

# Mantas Need Your Help!

Manta Pacific Research Foundation is searching for volunteers who care about manta rays and want to help make a difference with our ongoing research and conservation efforts.

Volunteers can spend a few hours a month to a few hours a week conducting research on manta rays, assisting our fundraising and communication teams, planning events or helping out with our day to day operations.

Opportunities for volunteers change frequently depending upon the projects we are working at the time. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please email us at <a href="mailto:info@mantapacific.org">info@mantapacific.org</a> and send a CV (resume) and cover letter that details your interest. Once we review your CV and cover letter, one of our board members will get in touch with you.

#### **Student Volunteers:**

Volunteering with MPRF can help students with interest in biology, conservation science, education, nonprofit administration, and more to gain experience working in the field of ecological conservation. Students have the opportunity to play a critical role in conservation by completing senior thesis projects with MPRF, conducting literature research on conservation issues, assisting in prioritization projects, or by being involved in the daily administrative activities of our nonprofit organization.

#### **Professional Volunteers:**

There are occasional opportunities for experienced professionals to work with MPRF on specific projects. Such projects are more likely to be associated with management, administration and strategic planning.

We are currently looking for professionals with experience in:

- Fundraising
- Accounting
- Web Publishing
- Graphic Design
- Public Relations
- Media Communications
- Event Planning

## **Our Mission Statement**

At Manta Pacific Research Foundation, our mission is to study manta rays in their natural habitat, conduct scientific research, provide education programs for the public about manta rays and the marine environment, and to establish and promote worldwide manta ray conservation.

#### Research:

- •Identify local populations
- Collect long term population data
- Assist in tracking programs to determine critical manta ray habitat
- Conduct other approved scientific studies

#### **Education:**

- •Provide educational programs to K-12 school children
- Offer community lectures
- Conduct seminars including in-water experience
- Create support material:
- Design and distribute manta ray ID catalog
- Publish literature on manta ray biology and conservation
- •Produce educational media (video, DVD, slide shows)
- Create and maintain educational website

#### Conservation:

- •Supply conservation guidelines for manta encounters
- •Teach conservation through education programs and materials
- •Assess on-going conditions for manta rays worldwide
- •Provide data and assist in establishing future management programs



### **Contact Us**

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