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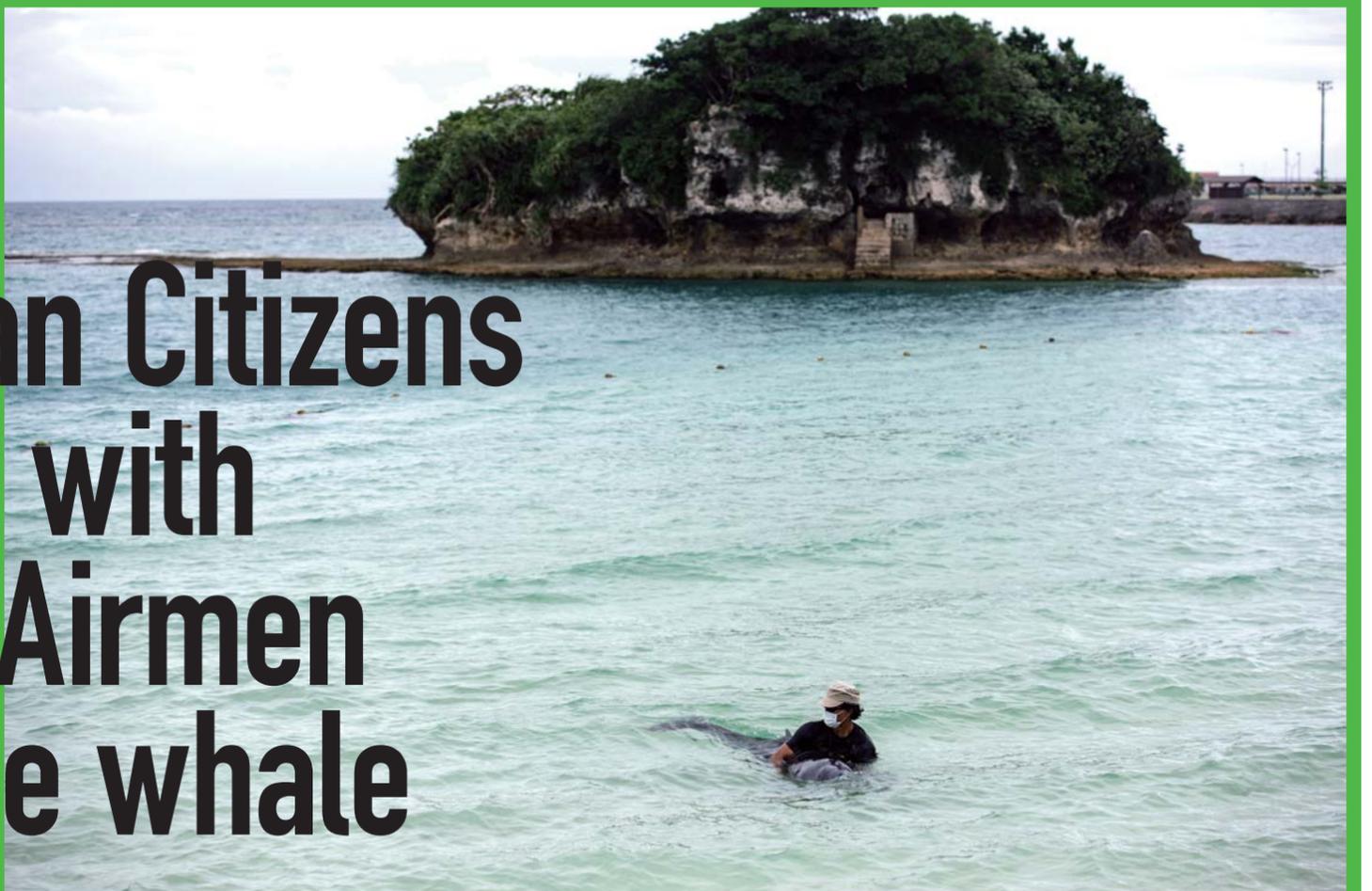
18th Wing generates full combat power during no-notice exercise



Fully armed aircraft from the 18th Wing conduct an elephant walk during a no-notice exercise April 12, at Kadena Air Base. The 18th Wing operates combat ready fleets of HH-60 Pave Hawks, F-15 Eagles, E-3 Sentries and KC-135 Stratotankers, making it the largest combat-ready wing in the U.S. Air Force. Kadena Air Base provides leading-edge counter air, command and control, air refueling and combat search and rescue operations, enabling theater commanders of joint and allied partners to project and enhance lethal, persistent and flexible combat power in response to adversaries.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)

U.S. Air Force retired Master Sgt. David Lacar gently holds onto an injured dwarf sperm whale April 17, at Kadena Marina. Lacar held onto and calmed the injured whale for more than two hours with no wetsuit until help could arrive.



Okinawan Citizens team up with Kadena Airmen to rescue whale

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omari Bernard)