

OCEANIC MANTA RAY

Scientific name: *Mobula birostris*

- OCEANIC MANTA RAYS are the largest of the 'rays'. They're commonly referred to as the 'Giant Manta Ray'. They have a wing-span that can exceed 7 meters (23 feet)!
- They're found worldwide in tropical to warm temperate waters and are known to aggregate for feeding and mating.
- They have about 300 rows of tiny, peg-like teeth (as small as the head of a pin).
- The gestation (pregnancy) period of the Oceanic Manta ray is approximately one year. They generally give birth to one "pup" every two years.
- They are listed under the Cites Appendix II Protection and are classified as ENDANGERED on the IUCN Red List.

