



Each year, up to 20,000 dolphins, small whales and porpoises are killed or captured by Japanese hunters. These hunts are the subject of the award-winning documentary, *The Cove*, which has brought worldwide condemnation of these activities.

During one of the most brutal of these hunts - the “drive” hunts - dolphins are driven toward shore where they are killed using crude, inhumane methods. Despite increasing scientific evidence that the dolphin meat is heavily contaminated with mercury, the majority of the meat from these drive hunts is sold in Japanese supermarkets to consumers.

Young, healthy dolphins are also “saved” for the captivity industry during these hunts. They are sold to aquariums and marine parks for public display. More recent shipments of dolphins from the Taiji hunts have been sent to Egypt, Ukraine, Armenia, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iran, Vietnam and China.



Since 2004, dozens of groups and thousands of dolphin advocates worldwide have united to protest the Japanese dolphin slaughter.

You Can Help!

- ✓ **Please contact Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae** at the Embassy of Japan in Washington, DC to politely express your opposition to these brutal drive hunts. E-mail: jicc@ws.mofa.go.jp
- ✓ Watch *The Cove* (www.thecovemovie.com) and the film “*A Fall from Freedom*” at www.afallfromfreedom.org. These documentaries detail the realities behind the drive hunts. Invite your friends to view these films!
- ✓ Visit our website to sign a petition to demand that airlines stop carrying dolphins from the drive hunts <http://us.whales.org/campaigns/brutal-enl>
- ✓ You can also send a message to Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at: <http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/forms/comment.html>
- ✓ Keep an eye on whales.org for updates
- ✓ Visit www.cetaceanrights.org and sign the declaration!

