# Panel 18

## AMBASSADORS, ENTERTAINERS AND PRISONERS

Once humans encountered orcas in captivity, attitudes towards all whales shifted.

The first captives inspired and educated researchers, leading to many scientific discoveries about marine mammals.

These orcas sparked campaigns to study and protect all marine life.

In most parts of the world, the captivity era is ending.

Most orcas may not be in tanks, but are they free?