

A quick guide to marine life

# Photography

& videography.

**TAKE A CLEAR PHOTO  
OR VIDEO.**

**KEEP A DISTANCE. LET  
THEM APPROACH YOU,  
DON'T APPROACH THEM.**

**DO NOT CHASE, HARASS,  
ENCIRCLE OR FEED MARINE  
LIFE.**

# REQUIRED INFORMATION

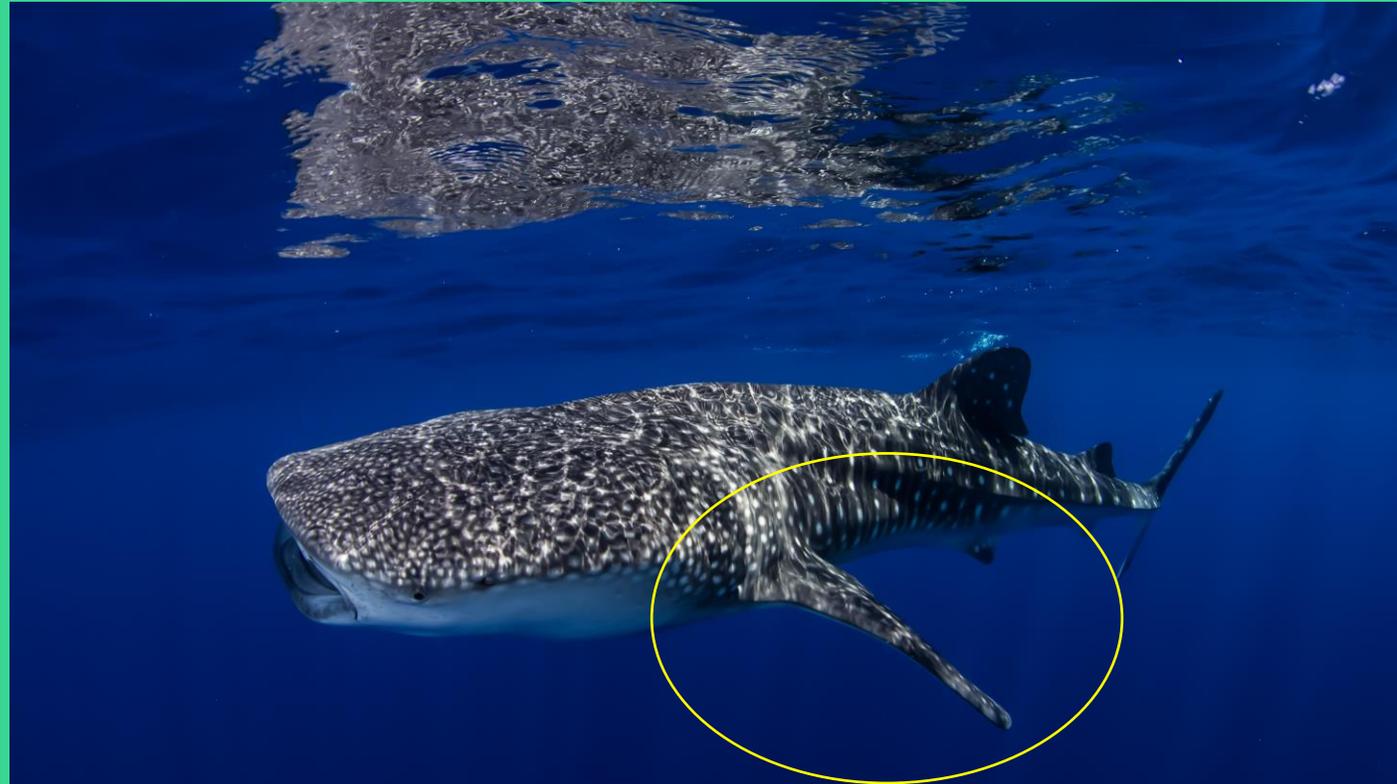
- **Date and time**
- **Location**
- **Depth**
- **Behavior**
- **Scars or injuries seen.**
- **Credit yourself by writing your name on the lower right corner of your footage if you want!**

# WHALE SHARKS

Endangered species \*\*\*\*

- To identify the individual it is preferred to have footage with clear indication of the spot patterns, especially on the left pectoral fin (side fin).
- You can also submit your footage to the Wildbook, an online database for whaleshark research:  
<https://www.whaleshark.org/>

