

# DISCOVER THE NEWS

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## THE REAL CONNECTION



Say hi to

# KIKO

This Sea Lion was born in our care thanks to our Miracle Reproduction Program. He lives with his father, brother and other Sea Lions that have become part of his family.

You and Kiko will create a special bond that will stay in your memory and your heart forever. This love will motivate you to take care of our environment because no matter if we live in the mountain, desert or shores, our actions impact the ocean and the lives of Marine Mammals.

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is to  
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## CERTIFIES DOLPHIN DISCOVERY PUNTA CANA

Dolphin Discovery Punta Cana was awarded by the AZA with the most prestigious credentials which credit in an exemplary manner the highest quality standards and its commitment in aspects such as animal care, well-being, conservation, education and safety for them and their habitats.

To get the accreditation, Dolphin Discovery Punta Cana had to fill a request and later get submitted to a comprehensive inspection, which was performed by a team of zoos and aquariums professionals where the educational programs were observed, their conservation efforts, the veterinarian treatment programs, financial stability, among other aspects. After 5 years, the company will have to renovate such accreditation.



It is Dolphin Discovery Punta Cana's first time in receiving this accreditation, thus becoming the first company in the Dominican Republic to receive it. Nevertheless, Dolphin Discovery Isla Mujeres and Cozumel have been previously accredited by the AZA.



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# WE CELEBRATED THE **INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN DAY** WITH THE **2<sup>nd</sup> DOLPHIN DAY FORUM**



On April 11th, Dolphin Discovery Group celebrated the International Dolphin Day at the Ka'Yok planetarium with a series of conferences conveyed by expert biologists, veterinarians, doctors and specialists. They talked about topics regarding the care for these Marine Mammals and all marine fauna that lives in the ocean.

The admission for the celebration was free and approximately 100 people attended the event. Among the attendants were students, specialists, adults and children interested in knowing more about Dolphins and the necessary precautions for them and their Habitat.

**For Dolphin Discovery Group it is very important to organize events like this one, in which children, adults, specialists, doctors and biologists can obtain useful information for their everyday and professional life.**



## IN FAVOR OF **SOCIAL INCLUSION**



On March 16th, the Puerto Aventuras Habitat staff welcomed 60 children and teenagers with disabilities, 15 guests and 50 young volunteers from the Club de Amigos Teletón (Teleton Friends Club).

On March 21st, the Dolphin Discovery Foundation I.A.P. welcomed in their Garrafon Park at Isla Mujeres a group of 45 children, teenagers and adults with down syndrome in order to raise conscience in the community and include their guests to the physical activity: "Tan capaz como tú" (As capable as you) in charge of physical educators of the Quintana Roo Youth and Sports Commission (COJUDEQ in Spanish).

Through recreational and social programs, these children and teenagers spend time with young volunteers strengthening social inclusion through the interaction with a wonderful species such as Dolphins.



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## HAS A NEW INTERACTIVE PROGRAM WITH ROUGH-TOOTHED DOLPHINS



Gulf World at Panama City Beach, Florida, launched a new interactive program with Rough-Toothed Dolphins. This is the only park in America where you can swim with this species. The 5 Rough-Toothed Dolphins that inhabit this Park are stranded specimens and after their rehabilitation, authorities determined that they wouldn't be able to survive in the wild due to their condition, hence Gulf World became their home.



DOLPHINS DRAWING  
**SMILES**  
CHANGING LIVES

**7<sup>TH</sup>**  
EDITION



The seventh edition of the 10,000 Smiles program was carried out last May 4th at all the facilities of Dolphin Discovery Habitats and Parks around the world, having as beneficiaries different foundations that surround the places where the brand has presence.

The event had two main objectives: bringing people the opportunity to live an unforgettable experience to celebrate Children's Day at a preferential rate and raising funds to support civil society organizations in accomplishing their mission.

The goal in Mexico was to reach \$1,400,000.00 pesos, whereas the goal in foreign countries was to reach \$55,000 USD. Both goals were surpassed. With these initiatives, Dolphin Discovery Foundation I.A.P. will help children and teenagers in vulnerable situation through the benefited foundations.



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# THERE'S A NEW ADDITION TO THE DOLPHIN DISCOVERY FAMILY

As of April 2nd, Aquafelix Aquatic Park, located in Civitavecchia, Italy, joined Dolphin Discovery, becoming its most recent acquisition, and the second in Italy. Aquafelix was opened in 1995 and it is located 1 hour away from Rome. It receives more than 100 thousand visitors during summer. It has an extension of 8 hectares in which their guests enjoy the Park amenities such as their wave pool, catalogued as the most beautiful in Italy, water slides and restaurants, as well as fun activities for people of all ages.



## MEET AQUARIUM, MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA

Aquarium is Dolphin Discovery's first acquisition in South America. This Park is characterized by its natural environment with sea view. Here you can see a great diversity of animals, among Birds, Marine Mammals, Fish and Sharks. Here are the interactions you can enjoy at this emblematic Park in Argentina.



**Sea Lion Encounter**



**Diving with Fish**

**Dolphin Encounter**



**Caretaker for a Day**

**Penguin Interaction**



**Stingray Interaction**



**Immersion with Sharks**



**Lemur Interaction**

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