

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.



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International Dolphin Watch
DOLPHIN FRIENDSHIP CRUSADE
Inspiring talks by Horace Dobbs

Dear Dolphin Friend

Countless people first became aware of the joy that dolphins can bring into their lives by reading one of Horace Dobbs' many books, hearing him on the radio, or seeing him on television.

Horace is now embarking on a crusade to encourage even more people to take an interest in the activities engaged in by Friends of International Dolphin Watch (IDW) - many of which are outlined on the IDW website www.dolphinfriend.com

Experience has shown that the most effective way of achieving this is for them to come along to one of Horace's inspiring talks.

First however, such talks have to be organised. And that is where I hope you can help us. Do you know of any clubs or organisations that would be interested in booking Horace as a speaker? Horace's talks appeal to audiences of all ages and interests. Luncheon clubs, Round Tables, Soroptimists, U3As, schools, libraries, diving clubs, PTAs etc. The list is endless.

IDW has produced a flier **DOLPHINS – why do we love them?** that can be used to create interest and promote Horace's talks.

Having aroused interest the next step is to get the talk organiser to speak to Horace directly Tel:01482 632650 to discuss fees (donated to IDW), location, possible dates etc. When the arrangements have been finalised a note will be put in DATES WITH DOBBS on our website and in the IDW Newsletter.

If you know of anyone else who would be prepared to give talks, please let me know. Email <mailto:idw@talk21.com>

I thank you for any support you can give the IDW **DOLPHIN FRIENDSHIP CRUSADE**.

Melanie Parker - Honorary Secretary IDW

JOIN HORACE DOBBS ON THE GREAT DOLPHIN FRIENDSHIP CRUSADE

Horace is setting out to inspire a love and respect for dolphins by telling stories of the joy they can bring into our lives and how he and his team are trying to recreate a dolphin environment inside a small dome and thereby make the experience affordable and universally available, especially to children with special needs.

To book Horace for a talk email International Dolphin Watch <mailto:idw@talk21.com> and include a telephone number.

If you would like to be added to the list of DOLPHIN FRIENDSHIP CRUSADERS please email your details to IDW.

Bill Bowell has signed up to give talks in the Oxford area about how encounters with friendly wild dolphins helped to lift him out of the black hole of clinical depression.

Didgeridoo virtuoso and master story teller Ken Shapley is prepared to travel anywhere in the world to enchant audiences with his music and art <mailto:kenshapley@hotmail.com>



The picture shows Horace on the island of Bimini in the Bahamas where he works with Ashley Saunders, a poet, historian and teacher at the All Age School in Alicetown, to introduce his pupils to the delights of meeting the dolphins that swim past their classroom windows.



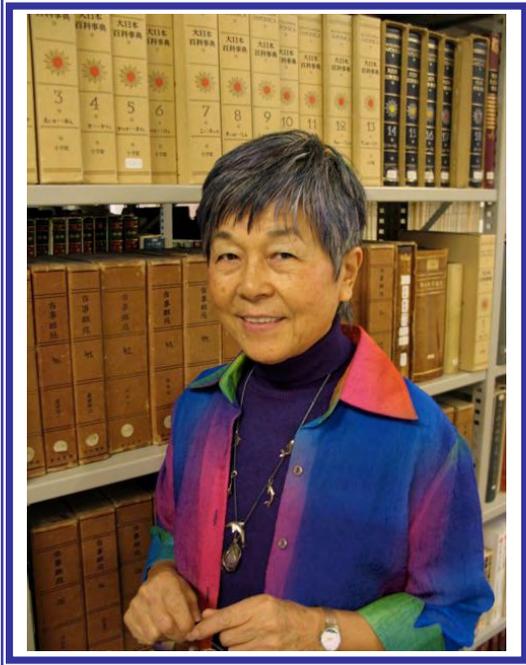
I attended an event with Horace Dobbs on Monday 19th Feb 2007 in Harrogate, and helped him on his stand. I had the most enlightening experience listening to Horace and the passion he has about dolphins. I would like to thank him from the bottom of my heart, for all that he has done and continues to do for these wonderful, magical creatures and for all those who lives he has touched in some way. He is a very special, unique man. Thank you Horace and don't forget my offer of help! Dolphin love to you and your family

Lynn Hallums

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Shizuko Ouwehand

Dolphin Healer, Communicator, Astrologer, Calligrapher



Shizuko was born 2nd March 1938, in Kyoto, Japan. Shizuko married a Dutch ethnologist of Japanese Culture, and lived since 1960 in the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Germany. She is now back in Japan to complete her late husband's work, giving audiovisual presentation about an island, Hateruma.

Shizuko says she was brought up with the purpose of life to "make the world a nice place to live" by sharing and healing.

Shizuko was the youngest of seven children and was the rebel in the family. Two of her older brothers became missionaries at Omoto – a multi religious order where Shizuko was initiated as a Universal Communicator. This she has certainly become, speaking many languages, including English with total fluency, usually injecting her own very special brand of sparkling wit into her conversations. Like a dolphin, Shizuko radiates love and

joy, even in the most trying circumstances. Shizuko has been travelling the world, working as a translator – in her words “splashing and shaking languages...Dutch, English, German, Japanese, body language - making me a kind of multi-lingua”, combining this work with private sessions of healing and Chinese Astrology.

Shizuko says the "alternative" side to her work is solving blockages of people, as well as communicating with embryos, with dolphin energy by singing and touching and blowing, and inviting others to do so. Her many other activities include calligraphy, dream-journey therapy, anti-oxident EM-technology to save the planet, making barrierfree villages (future villages) with autistic friends and others with special needs, reading family-charts with Chinese astrology.

