

## Ingrid Visser

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**From:** Ingrid Visser [ingrid@orca.org.nz]  
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**To:** 'Sam Ridgway'  
**Subject:** contact from Loro Parque - they are interested in investigating if Morgan is deaf

Hi Sam,

Today I was at Loro Parque and the head of the research and non-profit foundation, Javier Almunia and I spoke. I asked him about Morgan and the claim that she was partially deaf. I asked how they could claim that when they hadn't actually tested her – and he said that it was based on their observations of her behaviour – in that she was not responding to all the whistles and all the 'slapping' of the water to call her over.

He and I agreed that the way to know for sure was to test her – but he was concerned that a truly independent panel of researchers be involved – so that there can be no criticism on the way it is conducted nor the findings. I agreed with him and suggested that you would be a good person to contact. I hope that is ok with you that?

We also agreed that there should be observers from 'both sides' - so that there is no 'funny business' going on. I told him that I definitely want to be involved given my long history with the case. He seemed ok with that – so if it does go ahead, we may actually get to meet!

Thanks again for all your advice and help with this,

Best wishes  
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