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brought him worldwide attention as an animal oracle.

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During divinations, Paul's keepers would present him with two food-containing boxes decorated with the flags of the teams in an upcoming match. Whichever box Paul ate from first was considered his prediction for which team would win the match.

His keepers at the Sea Life Centre in Oberhausen, Germany, mainly tasked him with predicting the outcomes of international matches in which the German team was playing. Paul correctly chose the winning team in four of Germany's six Euro 2008 matches, and all seven of their matches in the 2010 World Cup—including Germany's third place play-off win over Uruguay on 10 July. He also correctly

chose Spain as the winner of the 2010 FIFA World Cup final. [2] In all, Paul amassed an overall record of 12 correct predictions out of 14: a success rate of approximately 85.7%. **Contents** [hide] 1 Life 2 Divination 3 Results 3.1 UEFA Euro 2008

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invertebrates, with complex thought processes, long- and short-term memories, and different personalities. They can use tools, learn through observation, and are particularly sensitive to pain, according to the group. They said it would be cruel to keep Paul in permanent confinement. Sea Life Centres responded that it would be dangerous to release him, because he was born in captivity, and was not accustomed to finding food for himself.^[6]

draw, he had a 1 in 2 chance of predicting a single result and a 1 in 64 chance of predicting six in a row. Paul choosing Spain over Germany This feat would be unlikely to happen by chance alone, but not hugely so. Spiegelhalter points out that for his 2010 semi-final prediction there are "other animals that have attempted but failed to predict the outcome of football matches"; it is not remarkable that one animal is more successful than the others, and only the successful animals will gain

There was discussion as to whether differences in flags design could have influenced Paul^{[14][15][16][17]} (despite *Octopus vulgaris* being almost

Germany (11) **Projections by Paul the Octopus in the UEFA Euro 2008 tournament** Germany's opponent ◆ Prediction **♦** Result **♦** Outcome + Stage **♦ Date**

0–1

Incorrect

Croatia Austria

Turkey 25 June 2008 semi-finals Germany 3–2 Correct

29 June 2008 Germany^[3]

certainly colour blind^[18]), or whether he could have been choosing boxes based on differences in their smell.^{[19][16]}



and decay. [29] Ahmadinejad went on to say that "Those who believe in this type of thing cannot be the leaders of the global nations that aspire, like Iran, to human perfection, basing themselves in the love of all sacred values."[30] Doubts were expressed as to whether "Paul" was actually the same octopus in both 2008 and 2010. [31]

Spanish flag. German supporters drew hope from his incorrect choice for the Germany versus Spain

Projections by Paul the Octopus in the 2010 FIFA World Cup Match **♦** Prediction **♦** Result

Outcome Stage **Date** Germany^[32] 13 June 2010 4-0 Germany vs. **Australia** Correct group stage 18 June 2010 | Serbia^[32] Germany vs. **Serbia** 0–1 Correct group stage 23 June 2010 Germany^[32] Ghana vs. Germany group stage 0-1 Correct Germany^[33] Germany vs. **England** round of 16 27 June 2010 Correct 4–1 Argentina vs.

hippopotamus spurning Germany's apple-topped pile of hay (instead of Serbia), and Anton the tamarin eating a raisin representing Ghana. [36][37][failed verification] Mani the parakeet of Singapore became famous for correctly predicting the results of all four quarter-final

outlets describing the game as an "octopus-versus-parakeet showdown". [38][39]

matches. Mani contradicted Paul by picking the Netherlands to win the final, resulting in some media

Rabio the Octopus who correctly predicted the results of all of Japan's group stage games at the 2018

FIFA World Cup, was killed and sent to market, on 2 July 2018 by the Japanese fisherman who had

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Sex Male 26 January 2008 Hatched Weymouth, England 26 October 2010 (aged 2) Died Oberhausen, Germany **Known for** Successfully predicting results of football matches Sea Life Centres **Owner** Der Tintenfisch Paul Oktopus -Named poem by Boy Lornsen after Paul was hatched from an egg at the Sea Life Centre in Weymouth, England, and was then moved to a





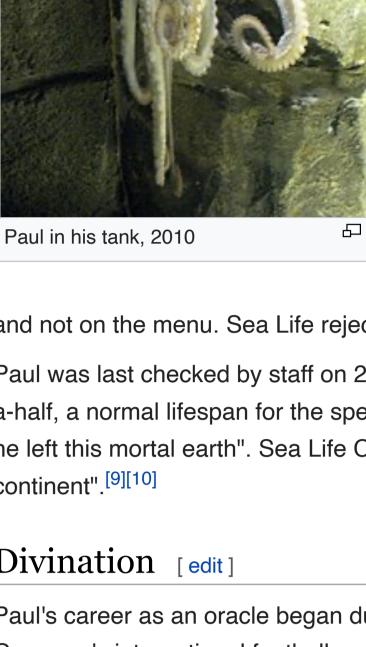
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public attention after the fact.[13]

UEFA Euro 2008 [edit] In UEFA Euro 2008, Paul predicted Germany to win all of their games, a correct prediction in 4 out of 6 cases. He failed to predict their defeats by Croatia in the group stage, [20] and by Spain in the championship's final. [3][nb 1]

Results [edit]

Portugal **Spain** final

called for Paul to be given safe haven in Spain. [27][28]

protect him as well. He will survive.

