

Kamo & Paris Aquarium Story

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Kamo Aquarium is the world's first Aquarium for techniques and protocols to breed jellyfish. Paris Aquarium, is a 4 milion liters, 70 tanks, fully subterranean Aquarium, rebuilt in 2004-2006.

First we failed: we started with one jellyfish kreisel tank, one species -*Aurelia aurita*- and one aquarist dedicated to jellyfishes. We went nowhere in 2014 and even missed the 1st International Jellyfish Conference, held at Kamo Aquarium in 2015.

Second we asked for help: We started to work with Jacqueline Goy in 2014. She recommended a visit to Kamo. Through Kaiyukan Aquarium, we were introduced to Kamo Aquarium, which offered on the spot to train our staff on site!

Third we learned: Cooperation between Kamo and Paris Aquariums started. Two Paris staff went one week to Kamo mid-June 2015 and returned two weeks in 2016. This made Paris first jellyfish display possible.

Since then Paris team has been trained three more times, and Kamo Aquarium team visited Paris two times. Paris currently keeps around 50 polyps species and displays them in 19 tanks. We strictly stick to Kamo's teaching & protocoles.

A friendship agreement was signed on the 31st of May 2016. Our teams work together on an almost daily basis. Paris Aquarium can be seen as a backup for Kamo's collection of polyps.

Nowadays Paris Aquarium starts to collect new species and share them with Kamo (*Phyllorhiza punctata*, *Stomolophus meleagris*) and we work on new reliable feeding technics for predatory species.

Conclusion: the keys to our successful cooperation were humility and dedication. Humility because Paris staff had to accept to learn everything from scratch, dedication because it was a huge human investment, time consuming and costly. The rewards are already impressive and we can't stop thanking Kamo's team!