

# OCEANIC MANTA RAY'S OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

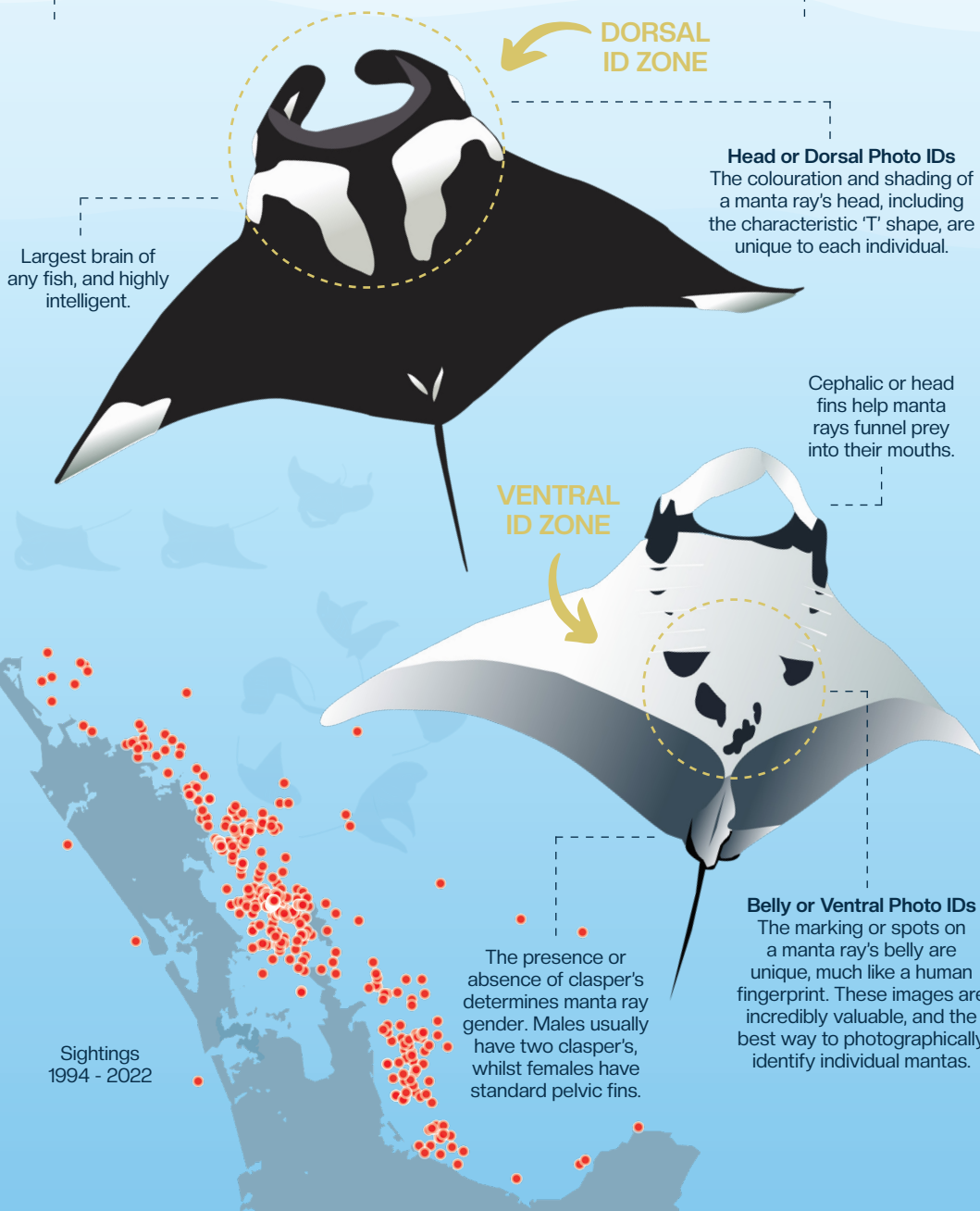
## Sightings and data collection guide

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](http://www.mantawatchnz.org). Thank you for your support!

Oceanic Manta Ray  
(*Mobula birostris*)

Oceanic's are the world's largest species of ray and can reach up to 7 meters across and weigh up to 2 tonnes.



### Key sighting information we need

1. Date and Time
2. Location (GPS position)
3. Images and Videos (High Resolution)
4. Photo ID Zones (heads and belly)

**Bonus information** – the more information you can share the more we can learn about your sighting.

Water temperature  
Associated wildlife



### New Zealand manta season

The majority of manta sightings occur between **November to June**.

Peak manta season – when you have the best chance to spot mantas is between **December to March**.



### Global conservation status

Endangered: population decreasing

### How you can support our manta mahi

Scan here to submit your sightings and become a citizen scientist. Discover a new manta (not already in our ID Database) and you get to name them!

