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**WHALE QUEST KAPALUA TO FEATURE
WORLD RENOWN WHALE EXPERTS, AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS AND
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE EDITOR & PHOTOGRAPHERS**

LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAII – (January 12, 2006) – Whale Quest Kapalua will explore the fascinating world of whales, February 10-12, at the Kapalua Resort on Maui. The first annual event will feature up-close-and-personal presentations and interactive displays by leading whale experts and photographers, including founders of the most recognized whale research organizations: Whale Trust, Center for Whale Studies and the Hawaii Whale Research Foundation.

All presentations are free and open-to-the-public. Program highlights include:

- *Adventures from the Deep-My Life with Whales* featuring Emmy Award-winning cinematographer and photographer Chuck Nicklin; Nicklin's film credits include *The Abyss*, *The Deep*, *Nomads of the Deep* and *In the Company of Whales*
- *Swimming with Whales: Humpback Whale Behavior from an Underwater Perspective* featuring wondrous underwater cinematography by Whale Trust's Jason Sturgis
- *Natural History Exploration & Guided Tour*, an exploratory walk with Certified Interpretive Trainer and Instructor Linda Nicklin
- *Song of the Humpback Whale* presented by noted researcher and Whale Trust co-founder Jim Darling and *What the Fluke Are Whales Singing About Anyway* with renown satirist Christopher Moore
- Center for Whale Studies co-founders *Mark Ferrari & Deborah Glockner-Ferrari* reveal fascinating discoveries about Daisy, Yoga and other whales that have come to Maui to give birth
- Behind-the-lens presentations by *National Geographic Magazine's* Senior Editor **Kathy Moran** and Director of Photography **David Griffin**
- *Adventures of a Whale Writer* featuring noted wildlife biologist and author Douglas H. Chadwick

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Whale Quest Kapalua will also feature a number of interactive learning activities for kids and education displays for adults on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The sessions will be led by volunteers from Whale Trust, Center for Whale Studies, Hawaii Whale Research Foundation and many more leading whale experts. Additionally, art displays will feature sculptures and paintings by Randy Puckett and Robert Lyn Nelson.

For more information on Whale Quest Kapalua or for a complete schedule of events, call 1-866-669-2440 or visit our Website at www.whalequestkapalua.com.

The Kapalua Resort is a 1,650-acre master-planned community set amidst a 23,000-acre working pineapple plantation on Maui's northwest coast. The resort is renowned for its three world-class golf courses – The Bay, The Village and The Plantation Courses; nine residential communities; two premier hotels – The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua and the Kapalua Bay Hotel; a villa rental program, The Kapalua Villas; a luxury home rental program, Kapalua Luxury Homes; a tennis complex; three white sand beaches; and a myriad of restaurants and shops. Kapalua Resort hosts four signature events each year, the PGA TOUR's season-opening Mercedes Championships in January, The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua's Celebration of the Arts festival in March, the Kapalua Food & Wine Festival in July, and LifeFest Kapalua in September. For more information or to view live images of Kapalua Resort visit www.kapalua.com or call (800) KAPALUA.

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