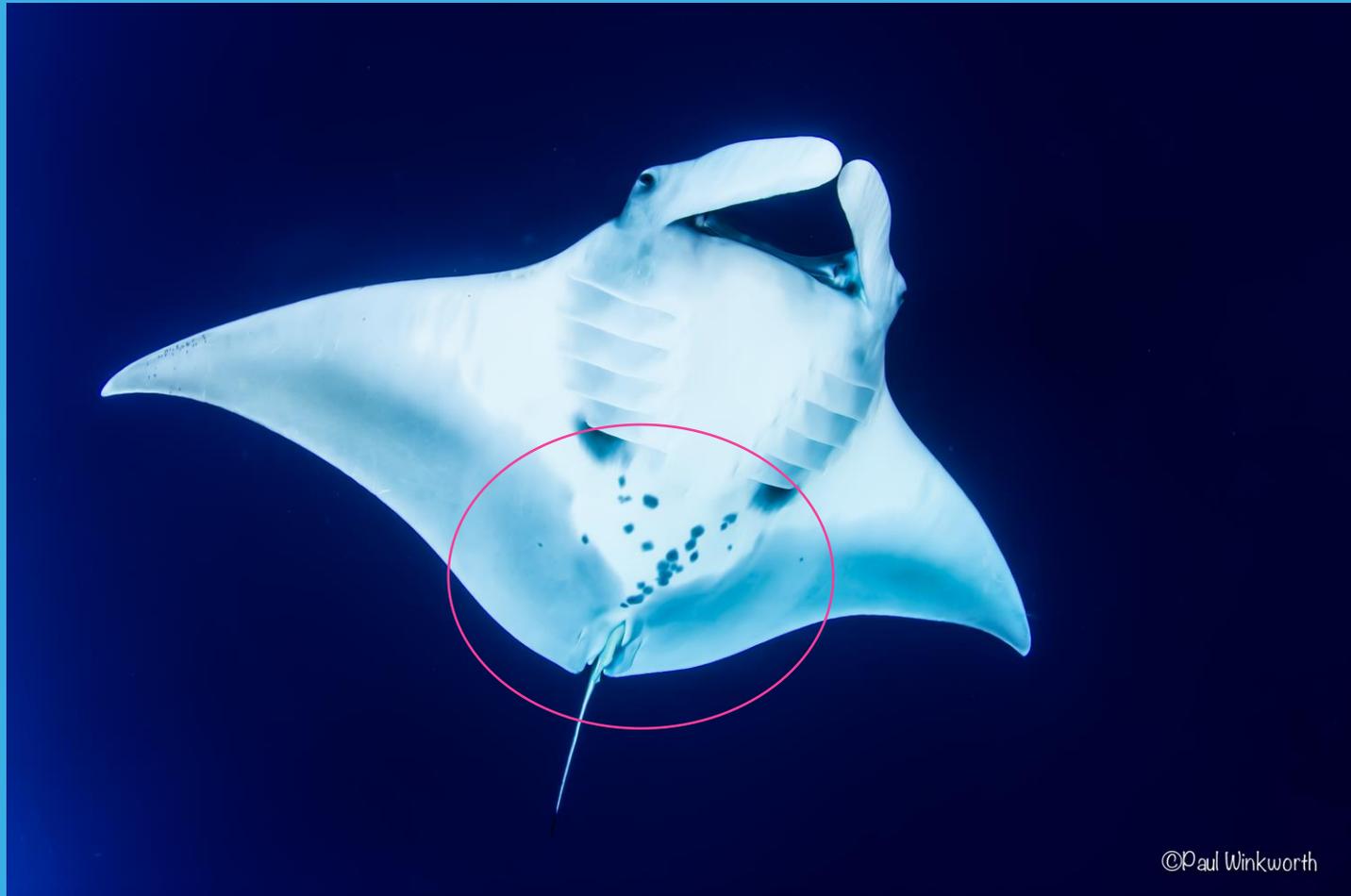
➤ Keep a safe distance!



# MANTA RAYS

Endangered species \*\*\*\*

- To identify an individual, it is required to have a picture of the spots on their stomachs.
- You can also share your footage with the Manta Trust, an organization researching Mantas:  
<https://www.mantatrust.org/>



# SHARKS – ALL SPECIES MATTER

A few Red Sea species are endangered,  
and others don't have enough data\*\*\*

- All reported shark sightings are useful to identify a populations database of the species in the Red Sea.
- A full body picture or video is required, preferably with the fins visible.
- Stay calm and safe! Do not provoke, feed or encircle the shark.
- You can also share your footage with Red Sea Sharks:

