

**Questionnaire to be completed by participants in the
First International Symposium on Marine Turtles
in Tahiti**

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1) Were you surprised by the content of the Hibiscus Foundation report; if so, why?

2) Would it not seem appropriate that the Department of Environment, within the framework of its tasks, should have cooperated with the Hibiscus Foundation since 1993, in the sole interest of marine turtle survival?

3) Don't you feel that such cooperation would have promoted the creation of further associations in the Leeward Islands, which was the wish of the Hibiscus Foundation, and thus possibly contribute to saving 3,000 to 4,000 turtles?

4) Don't you feel that the successive governments of French Polynesia - by authorizing fishermen to occupy the maritime public property against payment of dues and thus set up fish traps in which turtles get caught at regular intervals - should have worked out, through the Department of Environment, some measures to educate those fishermen to prevent that slaughter?

5) Don't you think that had this been done seriously, without shutting the eyes on the problem, the Hibiscus Foundation would have no reason to exist?

6) Does it not seem that a conflict between people and conflicting views on the current genocide have existed since 1993?

7) Does it seem normal, considering the existing conflicting views, that the Department of Environment should have acted with so much malicious intent towards the Hibiscus family hotel/yacht club, resulting in serious damage to the tourist economy and visitors' safety, while the Hibiscus Foundation was fulfilling missions that the Department of Environment failed to carry out?

8) And all this with respect to the damage caused to the lagoon environment by big hotels, among others, as is currently the case in Tetiaroa or in Tahaa with all the winning of materials in progress as well as punishing the Morou family and their hotel?

9) Given the number of exemptions granted, whether with respect to the sea or the land, would you be in favor of President Tong Sang implementing a derogation allowing the Hibiscus Foundation and other associations to get visitors involved to save the lives of our marine turtles until accompanying solutions are found for fishermen who own fish traps?

10) Do you think that the Hibiscus Foundation, with no salaries and many expenses to cover, should be regarded as running profit-making activities?
