

The whales should be able to swim, dive and jump above the water surface at their holding place. The water basin must have an appropriate water filtration and cleaning system. The water is must be clean and clear, as well as the temperature according to the needs of the species. The base of the whale pool is profiled.

Bottleneck dolphins must have a water pool with a surface area of at least 400 m² for every five animals and the amount of water at least 1500 m³ per five animals. Each additional must have additional space of at least 75 m² per animal and a minimum of 250 m³ of water per animal. The shallow water shall be at least 7 m wide and at the widest point and the average depth of the water bath is 3.5 m or more a lower area with a depth of up to 1.5 m to 2 m.

The free space above the performance pool must be at least 5 m.

Animals can only be held for an acceptable reason and for a short time in a pool with a surface area less than 90 m² and with water content less than 280 m³. During gestation period however, the pool used for isolation of an animal must have a surface area of at least 110m².

The noise level in the holding area should be kept as low as possible.

The gestation pool is not circular (recommendation only).

To reduce water wave movements at the edges of pools there is a shallow area or other waves reducing arrangement.