

# Countdown to Extinction of the Pink Dolphin: Pollution is destroying their Habitat

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The Chinese Indo-Pacific pink dolphins are rare, are getting rarer and are in line for extinction, thanks to Humankind. Welcome to the twenty-first century. These beautiful sea creatures start their lives grey, and gradually turn pink. Soon, this will not matter, will it?

The pink dolphin is native to the coasts off Taiwan and Hong Kong. Industrial expansion and sea pollution are creating the conditions for the extinction of this intelligent and docile sea mammal, as Humankind goes about its business destroying the environment and those who share the planet with us. Callous, disinterested, nonchalant. Another one bites the dust.



True, the Japanese have been seen chopping the beaks off dolphins and leaving the rest floundering in the sea to die; true, there are Chinese who eat the brains of the monkey while it is still alive and held in a vice in the centre of the table with its skull lopped off. True, these animals suffer, they are murdered while in panic. And true, the pink dolphin is one of these in Humankind's hit list.

These wonderful marine animals communicate through whistling, and tend to live two to three kilometers off the shores of Taiwan and Hong Kong. Pollution is destroying their habitat, sound pollution is destroying their communications. Another one bites the dust.

Ominously, the plans to increase industrial activity in the areas where these animals live go ahead and are programmed to increase. Ominously, callously. Like, who cares? It's only a freakin' animal!

What can be done? A lot. Below is the address of an international petition calling on the authorities in PR China and Taiwan to create legislation to tailor coastal development to an environmentally sustainable approach.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/763/299/553/save-the-pink-dolphin-from-extinction-in-hong-kong-and-taiwan/?z00m=20601866>

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