments on articles in our newsletters to me at <mailto:jackieconnell@btinternet.com>.