Shizuko has spent many happy years as “dolphin-playmate” with Horace Dobbs at playshops and giving joint presentations. You can see Shizuko and Horace Dobbs at the [2nd Dolphin Fiesta](#) 28th August - 2nd September 2007 in Germany. Shizuko says she is “really looking forward to activating dolphin buttons inside many play shoppers during the Augsburg Dolphin Fiesta this coming summer”. For information contact Elizabeth Battenburg: <mailto:Elizabeth.Battenberg@web.de>

DILO CORNER 😊 WIN A PRIZE 😊

DRAW A PICTURE OF A DOLPHIN

As part of IDW's Educational Programme

Each month International Dolphin Watch is sending to a school anywhere in the world:

- Two Dilo books (signed by author Horace Dobbs)
- Dilo Poster
- Dilo Sticker

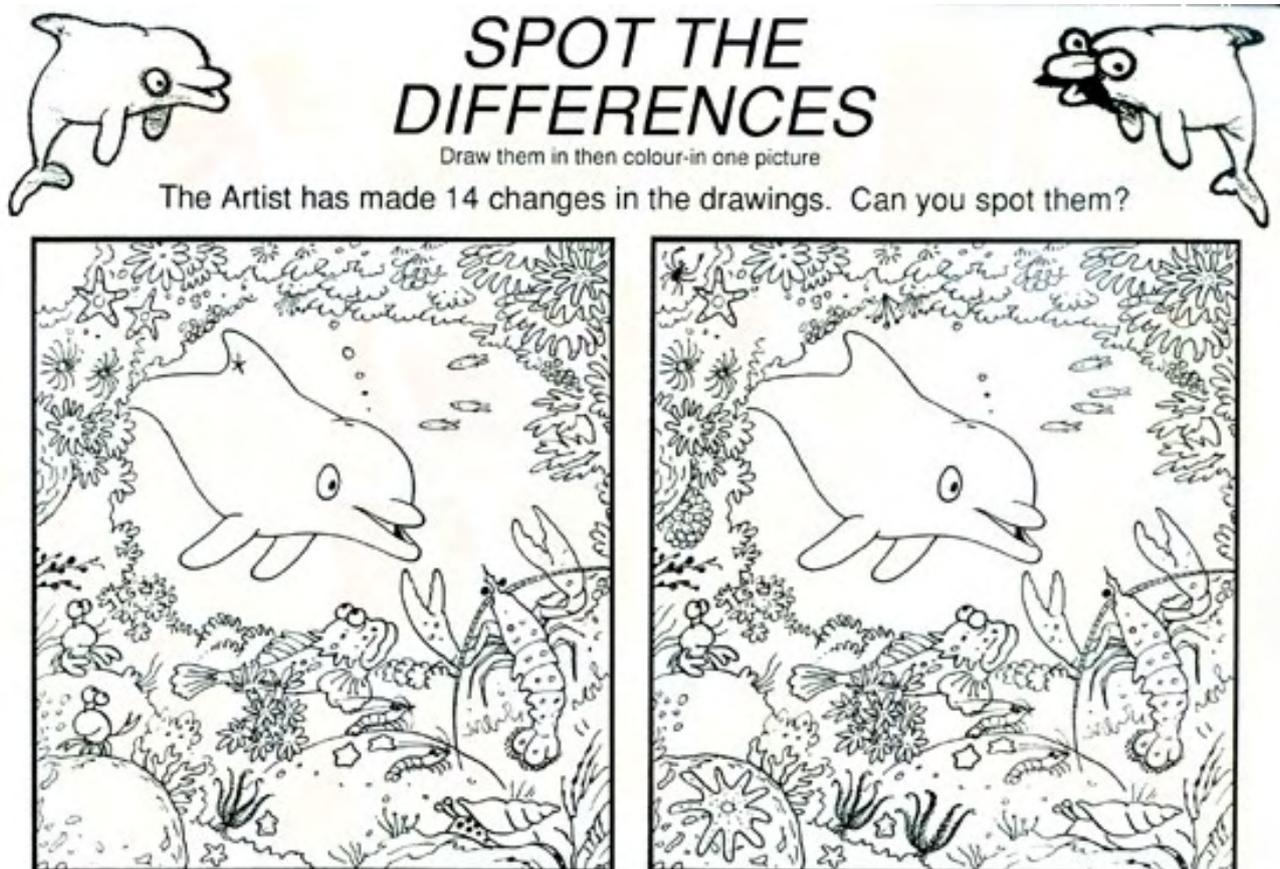
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All you have to do is to discuss it with a teacher, **DRAW A PICTURE OF A DOLPHIN** and Email scanned picture to <mailto:idw@talk21.com> or post to IDW, 10 Melton Road, North Ferriby, E. Yorks, HU14 3ET, ENGLAND.

Collect the series of Dilo Books

Having read one, children are sure to want to read the full series. You can purchase The Dilo Books online through http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin_shop.html



