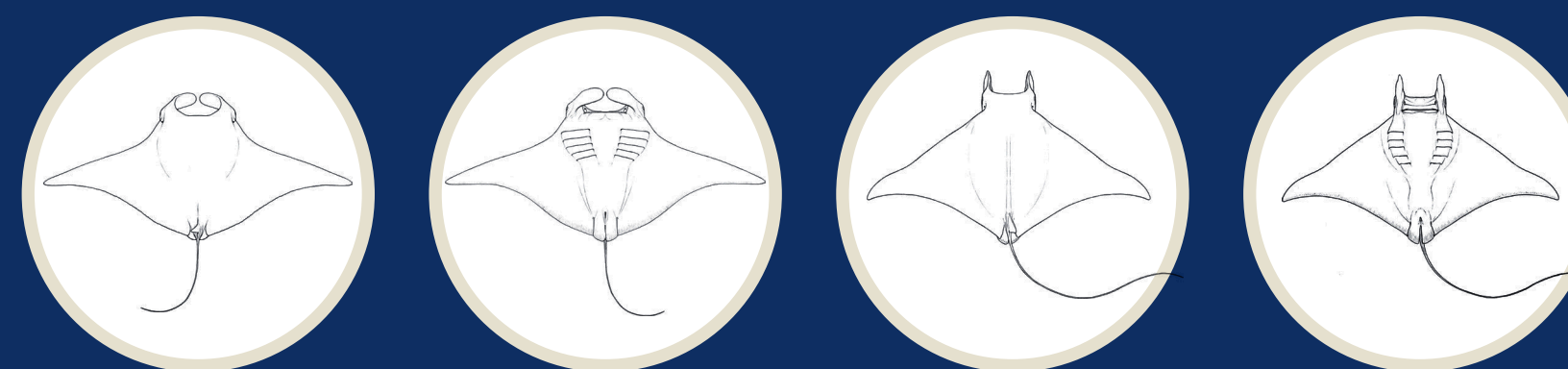


Identifying Mobulid Ray Gill Plates

THESE SPECIES ARE LISTED ON APPENDIX II OF CITES




QUICK REFERENCE
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Question 1:

Is the gill plate longer than 30cm and uniform brown/black in coloration?

YES



Manta rays | *Mobula birostris* & *M. alfredi*

- 1. **SIZE** = medium/large (usually more than 30cm)
- 2. **COLOUR** = uniform brown/black (rarely white)
- 3. **LOBE EDGING** = smooth

NO



Go to Question 2

Question 2:

Does the gill plate have a white central coloration and smooth lobe edging?

YES



Sicklefin Devil Ray
Mobula tarapacana

- 1. **SIZE** = medium
- 2. **COLOUR** = bicoloured (white central)
- 3. **LOBE EDGING** = smooth

NO



Spinetail Devil Ray
Mobula mobular

- 1. **SIZE** = small/medium
- 2. **COLOUR** = bicoloured (white edging)
- 3. **LOBE EDGING** = jagged

For more information and detailed descriptions, visit: www.mantatrust.org and www.blueresources.org/id-guides.

