



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**e Press Release: 3rd Degree investigates why 55 whales were shot in Cape Town  
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On a cold and wet Saturday morning at the end of May, residents of Kommetjie in Cape Town woke up to a disturbing sight – 55 false killer whales had beached themselves on the golden sands. By that evening they had all been shot, in a desperate effort to end their suffering.

But how effectively were rescue efforts managed that day? There were hordes of sightseers on the beach but there was no centre to control them. Well-meaning citizens tried to get the whales out to sea, but when their efforts failed and the creatures beached themselves a second time, attempts to drag them off the beach simply carried on. Then the decision was taken to shoot the whales, an act that was justified as humane euthanasia.

Was this decision the right one?

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