<http://redseasharks.org/research.php>



# TURTLES, ALL SPECIES

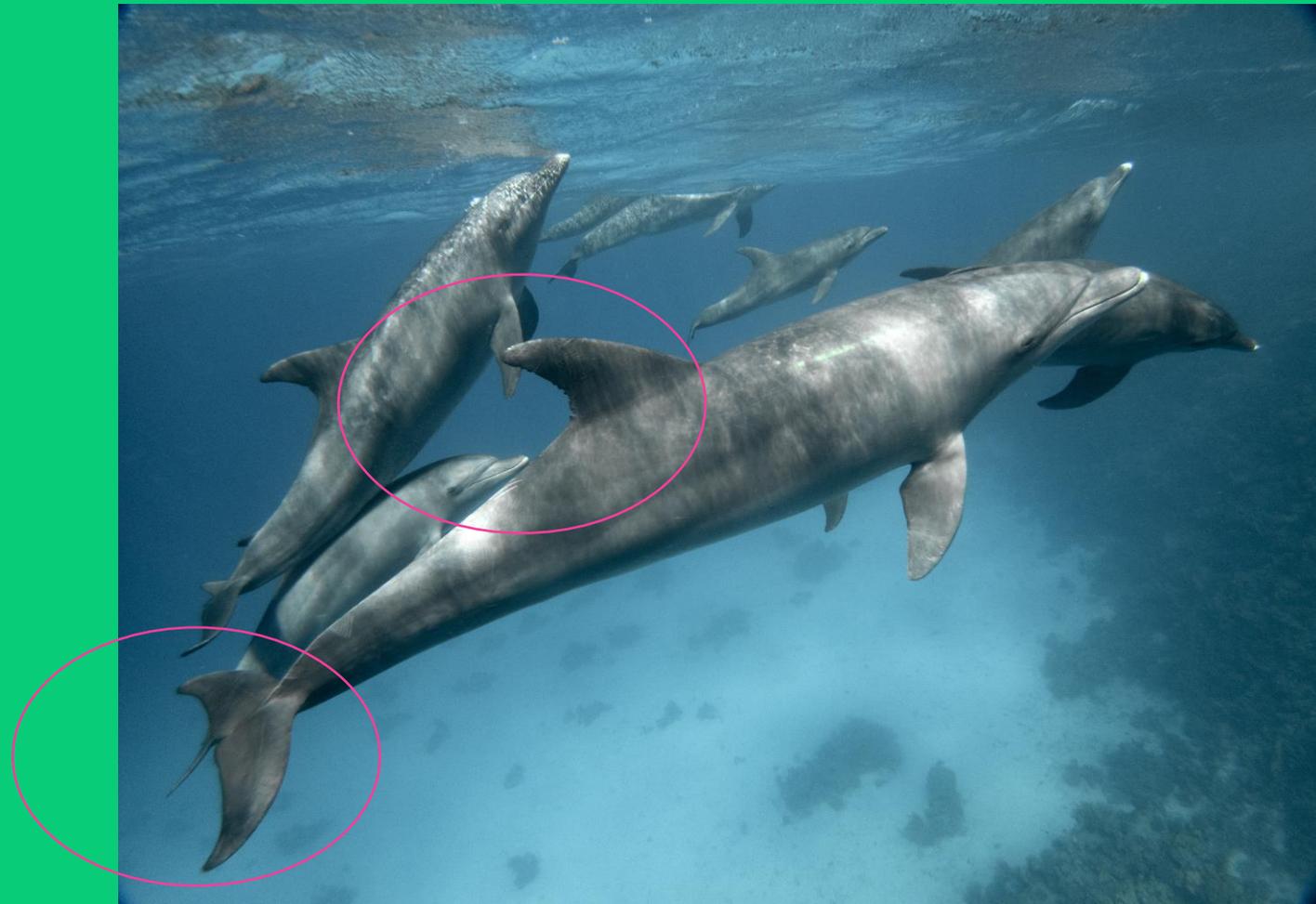
Critically endangered species \*\*\*\*

- To identify them, clear footage of their head, shell and tail is required.
- You can also share your footage with the Wildbook, an international turtle research database:  
<https://iot.wildbook.org/>



# DOLPHINS

- To identify the individual, a full body picture with the dorsal fin and the fluke (tail) is required.
- You can also share your footage with the Dolphin Watch Alliance, who study Red Sea dolphins:  
<https://www.dolphinwatchalliance.org/index.php/en/>



# NAPOLEON WRASSES

Endangered species\*\*\*

- Fewer sightings of large Napoleon Wrasses have been seen.
- All footage of Napoleon Wrasses larger than 1 meter would be very helpful to understand the size of the population in the Red Sea.



# OTHER SPECIES AND EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Dugongs

Mola Molas

Other Rays Species

Large fish: Cobias, Tunas, Barracudas & other

Injured marine life

The smaller stuff: Triton shells, Crown of Thorns,  
Frog Fish

Recently bleached corals

Large broken coral heads

Algae blooms on corals

# SEND US YOUR FOOTAGE:



- The CDWS has an **open-source database** (Dropbox for now, website developments later) for marine life sightings.
- Your footage will be **freely** shared to **researchers, universities** to study and to the **public for awareness raising** and **promotion** of the Red Sea. Sharing footage with us means your giving us the **copyrights** to use and share your material.
- We encourage **writing your name** on your footage to credit yourself. If you'd like to remain anonymous, do let us know when submitting.
- Use our website to upload: <https://www.cdws.travel/complaints>
- Scan our QR code
- Submit directly to [environment@cdws.travel](mailto:environment@cdws.travel)
- Or just tag us on Facebook or Instagram.