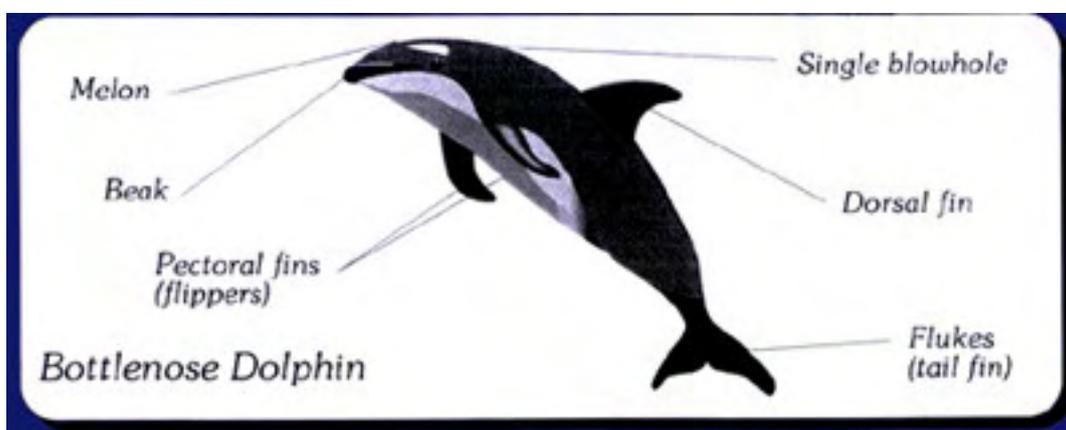
EDUCATION

Dolphin Facts

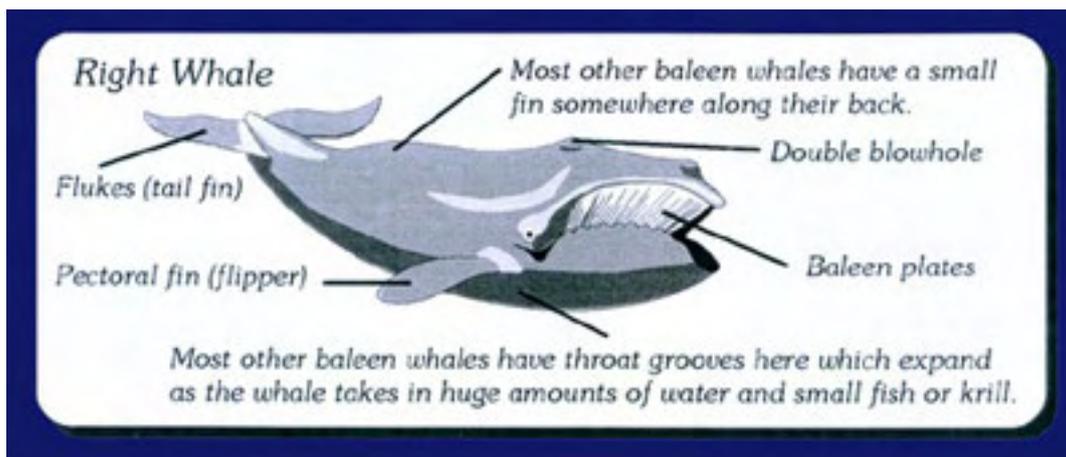
What is a dolphin?

- Dolphins belong to the group of animals that scientists call cetaceans. This means all the different types of whales and dolphins that are in the world. This big group is split into two groups, baleen whales and toothed whales. Baleen whales sieve food through special filters called baleen plates. They don't have any teeth at all. Dolphins are part of the toothed whale group. The two groups have special scientific names:
 - Mysticetes – baleen whales, eg. Blue Whale, Humpback Whale, Minke Whale.
 - Odontocetes – toothed whales, eg. Sperm Whale, Orca, Bottlenose Dolphin.

This picture shows the different parts of a dolphin



This picture shows the different parts of a baleen whale



Facts taken from the *Education Pack* (quality literature supporting Environmental Studies), produced by **Dolphinicity Surveys** - for International Dolphin Watch). For further information see www.dolphinspotter.co.uk.

CONSERVATION

Failure in Yangtze dolphin search

BBC News: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/6179407.stm>

A freshwater dolphin found only in China is "effectively extinct", an expedition has declared following a fruitless six-week search.

The Yangtze River dolphin, or baiji, was listed as "critically endangered" on the Red List of Threatened Species.

It has been dying out due to habitat degradation, over fishing, pollution and ship traffic - which confounds the sonar the animal uses to find food.

Zoologists announced a plan to save the mammal earlier this year.



The baiji was considered the world's most endangered mammal (Image: Stephen Leatherwood/ZSL)

"We have to accept the fact that the baiji is extinct. We lost the race," said August Pfluger, co-head of the expedition and director of baiji.org, an environmental group dedicated to saving the animal.

"It is a tragedy, a loss not only for China, but for the entire world," he added.

Mr Pfluger admitted it was possible that animals had been missed despite the use of optical and acoustic equipment and trained observers.

The baiji lives along the lower reaches of China's environmentally-degraded Yangtze River and is thought to have been in existence for about 20 million years.

If confirmed, it would be the first large aquatic mammal driven to extinction since hunting and over fishing killed off the Caribbean monk seal in the 1950s.

The damage to the baiji's habitat is also affecting the Yangtze finless porpoise, whose numbers have fallen to below 400, the expedition found.

Message from NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)

Navy Reviving Deadly Sonar Scheme

The U.S. Navy is reviving a plan to deploy its most invasive sonar system across 75 percent of the world's oceans, potentially threatening the survival of entire populations of whales and other marine mammals. Four years ago, NRDC defeated an identical proposal in court, forcing the Navy to dramatically restrict its use of low frequency active (LFA) sonar. Despite mounting evidence of sonar's dangers, the Navy is again seeking permission to blast oceans worldwide with ear-splitting sound.

"By requesting this sweeping permit, the Navy has taken a major step backward in minimizing the impacts of sonar," said Joel Reynolds, director of NRDC's Marine Mammal Protection

Project. "If necessary, we will return to court and block this outrageous breach of our environmental laws." NRDC has sent a letter urging the National Marine Fisheries Service to reject the Navy's new proposal, which abandons or severely curtails a range of safety measures that are currently in effect, thanks to previous NRDC legal action. LFA sonar is designed to detect submarines by bombarding them with low-frequency sound waves. By the Navy's own estimate, the resulting noise can travel more than 300 miles at levels known to disturb whales. At close range, this noise can destroy a whale's eardrums, cause its lungs to hemorrhage and even kill. At greater distances, it can disrupt mating, feeding and other essential activities.



Humpback whale

In August 2003, NRDC and our partners made a major advance in our long-term campaign to rein in deadly LFA sonar when a district court judge ordered the Navy to negotiate a set of measures to help protect marine mammals. That agreement restricted the Navy's peacetime use of LFA sonar to a limited area of the northwestern Pacific Ocean. The National Marine Fisheries Service is expected to reach a decision on the Navy's latest permit request by July.

Navy can use sonar through '08 Rimpac

Critic says exemption undermines statute that protects sea mammals

By William Cole

Advertiser Military Writer, Honolulu Times, 24th January 2007

The Defense Department has exempted the Navy and its use of sonar from the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act for two years – causing an outcry from a national environmental group that maintains the underwater sound harms whales.

