

IOTC CIRCULAR 2015–101 / CIRCULAIRE CTOI 2015–101

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS TO THE 18TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FROM THE MANTA TRUST ASSOCIATION

Please find attached a request letter from the Manta Trust Association to participate as an observer to the 18th Session of the Scientific Committee to be held in Bali, Rep. of Indonesia.

In accordance with Rule XIV.5 of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014), Members of the Commission are asked to consider the fore-mentioned potential Observer to attend the Scientific Committee meeting, noting the relevant sub-text of Rule XIV.5 stated below for non-governmental organisations.

Rule XIV.5: Participation by Observers

Rule XIV.5. The Commission may invite, upon request, non-governmental organizations having special competence in the field of activity of the Commission to attend such of its meetings as the Commission may specify. The list of the NGOs wishing to be invited will be submitted beforehand by the Executive Secretary to the Members of the Commission, no later than 60 days before the Session. If one of the Members of the Commission objects giving in writing its reasons within 30 days, the matter will then be subject to decision of the Commission out of session by written procedure.

Members may wish to allow the Manta Trust Association to participate as an Observer given their interest in the meeting as stipulated in the attached letter. Thus, unless any objections are received within 30 days of the date of this Circular, the IOTC Secretariat will consider that approval has been granted for the Executive Secretary to issue an invitation to the potential Observer to attend the Session accordingly. I would appreciate if you could communicate any objections as early as possible, to facilitate issuing an invitation in time for the Manta Trust Association to participate in accordance with the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2104).

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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Madame/Monsieur,

**SUJET: DEMANDE DE STATUT D'OBSERVATEUR À LA 18^E SESSION DU COMITE SCIENTIFIQUE
PAR LA MANTA TRUST ASSOCIATION**

Veillez trouver ci-jointe un courrier de la *Manta Trust Association* demandant à participer en tant qu'observateur à la 18^e session du Comité scientifique qui se tiendra à Bali, Indonésie.

Conformément à l'Article XIV.5 du Règlement intérieur de la CTOI (2014), les membres de la Commission doivent examiner ladite demande, en tenant compte des clauses de l'Article XIV.5 concernant les organisations non-gouvernementales.

Article XIV: Participation d'observateurs

5. La Commission peut inviter, à leur demande, des organisations non gouvernementales ayant des compétences particulières dans son domaine d'activité, à suivre telle ou telle de ses réunions qu'elle aura spécifiquement indiquée. La liste des ONG souhaitant être invitées est soumise, par le Secrétaire exécutif, aux membres de la Commission, au plus tard 60 jours avant la session. Si l'un des membres de la Commission formule une objection en indiquant ses raisons par écrit dans un délai de 30 jours, la question est soumise à décision de la Commission par procédure écrite.

Les membres souhaiteront peut-être permettre à la *Manta Trust Association* de participer en tant qu'observateur étant donné leur intérêt pour cette réunion, comme expliqué dans la lettre ci-jointe. Ainsi, à moins que des objections ne soient reçues dans les 30 jours suivant la date de la présente circulaire, le Secrétariat de la CTOI considérera que le Secrétaire exécutif peut envoyer une invitation à l'observateur potentiel pour assister à la session concernée. Je vous serais reconnaissant si vous pouviez communiquer vos éventuelles objections dès que possible, afin de faciliter la délivrance d'une invitation à temps pour permettre à la *Manta Trust Association* de participer à la réunion, conformément au Règlement intérieur de la CTOI (2104).

En vous remerciant de votre coopération.

Yours sincerely / Cordialement



Mr. Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary / Secrétaire exécutif

Attachments / Pièces jointes:

- Request letter from Manta Trust Association / Lettre de demande de la Manta Trust Association
- Curriculum Vitae (English only)
- The Manta Trust – By-laws (English only)
- The Manta Trust – Mission Statement (English only)

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28th October, 2015

Dear IOTC Secretariat,

On behalf of The Manta Trust, we kindly request an invitation to attend the IOTC Meetings as an NGO-observer.

We are a UK-registered charity focusing on global *Manta* and *Mobula* research, education and awareness. Please find attached a copy of our Mission Statement and By-laws, along with a copy of my CV as Associate Director of Global Policy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Yours Sincerely



Daniel Fernando
Associate Director

Note : ce qui suit est la traduction d'un document en Anglais reçu par le Secrétariat. Pour plus de détails, se reporter à l'original.



