



JAPANESE
ASSOCIATION OF
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AQUARIUMS

20 May 2015

Mr. Lee Ehmke
President
World Association of Zoos and Aquariums

cc: Dr. Gerald Dick, Executive Director, World Association of Zoos and Aquariums

Dear Mr. Ehmke,

We appreciate WAZA's dispassionateness and patience over the issue of some JAZA members purchasing wild-caught dolphins from Taiji.

JAZA sincerely considered the letter dated 21 April 2015 from WAZA President Mr. Lee Ehmke and WAZA Executive Director Dr. Gerald Dick to JAZA Chair Kazutoshi Arai informing the WAZA Council decision to suspend JAZA's membership in WAZA. This is to provide the additional information according to the WAZA bylaws referred to in the letter.

On 20 May 2015 JAZA board decided that JAZA will prohibit its members to acquire wild dolphins caught by drive fishing in Taiji and to take part in their export and sale.

It is our wish at JAZA to remain as a member of WAZA and thereby contribute for the zoos and aquariums.

We would appreciate your generous judgment to reinstate JAZA's membership in WAZA.

Sincerely yours,

Kazutoshi Arai
Chair