Last summer, a six-month exemption granted during biennial Rim of the Pacific, or Rimpac, naval exercises off Hawaii led to a legal challenge, and a federal judge briefly prohibited midfrequency sonar use during the war games.

Rimpac is one of the largest naval exercises in the world, and last year involved eight nations, more than 40 ships, six submarines, 160 aircraft and almost 19,000 service members.

The new two-year exemption is the latest turn in an ongoing battle that has pitted environmentalists and emerging science on the harm of sonar to whales against the Navy's need for sonar training to detect a growing fleet of extremely quiet foreign diesel submarines.

The next court clash could come over expected Navy sonar use off the coast of California, but the Defense Department exemption would extend through the 2008 Rimpac exercises off Hawaii.

Federal marine regulators last spring said sonar use was a "plausible, if not likely, contributing factor" in the stranding of up to 200 melon-headed whales off Kauai during July 2004 Rimpac war games.

The mass strandings of such whales was the largest recorded in Hawaii waters, but the science related sonar impact on various types of marine animals is far from clear-cut.

"The Navy's position is that continued training with active sonar is absolutely essential in protecting the lives of our sailors and defending the nation," the Pentagon said yesterday in announcing the exemption.

Protection efforts

The Defense Department also said the Navy continues to work with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, on a long-term sonar-use plan, and a range of marine mammal protection measures will remain in place. “We will continue to employ stringent mitigation measures developed with NOAA’s concurrence, to protect marine mammals during all sonar activities” said Rear Adm. James Symonds, director of environmental readiness for the Navy.

But the Natural Resources Defense Council, which files suit against the Navy in 2005 over midfrequency sonar use, said “numerous” mass strandings and deaths have been associated with sonar use. Joel Reynolds, a senior attorney and director of the Natural Resources Defense Council’s Marine Mammal Protection Project, objected to the exemption from federal law. “Obviously, the Marine Mammal Protection Act is a statute that is designed to protect marine mammals,” Reynolds said. “When you nullify that, there’s no getting around the fact that they are undermining the protection that federal environmental law provides.” Reynolds said the Navy has “more than enough room in the ocean to train effectively without injuring or killing endangered whales and other marine species,” but chooses some locations because of their convenience.

Permit to ‘harass’

Responding to growing scientific evidence that sonar can disrupt, injure or kill whales or dolphins, the Navy for the first time last summer sought a federal permit under the Marine Mammal Protection Act to “harass” the sea creatures when it uses midfrequency sonar during Rimpac.

After NOAA Fisheries granted the permit, environmental groups sued to try to stop it. The Defense Department stepped in, said national defense concerns pre-empted the act, and granted a six-month exemption. A federal judge subsequently said other environmental laws still applied and ordered the Navy and environmental groups to negotiate.

Sailors on the lookout

Among the protections the Navy agreed to undertake were to not use sonar within 25 miles of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, and to report the presence of marine mammals detected through underwater listening devices or visual scanning.

The Navy also posted one person per ship whose job it was to search the waters for marine mammals during the exercises, and three others keeping an eye out.

Instead of applying for federal permits to “harass” marine animals for each and every sonar exercise, the Navy wants to conduct environmental impact analysis for “bodies of water”. “We did it (individually) for Rimpac, and that was kind of the example of “this isn’t going to work” said Lt. Ryan Perry, a Navy spokesman at the Pentagon.

Reynolds said the Navy can accomplish some of its sonar training at locations such as the Pacific Missile Range Facility ocean areas, “but the way they’ve done it historically is to train all over the Hawaiian Islands, and inside of sanctuaries, really without regard to environmental harm. I think that is a mindset that has to change”.

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Messages from Pacific Whale Foundation, 16th February 07

www.pacificwhale.org

Navy Refuses To Comply With Sonar Restrictions

In a statement on Monday the Navy announced that they would not comply with sonar testing restrictions aimed at protecting marine mammals. The Navy determined that the California Coastal Commission does not have the jurisdiction to impose rules on the military's sonar activities outside of state waters. [Read about the Navy's decision.](http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/02/14/ap/tech/mainD8N98LP80.shtml)
www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/02/14/ap/tech/mainD8N98LP80.shtml



Whale strike reported off Lahaina last week

The Maui-Lanai ferry Expeditions IV reportedly struck a humpback whale enroute to Lanai last Wednesday, February 7. The state of the whale is unknown, and an investigation is ongoing. [Read the full article.](http://www.mauinews.com/story.aspx?id=27527) www.mauinews.com/story.aspx?id=27527

Pacific Whale Foundation strives to be a model for the boating industry in Hawaiian waters, and has implemented a voluntary code of conduct, called the Best Practices guidelines for Operating Vessels in the Presence of Whales.

[Download information and cool stickers on our new "Be Whale Aware" campaign to prevent vessel-whale collisions!](http://www.pacificwhale.org/issues/issues_details.php?id=396) www.pacificwhale.org/issues/issues_details.php?id=396

REMEMBER THE THAMES WHALE?

Dear Friends

Last year at this time, a northern bottlenose whale that strayed into the River Thames died despite a remarkable rescue effort involving IFAW staff.

The media coverage in central London was unprecedented and an estimated 20 million people watched the rescue efforts around the world.

But despite such international exposure, the situation for the world's whales is even worse than it was the day this unexpected visitor entered our hearts a year ago.

[Please tell your MP they must do more to protect whales from the threat of whaling](http://www.ifaw.org/ifaw/general/default.aspx?oid=17846&aid=7835&msource=DR070102001&tr=y&aid=2279592)
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Last June, the pro-whaling nations secured a victory at the International Whaling Commission meeting – holding a simple majority for the first time in decades.

And then in October, the Iceland government announced its plans to resume commercial whaling, targeting endangered fin whales.

The UK government is against whaling, but its efforts must be stepped up in order to ensure that whalers do not continue to cruelly slaughter more of these incredible animals.