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Cher Secrétariat de la CTOI,

Au nom du *Manta Trust*, nous vous demandons une invitation à assister aux réunions de la CTOI en tant qu'ONG observateur.

Nous sommes une organisation à but non lucratif enregistrée au Royaume-Uni qui se concentre sur la recherche, l'éducation et la sensibilisation sur les genres *Manta* et *Mobula*. Vous trouverez ci-jointes des copies de notre mandat et de nos statuts, ainsi qu'une copie de mon CV, en tant que Directeur adjoint de la politique globale.

N'hésitez pas à me contacter si vous avez besoin de plus d'informations.

Cordialement,

Daniel Fernando
Associate Director

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Education

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| 2012 – present | Ph.D. Student, Linnaeus University, Sweden
<i>Thesis: Biology and ecology of the manta and mobula rays in the Indian ocean</i> |
| 2008 – 2009 | M.Sc. Marine Resources Management, National Oceanography Centre, UK |
| 2005 – 2008 | B.Sc., Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences, Germany |

Work Experience

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| November 2010 - present | The Manta Trust, UK (registered charity); Associate Director
<i>Mobulid biology, ecology and fisheries research in South Asia. Supervise and develop capacity in elasmobranch research globally. Develop global elasmobranch conservation policy.</i> |
| March 2010 – May 2010 | Centre for Research on Indian Ocean Marine Mammals (CRIOMM), Sri Lanka; Research Scientist
<i>Field research on cetaceans in Sri Lanka</i> |

Publications

- Fernando, D.**, Perera, N., & Ebert, D. A., 2015. First record of the megamouth shark, *Megachasma pelagios*, (Chondrichthyes: Lamniformes: Megachasmidae) from Sri Lanka, northern Indian Ocean. *Marine Biodiversity Records*, 8, 1–3. doi:10.1017/S1755267215000512
- Poortvliet, M., Olsen, J. L., Croll, D. A., Bernardi, G., Newton, K., Kollias, S., O’Sullivan J., **Fernando D.**, Stevens G., Galván Magaña F., Seret B., Wintner S., & Hoarau, G., 2015. A dated molecular phylogeny of manta and devil rays (Mobulidae) based on mitogenome and nuclear sequences. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, 83, 72–85. doi:10.1016/j.ympev.2014.10.012
- Morris, J. P., Thatje, S., Ravaux, J., Shillito, B., **Fernando, D.**, & Hauton, C., 2014. Acute combined pressure and temperature exposures on a shallow-water crustacean: Novel insights into the stress response and high pressure neurological syndrome. *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology. Part A: Molecular & Integrative Physiology*, 181C, 9–17. doi:10.1016/j.cbpa.2014.10.028

Research Grants

Received over US\$ 120,000 for mobulid research

Workshops & Conventions

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| February 2015 | The PEW Charitable Trusts international shark & ray policy strategy meeting, Washington DC, USA |
| February 2015 | Sri Lanka species training workshop in support of the regional observer scheme, Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development, Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| November 2014 | Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), COP11, Quito, Ecuador |
| August 2014 | CITES Non-Detrimental Findings (NDFs) workshop, hosted by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Bonn, Germany |
| July 2014 | South Asia regional workshop for CITES implementation, hosted and organised by the Sri Lankan Government and The PEW Charitable Trusts, Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| June 2014 | IUCN SSG: Manta and devil ray global conservation strategy workshop, Durban, South Africa |
| May 2014 | The PEW Charitable Trusts international shark & ray conservation group strategy meeting, Washington DC, USA |
| March 2013 | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), COP16, Bangkok, Thailand |
| January 2013 | Workshop for South Asian CITES delegates, organised by The Pew Charitable Trust, Colombo, Sri Lanka |

Scientific Conferences & Invited Lectures

- Fernando D., 2015. Mobulid research and policy development. *Lecture for New England Aquarium staff, Boston, USA*
- Fernando D., 2015. The Atlantic devils. *Lecture for marine and conservation staff at Walt Disney World Epcot Aquarium, Orlando, USA*
- Fernando D., 2015. Saving the devils of the ocean. *Lecture for high school students at Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, Sarasota, USA*
- Fernando D. & O'Malley M. P., 2014. Toxic mobulids – implications for management and conservation of these overharvested species. *Sharks International, Durban, South Africa*
- Fernando D., 2013. Ambiguity in bycatch and demand – valid excuse for ineffective mobulid conservation? *European Elasmobranch Association, Plymouth, UK*

