

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
**First Annual International
 Manta Ray Photographic & Video Competition**

The contest and exhibition will contain visually stunning images of manta rays to entertain, educate and inspire an appreciation for these magnificent creatures from competing professional and amateur underwater photographers and videographers from around the world. More than a fundraising event, the photo and video competition will assemble a collection of images to aid our scientific understanding of Manta birostris and related Mobula rays. It will also publicize the need for action to protect and conserve an important species.

Name		Company (optional)		
Street	City	State	Zip	Country
Email (required)		Phone (optional)		

Enter the number of entries in each category:

<p>___ Professional Print(s) [PP]</p> <p>___ Professional Digital Image(s) [PI]</p> <p>___ Professional Slide(s) [PS]</p> <p>___ Professional Video(s) [PV]</p> <p>___ Amateur Print(s) [AP]</p> <p>___ Amateur Digital Image(s) [AI]</p> <p>___ Amateur Slide(s) [AS]</p> <p>___ Amateur Video(s) [AV]</p>	<p>___ Conservation/Natural History Category [CN]: educational and inspiring digital images and digital videos taken above and/or below the surface.</p> <p>___ Endangered Category [EC]: digital images or digital videos of any length that show manta rays in danger.</p>
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To qualify, each image or video entry MUST be accompanied by a SEPARATE manta sightings form (see attached or complete on-line forms).

The entry fee for each image or video entry in any category is \$10.00.

Single entry fee \$10.00	+	___ additional photos	x	\$10.00 each	=	\$_____
		___ additional videos	x	\$10.00 each	=	\$_____
		Total entry fees =			=	\$_____

You may pay by personal check, on-line using PayPal or credit card. Use the form below for credit cards. Please sign and indicate your account number in the space provided. Make checks payable to: The Manta Network

Print Name on Card	Select: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> AMEX
Acct. No	Expires
Signature	

Please list and describe each entry:

No	Type of entry	Title	Description
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Video submissions need to include one digital image used for presentation purposes. **Remember** to complete a separate **Manta Sighting Form** for each entry listed above. Enter the title of the photographic or video into the "Manta Name:" area.

Please mail this completed form, contest submissions and entry fees to:

THE MANTA NETWORK, 326 Pacheco Ave., Suite 200, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

or fax form to 831-426-4411. For questions contact Robert Aston via phone at 831-426-4400 or email info@mantas.org or visit our website at: http://www.Save-The-Mantas.org/form_sponsors.asp

The Manta Network is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that focuses on research and environmental education concerning manta and related mobula rays. These activities are tax-exempt according to United States IRS regulations, so donated items/services can be claimed as donations to The Manta Network and are tax-deductible.

Visit www.Save-The-Mantas.org for the complete Official Contest Rules.

Manta Sighting Report

This form should be used when reporting a sighting of one or more manta rays. Please complete as much information as you have about your encounter. The * indicates information that is required.

Full Name * (required)		Company (optional)		
Street Address	City	State	Zip	Country * (required)
Email * (required)		Phone (optional)		

Date of sighting: *	_____	Time of day:	_____
Location sighted: *	_____	Site ID (SIDN):	_____
Entry Title/Manta: *	_____	Manta ID (MIDN):	_____
Estimate visibility & amount of plankton:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent -- >100 feet and no plankton anywhere <input type="checkbox"/> Good -- 50-100 feet with little to no plankton <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate -- 25-50 feet with accumulating plankton <input type="checkbox"/> Poor -- 10-25 feet with heavy plankton <input type="checkbox"/> No -- less than 10 feet with very thick plankton		
Tide conditions:	<input type="checkbox"/> incoming <input type="checkbox"/> outgoing <input type="checkbox"/> slack		
Water temp: _____ (°F or °C)	Duration of encounter: _____ mins.		
Seen with remoras? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Displaying good health? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Seen with cleaner fish? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Having wounds or scars? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Select their behavior:	<input type="checkbox"/> Playful <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding <input type="checkbox"/> Resting <input type="checkbox"/> Swift pass <input type="checkbox"/> Shy <input type="checkbox"/> Mating <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)		

* Other observations: (include number in group, largest size, etc.)

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For more information on reporting sightings visit our USER GUIDE at www.Save-The-Mantas.org.

Also see: List of Manta Sighting Locations; List of Identified Manta (names & MIDN) and About Images & Uploading