Hunted whales urgently need your help

There are several ways you can make a difference right now to the future of the world's whales:

- Please email your MP and ask them to meet with the Environment Secretary, David Miliband MP, and the Foreign Secretary, Margaret Beckett MP. [Tell them to urge the Secretaries to take immediate action to end whaling.](http://www.ifaw.org/ifaw/general/default.aspx?oid=17846&aid=7835&msource=DR070102001&tr=y&aid=2279593)
www.ifaw.org/ifaw/general/default.aspx?oid=17846&aid=7835&msource=DR070102001&tr=y&aid=2279593
- [Visit IFAW's unique whale research vessel in London.](http://www.ifaw.org/ifaw/general/default.aspx?oid=176308&msource=DR070102001&tr=y&aid=2279594)
www.ifaw.org/ifaw/general/default.aspx?oid=176308&msource=DR070102001&tr=y&aid=2279594 Learn more about IFAW's work to protect whales and how you can get involved. *The Song of the Whale* will be in London on Sunday 28th January 2007.

The threat to whales from hunting is extremely urgent. Many whale species have yet to recover from previous commercial whaling, and also face numerous other threats including pollution, ocean noise and ship strikes.

Without your help, Japanese whalers will kill almost 1,000 whales this year, harpooning them and dragging them onto their factory ships to be processed for meat that virtually no one eats.

Please take action in support of whales today.

Sincerely,

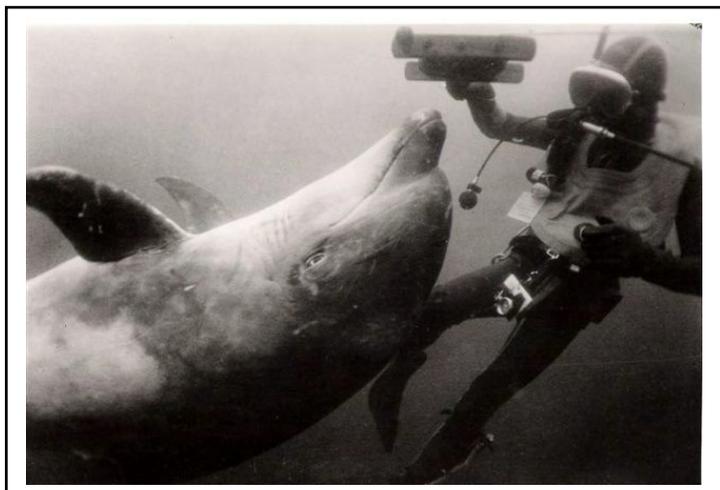
Robbie Marsland

Director, IFAW United Kingdom

P.S. It's also extremely important that others take action with us to protect whales from hunting. [Please forward this email to at least five friends and family members today.](http://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/SpreadWord/SpreadWord.asp?ievent=187753&msource=DR070102001&en=dkIXI8OOLqKTI0PPJhLMJ0NOLkL2LcORLpJ1LdPQKnI7JpJ&enString=ffQCSxTrLjIIJQOsFdJPLZNAIdKuEBTiMQTGN2NAJkJLKUNBJqF&campaign_id=30153&mid_backup=396267)

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DOLPHINS IN CAPTIVITY



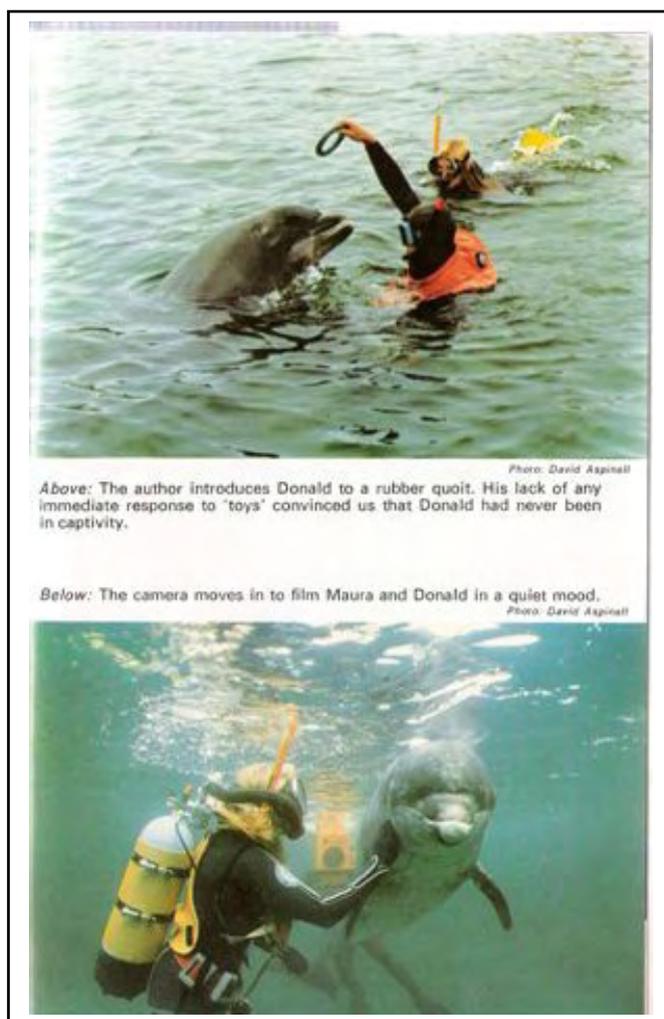
Horace with Donald

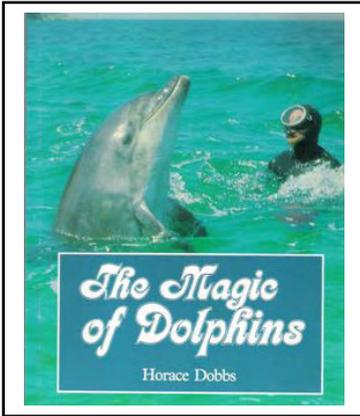
Horace has received a long Email from Andrew Randrianasulu (<mailto:randrianasulu@yahoo.com>), a one time dolphin trainer at Saint Petersburg Dolphinarium in Russia. In it he raises the subject of keeping dolphins in captivity and the feelings he now has against this. His email included an attachment from the Russian magazine "Sportsmen Underwater", commenting on Horace's relationship with a wild friendly dolphin named Donald, who is the key character in two of Horace's early books, *'Ride a Wild Dolphin'* and *'Save the Dolphin'* published by

Souvenir Press. Both of these books are now out of print although second hand copies can be obtained via www.amazon.com.

