

Dear Consulate General,

I am writing to urge you to stop the slaughter of dolphins in the cove of Taiji, Wakayama Prefecture, Japan.

The alleged basis for killing these sentient beings is that they are depleting the fish population and thereby affecting a major food source of the Japanese people. This is categorically untrue and there is no causal link between dolphin populations and the depletion of Japan's fishing resources. Additionally, the dolphins are unfit for consumption themselves because of their exposure to mercury in significantly higher amounts than is recommended and in some cases, amounts that may even be toxic.

As a nation that helped spread the Buddhist faith, it is incumbent upon the leaders of Japan to recognize that killing, for the sake of killing, is anathema. When taking into account that several leading scientists all acknowledge the dolphins intelligence and awareness as rivaling our own, it is impossible to believe that your country would allow this to continue. As a society that has flourished and brought such beauty and enlightenment into the modern world, it is a scar on the conscience of Japan to turn a blind eye and kill these beautiful beings.

Please urge your government to prohibit the further slaughter of thousands of dolphins and stop killing these beings immediately.

Sincerely,