- Fernando D., 2013. Underwater flight: protecting the manta and mobula rays of Sri Lanka. *New England Aquarium Lecture Series, Boston, USA*
- Fernando D. & Theivasigamani M., 2013. Mobulid fisheries of South India as an example of a problematic activity. *American Elasmobranch Society, Albuquerque, USA*
- Fernando D. & Stevens G., 2011. Mobulid fisheries of Sri Lanka as an example of a problematic activity. *European Elasmobranch Association, Milan, Italy*
- Fernando D., 2012. The manta fisheries as an example of a problematic activity. *Changing Coasts and Oceans, Kalmar, Sweden*

References on Request

COMPANY NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

OF

THE MANTA TRUST

Each subscriber to this Memorandum of Association wishes to form a company under the
Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company

Name of each Subscriber

MR NICOLAS GEORGE TROLLOPE

MR MICHAEL SCHOLL

MR PAUL DENIS JOHN SIMPSON

Date: 01 June 2011

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

THE MANTA TRUST

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File Ref: CG/DXM/SXP/139372.1

Company number:

Charity number:

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF
THE MANTA TRUST

1. Name of Charity and Meaning of Words

1.1 The name of the Charity is The Manta Trust, called in this document "the Charity".

1.2 In these Articles the words in the first column of the table below will have the meanings shown opposite them in the second column, as long as this meaning is consistent with the subject or context:-

1.3 Words	Meanings
Act	the Companies Acts 1985, 1989 and 2006 (to the extent in force) including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof from time to time;
Articles	these Articles of Association;
Board	the Board of Trustees of the Charity, the members of which are the directors of the Charity and are charity trustees;
Chair	the Chair of the Board of Trustees or any person discharging the functions of the Chair;
Charities Act	the Charities Acts 1992, 1993 and 2006 (to the extent in force) including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof from time to time;
Charity	the company regulated by these Articles;
Charity Commission	the Charity Commission of England and Wales;
Clear Days	in relation to a period of notice, the period excluding the day on which notice is given or deemed to be given and the date of the event to which the notice relates;

Objects	the Objects of the Charity as defined in Article 3;
Office	the registered office of the Charity;
Regulations	any rules, standing orders or regulations made in accordance with these Articles;
Signed	shall include faxes of signatures and other forms of authentication that are permitted by law;
Taxable Trading	carrying on a trade or business for the principal purpose of raising funds and not for the purpose of actually carrying out the Objects, the profits of which are subject to corporation tax;
Trustees	the directors of the Charity;
United Kingdom	Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and
in Writing	written, printed or lithographed or partly one and partly another, and other ways of showing and reproducing words in a visible form including by e-mail, or fax (to the extent legally permissible).

1.4 Words in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.

1.5 The words “person” or “people” include corporations and unincorporated associations, and the words “he”, “his” and “him” shall include the female equivalent.

1.6 Apart from the words defined above, any words or expression defined in the Act will have the same meanings in these Articles, provided they are consistent with the subject or context.

1.7 Headings are not part of the Articles.

1.8 These Articles exclude any model Articles created under the Companies Acts, including under section 19 of the Companies Act 2006.

2. Registered Office

2.1 The registered office of the Charity will be in England and Wales.

3. Objects of the Charity

3.1 The objects of the Charity (the “Objects”) are for the public benefit:-

3.1.1 To advance the conservation of manta rays and their relatives and to establish and preserve their natural environment in European and international waters; and