In his email, Andrew comments at length on the current situation at Dolphin Reef in Israel, to which dolphins from the Black Sea were transferred. Here, originally the net keeping them confined was occasionally opened to allow them free access to the open sea. This practice has now been stopped because of the difficulties of controlling the behaviour of the public towards the dolphins. Indeed, this is a problem that is becoming ever more relevant. It highlights the need for education and putting out the message that we should all respect dolphins when we encounter them in their home, which is the open sea.

This is a subject that is constantly in the forefront of IDW's aims and actions. IDW publishes a guide on how to behave with dolphins on its website and urges all of those who are able, to download it and promote it wherever possible.





In his book '*The Magic of Dolphins*', available from the IDW mail order shop: http://www.idw.org/html/dolphin_shop.html, Horace Dobbs points out that the behaviour of humans towards dolphins has always been a mixture of love by the vast majority and despicable behaviour by a tiny minority.

An example Horace quotes in his book is that of Opo in New Zealand who became a huge tourist attraction in the village of Opononi in the mid 1950s. Although a law was passed protecting the dolphin it failed to stop Opo being killed, it is thought by fishermen who resented their village being inundated by visitors. A charming film made at the time showing Opo frolicking with swimmers, which undoubtedly

added to the influx of visitors, is included in full in the video/DVD '*Oceania*' made by Estelle Myers and available from the IDW Dolphin Shop http://www.idw.org/html/dolphin_shop.html, as is Horace's ground breaking film about Donald '*Ride a Wild Dolphin*'.

If you can suggest any ways in which we can safeguard dolphins and at the same time allow us humans to have the unique and often life changing experience of safely encountering these beautiful, intelligent mammals (that have been described as "Man's Cousins in the Sea") ON THEIR TERMS IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT, then please let me know

<mailto:jackie.connell@ntlworld.com>

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FRIEND'S NEWS



Dear dolphin friends,

Living in New Zealand for me is a dream come true: not only being able to constantly live “at the beach” – but also live on an island where humans do not (yet) play such a dominant role (there are more sheep than humans ☺) and therefore, the power of Nature is very present in your every day life. In our big Western cities it is relatively easy to forget about LIFE. People are cut off from the natural ways of living and do not know how to survive without modern technologies and food supplies anymore.

New Zealand plays an important role in the planetary energy grid in the Pacific – like Hawaii, the Mariana and Caroline Islands – and is said to facilitate the “birth of the new earth”. Counter points to the Pacific energy shifts are in Russia, Egypt, the Sandwich Islands and Antarctica. During the first weeks after our arrival in New Zealand we all experienced a state of “dizziness” – our bodies apparently needed some time to adapt to the high energies here. I had noticed similar “symptoms” in Hawaii before.

New Zealand has a very gentle yet powerful nature. All the original native plants and animals are very peaceful – few thorns and predators. Even though this changed a lot in the past you can still feel this atmosphere which is deeply healing. I just came back from a few weeks in the Marlborough Sounds, a beautiful place at the Northern tip of the South Island. The Sounds are reaching like fingers into the ocean and there are a few remote places with no human influence. We met a lot of animal friends there – swimming with fur seals, orcas, dusky and bottlenose dolphins, but also connected to the bird nation – very strong in New Zealand. They all have a lot to tell – if we listen!

At the first sight, the Sounds seem to be a place of perfect natural beauty and harmony – if you look closer you can see the destructive impact and the imbalance created by humans: mussel farms and noise pollution by boats in the water, pine trees and excessive farming on the land (repressing the native bush, only about 30 % of the original vegetation is still intact) are only some examples. In the face of this fact the gentle and loving attitude of other species impresses and touches me very much. They share their wisdom and joy of living with everyone who opens up – thus being precious teachers for us. They know the “old ways”, can read the waves, the rivers, the wind and the clouds. The old lore of the Waitaha, an ancient Maori iwi, tells us of a time where all beings lived peacefully together – kin helped kin, nobody felt separated (also see the wonderful books of Barry Brailsford, www.stoneprint.co.nz). Humans who grew up in Western societies have mostly focussed on accumulating intellectual knowledge and are now desperately seeking for ways of dealing with the consequences of the imbalances they created. We tend to concentrate mainly on *our* benefits and neglect the negative aspects and consequences of our actions. The healing is here. We do not have

to look far. In my understanding we just have to step back, stand still for a while observing and receiving what is around us! We have to learn to *listen* again – there are so many voices to be heard! We have to stop our activism, put aside our urge to “do” for a while in order to regain the balance. Then we are able to see.

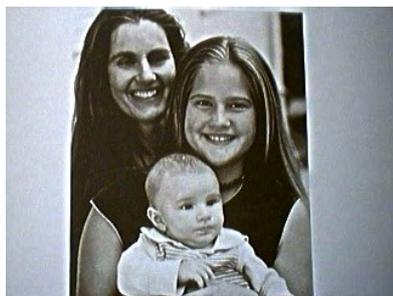
Opening up, just being, swimming in the ocean, playing music with the birds – through this I *feel* the oneness, the interconnectedness of everything. Then I AM – ALIVE. As children we usually know this – we come to the physical world from the oneness. However, through education and the beliefs and attitudes of our environment we often lose the connection and store this deep inner feeling and knowledge away.

It is now time to reconnect! Then, only then, we can use our intellectual and technological achievements for the best of all – in balance and with moderation, aware and conscious.

Maybe Jesus showed us the power of love through the miracle of fish and loaves because to feed all we must be like the sea, open and full at once. I never feel more alive, in harmony with myself and my surroundings, than in the deep ocean.

Much love and lively joy to you all!

