



Every year some of the Faroe Island residents slaughter hundreds of migrating, self aware, sentient dolphins/whales in the name of "tradition" called the Grindadráp.





When a pod is spotted they race out with their boats, surround and drive the whales into the bay where they force them to beach themselves. Residents wait to kill them.





Once inside the bay, the Faroese people put hooks in their blowholes to pull them farther up on shore, wading in blood as they sever their spines. Once killed they line them up and carve count numbers into their flesh with a sharp object.





Once on-shore their stomachs are cut open. Some are pregnant females, no-one survives. Parents bring their kids to see the slaughter. Residents take their share if they participate in the Grind.





The whales are consumed, even though there is scientific evidence that shows they all contain Organochlorines such as PCBs, Dioxins, PBDE's and Mercury. Their own chief medical examiner deemed Pilot Whale unfit for human consumption in November 2008, but residents still eat it.





Research shows spindle cells, which are present in the brains of Pilot Whales are thought to be responsible for 'rapid intuitive choice in complex social situations' and are associated with emotions such as empathy. Whales are vital to our oceans.



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