



## Tonga National Action Day for Whales was held on May 12th.

The Japanese have announced they will hunt 50 Humpback Whales from the waters of the South Pacific. Under the new JARPA II, they have extended the hunting area to, waters south of Tonga, Fiji, Niue's and Samoa.

IFAW sponsored the day, which was aimed at local children and parents to gather support for a petition to be filed to government, asking them to sign the C.M.S (Convention on Migratory Species) which will give greater protection to all species on their migration routes. For more information on C.M.S, please go to <http://cms.int>.

With over 50 children joining in the Art Competitions, drawing and activity books, egg and spoon races, and my favorite "Pin the Fin" competition, a lot of fun was had by all.

With over 200 signatures collected on the petition, we are off to a good start.



Vava'u to host 1st Underwater Photo Competition in 2008

February 7-14th 2008 is our Pacific Blue Airlines Vava'u Festival, this year we have added our first annual underwater photo competition.

There will be 3 categories

**Wide Angle**

**Macro**

**Fish ID**

For more information, packages and entry details please email : [karen@divevavau.com](mailto:karen@divevavau.com)

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## Dive Vava'u celebrates Earth Day with a clean up and snorkel.

With the help of 4 girls from Vava'u High School, we headed off to Euakafa to tidy up the beach. Euakafa, is special to the Tongan culture, as a tomb lies on the top for an ancient Princess. We collected over 15 bags of trash including buckets, cans and bottle. After our clean up the girls, Vili and Pepe went for a snorkel at Japanese gardens seeing Leatherjackets, pipe fish and much more.



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