Yours, Birgit



Arohā



Birgit Baader, born in 1967, studied business management and social behavioural psychology in Munich. Further trainings in Systemic Communication Therapy, Living Dance (Anna Halprin) and Healing Tao. At present she works as a freelance journalist, book translator, editor and writer for book publishers, print and TV media. With her husband, the musician Peter Prestel, she also produces CDs with guided imageries and music for meditation and relaxation. They live with their two children in New Zealand.

Publications 2005/06:

Geburt – Wiederentdeckung des weiblichen Weges, AT Verlag, Germany/Switzerland
(book, German)

Reise ins Ich, Readers Digest, Germany/Belgium/France
(5 CD box, German/French)

Current projects:

- Establishing an educational centre for children/teenagers according to the principles of “democratic education” based on free will and empathetic communication to create a space where humans can develop themselves according to their needs and talents, experience and

learn crucial things for a sustainable living on Mother Earth on a practical as well as a spiritual level.

- Interspecies communication – a pilot project with children to communicate with animals/plants/other species in the wild in their own individual ways (play, music, voice, mimic, etc.) – documentation – I already experienced amazing interactions...
- Lectures throughout New Zealand, Australia, Germany and Switzerland to encourage women/parents/caregivers to think about how we want to welcome our children in the physical world (spiritual, physical, emotional preparation, rituals, etc.) – I am more and more convinced that the consciousness of the environment in which children are born into the world has an essential influence on the development of the ability to love and build up healthy relationships (to ourselves resp. every creation). Due to medication, no appropriate preparation, etc. we can observe the consequences of our unconsciousness during pregnancy and birth in many fields of life.
- Research project on the effects of human created noise pollution on marine life in the Abel Tasman region – we have 5 hydrophones, a nice boat and a lot of enthusiasm to start this project the next season.
- Book with guided imageries and music-CD for children/teenagers (*Dance into an Inner Light*) – to be published in Australasia and Europe.
- CD/DVD to be heard underwater for body/mind relaxation – will be published in Europe.

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Sealife Diary

February 2007

January has passed with what is probably the largest numbers of Bottlenose Dolphins seen in Doubtless Bay & Cape Karikari area. On two occasions the population has come together in a single pod for a number of days at a time. (about 100 dolphins).

The pod has changed toward the end of the month and a few juvenile dolphins are appearing along with some of our original Dolphins (Healing Dolphins) from when we first began this

venture 2 years ago. It seems as though they always show up when we have someone with an illness on board.

The Comet McNaught of course was big news and because Northland was perhaps the best vantage point, then many are suggesting that the Dolphin numbers may be linked to this event.

Common Dolphins are now beginning to swim around the Doubtless Bay area in large numbers. We are keen to see the Whales which come each year February thru March and are expecting them at any time.

During January two out of every three trips amounted into an excellent swim with the Dolphins by many happy guests on board Zig Zag.

For further information and photographs visit www.dolphinrendezvous.co.nz

An invitation from Andrew Parker to a mini workshop he is presenting at the
DOLPHIN HEALING CENTRE in Cessnock in the Hunter Valley beginning
Monday 6th March at 7:00pm.

Purpose Passion and Performance “Way of the Dolphin”

Andrew will present a profound workshop on the gifts of purpose and passion and their subsequent effect on overall performance. Andrew is passionate about life and has an amazing way of sharing what is possible in our own lives through energetic communication and connection to others. Regardless of your personal profile or career we all benefit from clearer communication and when we are passionate about our lives and this amazing planet we share something happens. That something has a profound effect on our performance!

This is your opportunity to let Andrew share with you the tools to live your life with passion and purpose so **book now.**

Andrew's bio:

Andrew has a background in construction management and developments. A practical man and carpenter by trade, he experienced an amazing life shift after creating a project to take autistic children swimming with dolphins with world known dolphin researcher and friend Dr Olivia de Bergerac in 1996. In essence Andrew found his passion and the following journey he walked with his beautiful wife Pippa and their three children supporting her through her battle with breast cancer and her subsequent passing, Andrew discovered deeply his purpose and exploring the talents for writing and presenting workshops, co-creating profound life changing situations in the joyous company of dolphins.

Andrew divides his time between family commitments, workshops and presenting the adventures of dolphin / human interaction on the blue water wonderland of Port Stephens, Australia. His programs include corporate performance training, Broughton Island Dolphin adventures and Dolphin assisted therapy programs (D.A.T) and research. You can find him and his great series of programs (LIVE WORK PLAY) on www.dolphcom.com.au

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Youth representative at the international whaling commission

Hi everyone,

I want to reintroduce a young lady that I admire and support completely. Her name is Skye Bortoli and she is 14 years old. Skye is determined to represent youth at the impending International whaling committee meeting by traveling to Alaska and reporting to the world about the situation on the ground at the IWC in May 2007.

For your information, this is the year that the wonderful parts of ourselves that are Japanese, have brought enough votes to overthrow by simple majority the moratorium on whaling in the southern ocean at the international whaling committee meeting in May in Anchorage Alaska.

This means 50 of the remnants of the majestic and wise Humpback whales and others shall be slaughtered beginning this very summer 2007. This is as serious as it gets my friends!!!

I will be sharing with you all in the coming weeks another groundbreaking project that will assist global change by uniting and giving the whales a voice through us as they give us a profound gift of healing! Stay tuned.

This is the year we say no more! This is the year we say enough is enough and we begin the process of healing! The whales have a message for us, this is the year we actually hear them.

I ask you to assist this young lady in her goal and support her as she strives to be a voice for the whales and to be a leader, a way-shower. That through her life lived may we all take a stand for what we believe in and say enough is enough ☺ Email <mailto:bortoli@koee.com.au> to give your support and get along if you can.

*Much love
Andrew Parker*

YOUR INNER DOLPHIN!

