

Animal Sighting Report Form

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

Please submit this form within 7 days of your sighting(s).



VISIT INFORMATION

Date of Sighting: _____ Time of Sighting: _____
 Vessel Name: _____
 Location--Bank Name: _____ Buoy Number: _____

SPECIES SIGHTED

Manta Ray

of Individuals: _____ Approximate Size of Individual(s): _____
 Tag Present? yes no

*If you are able to get a photo of the underside of a manta ray, please send that in so we can compare it to other sightings in our [Manta Catalog](#). Each manta has a unique spot pattern on its belly.

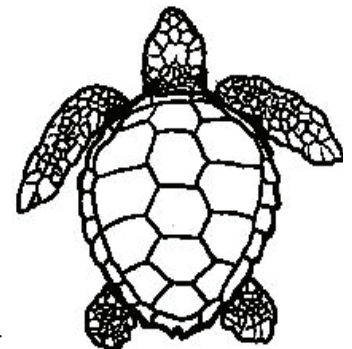
Whale Shark

of Individuals: _____ Approximate Size of Individual(s): _____
 Tag Present? yes no Tag Color & Number: _____

*If you are able to get a photo of the side of a whale shark from the gill slits to the pectoral fin, please send that in so we can compare it to other whale shark sightings in the region. Each whale shark has a unique spot pattern on its side.

Sea Turtle Species (if known): _____
 Length of Shell: _____

*If you observed barnacle patterns or other identifying features, please note them on this sea turtle image.



Other, please specify: _____
 Please list any other species of shark, ray, marine mammal, octopus, squid or bird.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (any other information you think we should know about the animal(s), sighting conditions, or spawning events of any organism):

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please send completed form and any photos or video you wish to share to:

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