

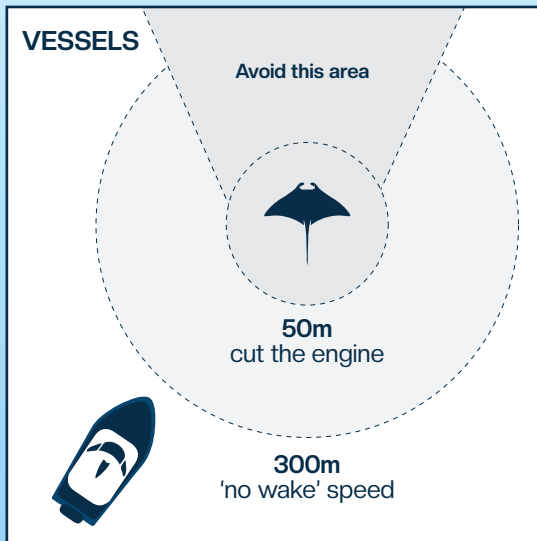
BEST PRACTICE GUIDE FOR MANTA RAY ENCOUNTERS

in Aotearoa New Zealand

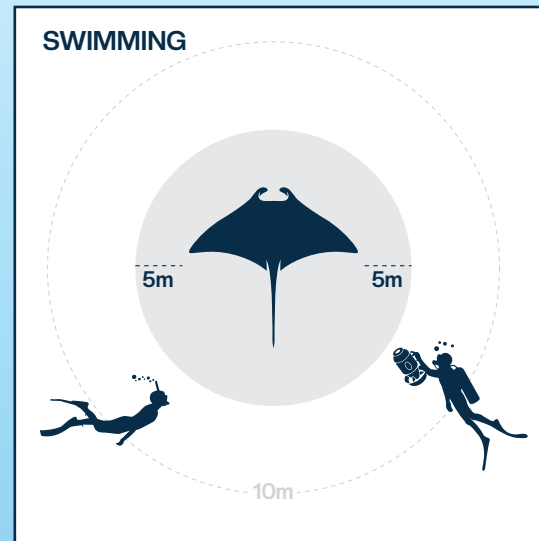
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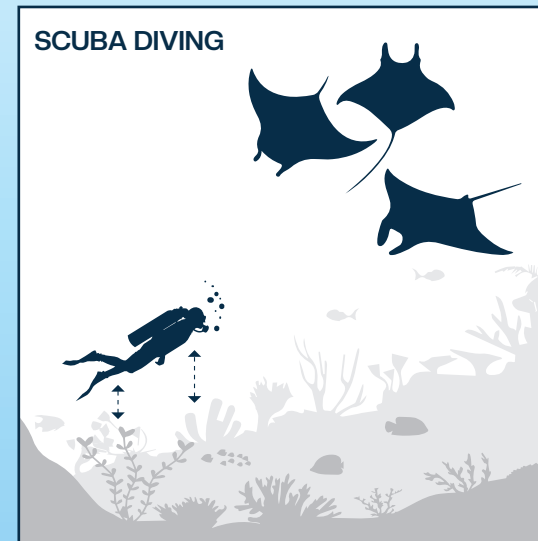
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- ✓ 'No wake' speed around mantas
- ✓ Cut engine as soon as possible
- ✗ Do not circle a manta, obstruct their path or cut through any groups
- ✗ Do not drop swimmers on top of a manta



- ✓ Enter water calmly and quietly
- ✓ Passively observe
- ✗ Do not obstruct mantas or their direction of travel
- ✗ Do not get too close, touch or chase the manta



- ✓ Stay low
- ✓ Passively observe
- ✗ Do not obstruct mantas or their direction of travel
- ✗ Do not get too close, touch or chase the manta



Relaxed manta behaviours

Cruising slowly at the surface.
Somersault feeding at will.
No obvious change in behaviour in your or your vessels presence.



Disturbed manta behaviours

Abrupt change in direction of travel.
Dives and resurfaces away from you or your vessel.
Stops somersault feeding.

Oceanic manta rays are a globally endangered species. Currently the biggest threat to Aotearoa's manta rays is the lack of data. We simply don't know enough about these animals to protect them. By submitting your sightings to Manta Watch NZ, you are directly contributing to our national research and conservation efforts. Submit your manta sightings, photos and videos by scanning the QR Code or visit our website www.mantawatchnz.org.

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