By Christopher Gilmore
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LEARNING, the Inner Dimension

MANY MINDS AT PLAY

Re-call? Like the word **re-member**, might these two words seem to re-cognise that, somehow, memory can re-store itself? Water molecules, crystals and our very body cells are all said to hold memories and, indeed, most educational endeavours rely on minds trained to re-peat evidence of learning, however acquired. So this exploration as in one of my 'Playshops' invites light-hearted re-searchers into inner and outer ways of learning and how to bridge them. To become more effective operators within any system, practical knowledge of self and evidence of efficiency, are essential for self-esteem. Thus, together, we will experience elemental exercises to stretch MEMORY like a muscle; test it as if a mental magnet; turn required data into your own storyteller's map, or arrange such details for re-collection as if in a museum easy to re-visit any time in and out of our dreams. MANY MINDS AT PLAY, as an approach to holistic learning, offers an open menu, win-win way to maximise personal choices, yet all working towards the same end, retention (and/or re-call?) of required knowledge. To maximise personal development, intimate familiarity with our own elastic ladder of learning is herein encouraged. References to Howard Gardener's work and the use of Meditation will further explore and extend many aspects of mental capacities helped by certain sounds. We will consider Emotional Intelligence; tensions between rational and literal learning styles and, last but not least, Spiritual Intelligence when, indeed, 'forgetting' can be the quickest trigger to re-lease re-call! Fun, eh? Please re-member to attend – To our best needs every day of learning old and new lessons!

IF THINKING RINGS A BELL WITH YOU
LET'S NOW CONSIDER DÉJÀ VU.
MANY MINDS MAKE MORE
REASONS TO EXPLORE
EXTENDING HOWARD GARDENER'S VIEW

TO GET AHEAD HOW BEST TO THINK;
CONCENTRATE HARD WITH NOT ONE BLINK?
OR RELAX AND LAUGH
AND TAKE A HOT BATH –
BUT GET TOO HEAVY WE MIGHT SINK!

ARE MINDS MUSEUMS & MAGNETS TOO
FULL OF OLD STUFF BUT OPEN TO NEW?
HOW WISE IS EACH FACT?
WHAT LESSONS ATTRACT?
WHAT STICKS LIKE GLUE GIVES US A CLUE!

AS IF ASLEEP PLEASE NOW ALL SNORE
EYES SHUT NOW POINT TO NEAREST DOOR.
NOW TOUCH YOUR THIRD EYE
AND POINT TO THE SKY
SEE MANY MINDS WITH THOUGHTS GALORE!

DOWSING WATER WE'LL FIND THE BEST
THE BOTTLE CURSED OR THE ONE WELL BLESSED.
FOR BEST SELF-ESTEEM
LET'S FLOW WITH THE STREAM
FIND MORE TO LEARN WITH PLAYFUL ZEST!

WHO SAYS GREY MATTER'S ALWAYS GREY?
MIND'S MANY COLOURS SO SING HU-RAY!
FOR PART OF YOU KNOWS
WHICH GARDEN BEST GROWS
MANY FINE RAINBOW MINDS AT PLAY!

YES OR NO, YOU KNOW!

Should you care to buy a copy of any one of my 10 DOVETALES, or latest book 'Soul-Centred Education' please visit www.christophergilmore.com

Christopher Gilmore

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The group dynamic and warm sense of community is often the highlight for our guests. Lasting friendships are formed, new passions cultivate, creativity sprouts, dreams ignite... leaving our visitors deeply recharged and enthused!

Welcome to the extraordinary journeys of Halo Gaia...

Our deepest thanks and gratitude to all our facilitators, mentors and friends who inspire, shape and support our dream along the way and continue to create magic on our journeys.

Message to the Editor

I was wondering, you wanted some input into improving the magazine. First I should say that I have found it an enjoyable and informative read. That said, I wonder if you could include more articles about the dolphins on a more personal and social level. I have a personal fascination with how people (and other creatures) live and grow together. I have found that the people I have talked to about dolphins and those I have passed on copies of the magazine to are mostly interested in how they interact together too.

Thank you for such great magazines.
David Heartstone

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As I type this note, my husband Terry (IDW Web Master) and I are on a 3-month trip meeting up with Friends of IDW, whales and dolphins during our travels to Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. This quote, sent to me from a Friend of IDW at Halo Gaia Holistic Tourism www.halogaia.com, seems very appropriate:

"We travel, initially, to lose ourselves; and we travel next, to find ourselves. We travel to open our hearts and eyes and learn more about the world than our newspapers will accommodate. We travel to bring what little we can, in our ignorance and knowledge, to those parts of the globe whose riches are differently dispersed. And we travel, in essence, to become younger fools again -- to slow time down and get taken in, and fall in love once more."

Pico Iyer

So far in our travels, we have made good friends, sharing many wonderful whale and dolphin stories and got up close to the humpback whales in Hawaii. There have been many highlights, but one special moment for me was when we were invited to join new friends on a small sailing dingy off the coast of Maui. I was kneeling on the bow of the boat, daydreaming, enjoying the peace, with wind in the sails and the sound of the sea lapping against the boat. Suddenly there was a loud whooshing sound that woke me from my slumbers. A female humpback whale lifted her calf to the surface within inches of our boat and stayed with us for what seemed ages; so trusting and obviously comfortable being in our company. Her partner breached majestically right on the bow of our boat to signal his approval. Then they were gone from sight but the memory will remain in my heart.

Technology makes the world seem so small, making it possible to connect with family and friends around the world with just a click of a button. Terry and I will endeavour to keep in touch with everyone during our travels and look forward to sharing news and pictures with you in the forthcoming Newsletters and on the Friends of IDW web site.

In response to John's message above, please send me your stories on personal/social interactions with wild dolphins to share with others in the Newsletter.

Registered friends of IDW can advertise free on www.dolphinfriend.com website and in the monthly Friends of IDW Newsletter.

Registration to Friends of IDW can be made online at:
http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin_shop.html.

Email our Webmaster Terry Connell on <mailto:terry.connell@ntlworld.com>.

Please pass on information to others that you think might like to become Friends of IDW.

AT IDW WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. BETWEEN US WE ARE CREATING A GLOBAL NETWORK OF DOLPHIN LOVERS THAT CARE ABOUT OTHERS AND THE EARTH WE SHARE.

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