Oliver Walenciak (Paul's keeper)^[23]

Germany vs. **Spain**

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Germany

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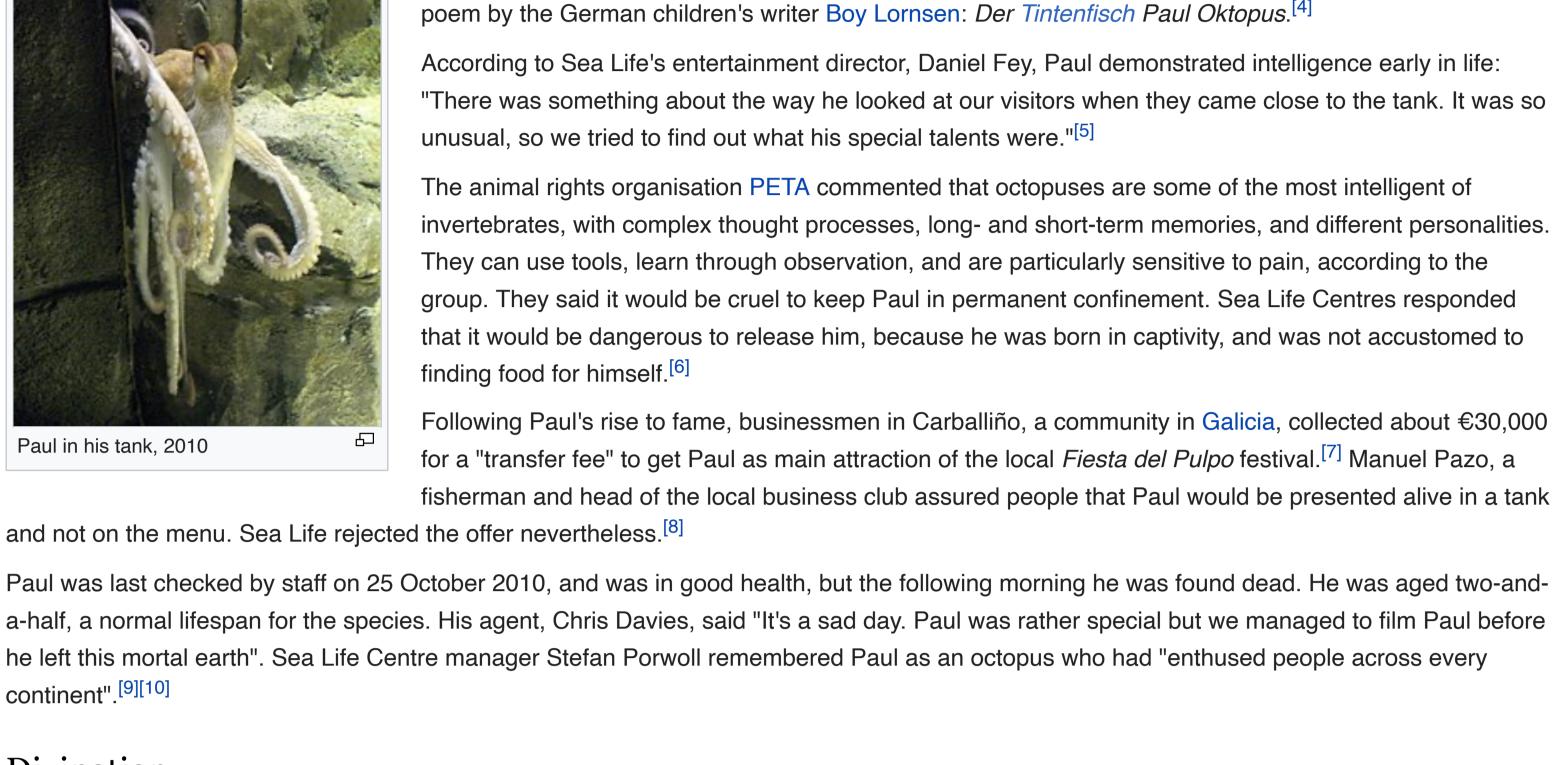
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tank at one of the chain's centres at Oberhausen in Germany. [3] Paul's name derived from the title of a



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Spain (2)

Serbia (1)

Flags picked by

Paul over both

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Memorial to Paul at the Sea Life

Centre in Oberhausen

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billowy bed of clouds and adorned with a halo; when animated, he appeared to vacillate in his predictions for the day's matches.^[43] Paul was again featured on 13 July in the doodle for the 2014 final. In that doodle, clicking on the clouds in the upper left brings up an image of Paul, similar to that in the earlier doodle, "cheering" on the final from heaven. [44] References [edit] 22. ^ Shenker, Sarah (9 July 2010). "What are the chances Paul the octopus

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