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To whom it may concern,

Planète Sauvage is a zoological institution hosting a group of 9 bottlenose dolphins. We involve the animals in our care, especially dolphins, in numerous and diverse scientific studies respecting their welfare. We strongly believe animals entrusted to us to be a key component to better understand and therefore better protect their wild counterparts.

Our research projects are driven in collaboration with numerous international scientific institutions such as universities or foundations, involving students and senior scientists. These programs are positively challenging our trainers, who are responsible for finding practical solutions to help the scientific community answer its questions, and contribute to stimulate our animals both physically and cognitively. Part of our research is devoted to better understand animals´ needs and objectively evaluate their welfare. This scientifically driven approach benefits directly the animals living both ex-situ and in-situ.

We observe a growing concern for wild animals in the society. Being active in science is a strong asset to our educational programs. It guarantees we provide our visitors, the community, social and traditional media, and decision makers the most accurate and recent information on delphinids biology, behavior and conservation.

We would encourage every facility to perform research with the animals they host because, besides contributing to a better understanding of nature, it promotes stimulating partnerships with external experts while emphasizes the importance of our institutions for society. Being scientifically active for 15 years gave credibility to Planète Sauvage and contributed to a common sense of pride shared by all members of our staff.

We feel it is our responsibility as a zoological institution to extend the scientific knowledge that will drive the needed positive changes to tackle the actual environmental crisis.

Sincerely,

Martin Böye

Scientific director