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U.S. Citizen Being Harassed by a Japanese Nationalist Group for Taking Pictures

Taiji, Japan: On September 10, 2016 (Sept. 11 in Japan), Dolphin Project Cove Monitor Daniela Moreno was stalked by a Japanese Nationalist Group for taking pictures.

Moreno was there to capture images of the dolphin drive hunts that occur on an annual basis at the cove in Taiji, Japan.

Video shows the Cove Monitor, who was asked by local police to remain in her car, enduring repeated aggressive and threatening gestures by Japanese Nationalists. One individual opened her car door, hit the vehicle and persisted in making obscene gestures. Another individual yelled "Yankee – get out!" as they demanded to know where she was staying.

Moreno has a visa to be in Japan and is not breaking any laws. Local law enforcement should know that stalking is illegal in Japan. Making obscene gestures to her is also illegal. Had she behaved like that, she would be in a cell right now.

"As a U.S. citizen she has a right to be there and stalking is a serious crime in Japan," said Ric O'Barry, Founder/Director of the Dolphin Project. "We question why the police are allowing them to do this."

Daniela Moreno will be pressing charges against the criminals involved.

Video of the harassment can be viewed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/RicOBarrysDolphinProject/videos/1258488047518039/>

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Ric O'Barry's Dolphin Project is a non-profit charitable organization, dedicated to the welfare and protection of dolphins worldwide. Founded by Richard (Ric) O'Barry on Earth Day, April 22, 1970, the mission of the Dolphin Project is to end dolphin exploitation and slaughter, as dolphins are routinely captured, harassed, slaughtered and sold into captivity around the world – all in the name of profit.

Every year from approximately September 1 to March 1, a notoriously cruel hunt of some of the most sentient and sensitive creatures on the planet takes place in Taiji, Japan, made famous by the 2009 Academy award-winning movie "The Cove." During this period, fisherman, or more appropriately, dolphin hunters, "drive" the mammals to their capture or deaths via means of physical violence and acoustic torture.

Dolphin Project is the only organization to have been on the ground in Taiji since 2003. We have revolutionized [live streaming](#) and broadcast throughout the entire season.

Dolphin Project works not only to halt these slaughters but also to rehabilitate captive dolphins, investigate and advocate for economic alternatives to dolphin slaughter exploitation and to put a permanent end to dolphin captivity. This work has been chronicled in films such as, 'A Fall From Freedom,' the Oscar-winning documentary 'The Cove,' and in the Animal Planet mini-series, 'Blood Dolphin\$.'

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