SeaWorld to cease killer whale displays The SeaWorld theme park in California has announced it will phase out controversial killer whale, or orca, shows from 2017 SEAWORI D ENTERTAINMENT SHARE PRICE \$40 **\$38.88** Jul 19, 2013: Blackfish documentary released in U.S. Aug 12, 2014: 30 Shares plunge 33% after weak earnings report Apr 19, 2013: IPO: \$27 (close: \$33.53) 20 Company value: \$2.5 billion 15 2014 2015 Nov 9, 2015: SEAWORLD THEME PARKS Close: \$17:91 SeaWorld San Diego Opened: SeaWorld Mar 21, 1964 San Antonio May 27, 1988 11 orcas 7 orcas



Total:

24 killer whales (six captured, others

50m

164ft



SeaWorld Orlando

Dec 15, 1973

6 orcas

Blackfish:

Documentary focusing on captivity of killer whale Tilikum. his involvement in deaths of three people (including trainer *Dawn* Brancheau, above), and consequences of keeping orcas in captivity

SeaWorld

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