

# CONSERVATION

through Research, Awareness and Education

## WHO ARE WE?

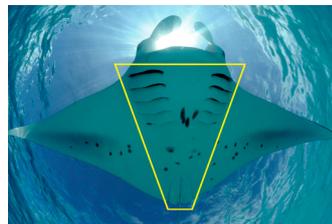
The Manta Trust consists of a team of passionate biologists, conservationists and media specialists working to advance and co-ordinate the worldwide conservation of manta rays and their habitats through robust science and research, raised awareness and education.

Active in the fight to protect these species, the Manta Trust were key players in both species of mantas being added to Appendix II of CITES in March 2013 – a major piece of international legislation that ensures better protection of these animals. In 2014 the Manta Trust also contributed to the successful campaigns to ban the fishing of manta rays in Indonesia, home to the world's largest manta fishery, and the total protection of all ray species in the Maldives.

## WHY MANTAS?

Manta rays are among the most charismatic creatures that inhabit our oceans, possessing brains as well as beauty ... but their survival is threatened! By-catch and the growing gill plate trade are depleting natural population of both manta and mobula species across the planet. But you can help...

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Each manta has a unique spot pattern on its belly enabling us to identify and track every individual in the population using photo-ID. Every image is like a piece of a huge jigsaw puzzle, adding invaluable information

about the lives of these beautiful animals – information that is vital to drive the conservation of these rays. Have a camera? Send us your manta images and become part of a worldwide conservation initiative. Contribute to the science and make a difference:

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