3.1.2 To advance education in and raise public awareness of manta rays and their relatives and their natural habitats.

4. Powers of the Charity

- 4.1 The Charity has the following powers which may be used only to promote the Objects:-
- 4.1.1 to buy, take on lease, share, hire or otherwise acquire property of any sort;
 - 4.1.2 to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the Charity in exercise of this power but the Charity must comply as appropriate with Sections 36 and 37 of the Charities Act 1993;
 - 4.1.3 to borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of the property belonging to the Charity as security for the repayment of money borrowed, grant given or any other obligation but the Charity must comply as appropriate with Sections 38 and 39 of the Charities Act 1993 if it wishes to mortgage land;
 - 4.1.4 to construct, alter, provide, manage, maintain, furnish and fit with all the necessary furniture and other equipment any buildings and any other premises or structures or land;
 - 4.1.5 to employ and pay any employees, officers, servants and professional or other advisers;
 - 4.1.6 subject to any restrictions in the Charities Act, to borrow money, invite and receive contributions or grants, enter into contracts, seek subscriptions or raise money in any way including carrying on trade but not by means of Taxable Trading;
 - 4.1.7 to give or receive guarantees or indemnities;
 - 4.1.8 to promote or undertake study or research and disseminate the results of such research;
 - 4.1.9 to produce, print and publish anything in any media;
 - 4.1.10 to provide or procure the provision of services, education, training, consultancy, advice, support, counselling, guidance, grants, scholarships, awards or materials in kind;
 - 4.1.11 to promote and advertise the Charity's activities and to seek to influence public opinion and policy and regulation implemented or proposed to be implemented by government, local authorities or other public bodies by undertaking campaigning and, to the extent permitted by law, political activities;
 - 4.1.12 to invest any money in any investments, securities or properties; and to accumulate and set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves;
 - 4.1.13 to undertake any charitable trust;
 - 4.1.14 to make provision for the payment of pensions and other benefits to or on behalf of employees and their dependants;

- 4.1.15 to establish, promote and otherwise assist any limited company or companies or other bodies for the purpose of acquiring any property or of furthering in any way the Objects or to undertake trading and to establish the same either as wholly owned subsidiaries of the Charity or jointly with other persons, companies, government departments or local authorities and to finance such limited company or companies or other body by way of loan or share subscription or other means;
- 4.1.16 to transfer or dispose of, with or without valuable consideration, any part of the property or funds of the Charity not required for the purpose of the Charity in furtherance of the Charity's Objects;
- 4.1.17 to establish, support, federate with or join or amalgamate with any companies, institutions, trusts, societies or associations;
- 4.1.18 to transfer to or to purchase or otherwise acquire from any charities, institutions, societies or associations any property, assets or liabilities, and to perform any of their engagements;
- 4.1.19 to open and operate bank accounts and other banking facilities;
- 4.1.20 to accept any property upon or on any special trusts, or for any institutions or purposes either specified or to be specified by some person other than the Trustees;
- 4.1.21 to co-operate and enter into any arrangements with any governments, authorities or any person, company or association;
- 4.1.22 to insure any risks arising from the Charity's activities;
- 4.1.23
 - (a) To purchase indemnity insurance out of the funds of the Charity to indemnify any of the Trustees against any personal liability in respect of:
 - (i) any breach of trust or breach of duty committed by them in their capacity as charity trustees or trustees for the Charity;
 - (ii) any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust committed by them in their capacity as directors or officers of the Charity or of any body corporate carrying on any activities on behalf of the Charity; and
 - (iii) any liability to make contributions to the assets of the Charity in accordance with section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
 - (b) Subject to clause 4.1.23(d) below, any insurance in the case of 4.1.23(a)(i) or 4.1.23(a)(ii) must be so framed as to exclude the provision of an indemnity for a person in respect of:
 - (i) any liability incurred by a Trustee to pay a fine imposed in criminal proceedings or a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature (however arising);

- (ii) any liability incurred by a Trustee in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted of an offence arising out of any fraud or dishonesty, or wilful or reckless misconduct, by him; and
 - (iii) any liability incurred by a Trustee to the Charity that arises out of any conduct which he knew (or must reasonably be assumed to have known) was not in the interests of the Charity or in the case of which he did not care whether it was in the best interests of the Charity or not.
- (c) Subject to clause 4.1.23(d) below any insurance in the case of 4.1.23(a)(iii) shall not extend to any liability to make such a contribution where the basis of the Trustee's liability is his knowledge prior to the insolvent liquidation of the Charity (or reckless failure to acquire that knowledge) that there was no reasonable prospect that the Charity would avoid going into insolvent liquidation; and
- (d) To purchase out of the funds of the Charity any additional indemnity insurance cover for the benefit of the Trustees that is permitted by law from time to time.

