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More than 100,000 people against dolphins in captivity at RWS

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Over 100,000 people have pledged their support through Change.org in a petition to Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) to free 25 dolphins that are kept in captivity.

The "Please Help Free the "Sentosa 25" from Resorts World in Sentosa Singapore" petition was started by dolphin activist Barbara Napoles and has received worldwide support in the last two months.

There were initially 27 dolphins caught in Solomon Islands and two have died in captivity at Langkawi, where they were previously held. The remaining 25 dolphins are kept in Philippines while the housing facility at Sentosa is still being constructed.

Singapore-based animal welfare group, Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES) is supporting the petition and have rolled out their own roadshows to spread awareness about the dolphins' plight.

ACRES executive director Louis Ng said: "The number of signatures clearly show people are passionate about this issue."

"I will always remain confident that RWS will follow the progressive trends that more and more companies are paying attention to corporate social responsibility and will release the dolphins," Ng added.

On 28 August, ACRES will be hosting a concert at the Speaker's Corner at Hong Lim Park to show their support for the campaign.