



OCEANIC MANTA RAY

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- ▶ They are filter feeders that eat large quantities of zooplankton
- ▶ When feeding, mantas hold their cephalic fins in an "O" shape and open their mouths wide, creating a funnel that pushes water and prey through their mouth and over their gill rakers
- ▶ Because oceanic mantas are both targeted and caught as bycatch in a number of global fisheries throughout their range, they are classified as "Endangered" on the IUCN Red List

CONSERVATION STATUS



Oceanic manta rays are listed as **ENDANGERED** on the IUCN Red List



HOW BIG?

▶ The oceanic manta ray is the largest type of ray in the world. It can grow to a disc size of up to 7 m (23 ft) across with a weight of about 3,000 kg (6,600 lb)

