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Caption: “Ding” Darling’s second film of the season is “an act of heroism.”

### **‘The Cove’ film raises dolphin slaughter controversy at ‘Ding’ film series**

The controversial film “The Cove” continues the fourth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on Jan. 20, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

Academy Award winner for Best Documentary of 2009, the 96-minute film follows a group of activists as they embark on a covert mission to penetrate a hidden cove in Taiji, Japan, and shed light on a dark and deadly secret that is threatening the dolphin populations.

Activist Ric O'Barry, who trained dolphins for the "Flipper" TV series, joins forces with filmmaker Louis Psihoyos and the Ocean Preservation Society to expose brutal local fishing practices, risking life and limb in the process. Note: The film contains graphic scenes that may be inappropriate for children.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free eight-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s scheduled films. All showings begin at 2:30 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, please visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/films](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/films).

Jan. 6: *From Billions to None: The Passenger Pigeon’s Flight to Extinction*

Jan. 20: *The Cove*

Feb. 3: *Vanishing of the Bees*

Feb. 17: *Sand Wars*

March 2: *Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch*

March 16: *Crash: The Tale of Two Species*

March 30: *The End of the Line: Where Have All the Fish Gone?*

April 13: *Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?*

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).