4.1.24 to pay all the expenses and costs of establishing the Charity;

4.1.25 to delegate upon such terms and at such reasonable remuneration as the Charity may think fit to professional investment managers ("the Managers") the exercise of all or any of its powers of investment (an "investment" is an asset which is capable of producing income and may also increase in capital value);

Provided always that:-

- (a) the Managers are properly authorised to carry on investment business;
- (b) the delegated powers shall be exercisable only within clear policy guidelines drawn up by the Charity;
- (c) the Managers are under a duty to report promptly to the Charity any exercise of the delegated powers and in particular to report every transaction carried out by the Managers and report regularly on the performance of investments managed by them for the Charity;
- (d) the Charity is entitled at any time to review, alter or terminate the delegation or the terms thereof; and
- (e) the Charity reviews the arrangements for delegation at intervals but so that any failure by the Charity to undertake such reviews shall not invalidate the delegation;

4.1.26 to arrange for investments or other property of the Charity to be held in the name of a nominee company (being a corporate body registered or having an established place of business in England and Wales) acting under the control of the Trustees or of a financial expert acting under their instructions, and to pay any reasonable fee required; and

4.1.27 to do anything else within the law which helps promote the Objects.

5. Use of income and property

5.1 The income and property of the Charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects and no part of it shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise by way of profit to members of the Charity or Trustees, and no Trustee may be appointed to any office of the Charity paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Charity except as permitted by law or by the Charity Commission or as permitted below under 'Allowed Payments' and then only after complying with any requirements of the Act and the Charities Act, PROVIDED this shall not prevent a member of the Charity or a Trustee receiving any benefit as a beneficiary.

6. Allowed Payments

6.1 The Charity may pay:-

6.1.1 reasonable and proper payment to any officer, servant, employee, professional or other adviser of the Charity who is not a Trustee for any services to the Charity;

6.1.2 reasonable and proper remuneration of a Trustee for services actually rendered to the Charity or a subsidiary of the Charity (save for services rendered in his capacity as a Trustee), PROVIDED THAT:-

(a) the number of Trustees so remunerated in any accounting period shall not exceed a minority of the Board of Trustees;

(b) no resolution to approve such remuneration to a Trustee shall be effective unless it is passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees;

(c) such Trustee shall not vote on any resolutions relating to his engagement by the Charity or a subsidiary (as defined in the Act) of the Charity; and

(d) the remuneration or maximum remuneration payable to the Trustee shall be set out either in the resolution approving such remuneration or in a written agreement between the Trustee and the Charity;

For the purposes of these clauses 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 "services" includes goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services.

6.1.3 reasonable interest on the money lent by any Trustee;

6.1.4 reasonable out-of-pocket expenses to any Trustee;

6.1.5 reasonable and proper payment to a company of which a member of the Charity or a Trustee holds not more than a hundredth of the capital;

6.1.6 reasonable and proper rent of premises demised or let by any Trustee;

- 6.1.7 to the extent permitted by law, reasonable and proper premiums in respect of any Trustee indemnity insurance policy taken out pursuant to 4.1.23 above;
- 6.1.8 any payment to a Trustee under the indemnity provisions in the Articles of Association; and
- 6.1.9 in exceptional cases other payments or benefits but only with the prior written approval of the Charity Commission.

PROVIDED THAT no Trustee shall vote on or be present during the discussion of or voting on any decision to borrow money from or pay rent or make a payment or give any remuneration or a benefit to that Trustee other than the approval of any permitted indemnity insurance or the payment of an indemnity where such payment is to be made to a majority of the Trustees.

For the purposes of this Article 6 Trustee shall include any child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, spouse or civil partner of the Trustee or any person living with the Trustee as his partner.

A payment to a Trustee includes the payment to or the engagement of or remuneration of any firm or company in which the Trustee is: (i) a partner; (ii) an employee; (iii) a consultant; (iv) a director; or (v) a shareholder, unless the shares of the company are listed on a recognised stock exchange and the Trustee holds less than 1 per cent. of the issued capital.

7. Alterations to these Articles

- 7.1 No alterations to these Articles may be made which would cause the Charity to cease to be a charity in law. Other alterations to these Articles may only be made by a special resolution at a general meeting of the members or by a written special resolution. A special resolution will be validly passed at a general meeting if the Charity gives the members at least 14 Clear Days' notice of the intention to pass a special resolution at the meeting and at least 75 per cent. of those voting at the meeting vote in favour of the resolution. Such a special resolution may be passed on shorter notice if 90 per cent. of the total number of members having the right to vote agree to such short notice.
- 7.2 Alterations may only be made to:
 - 7.2.1 the Objects; or
 - 7.2.2 to any clause in these Articles which directs the application of property on dissolution; or
 - 7.2.3 to any clause in these Articles which gives Trustees any benefit,with the Charity Commission's prior written consent where this is required by law.
- 7.3 The Charity shall inform the Charity Commission and Companies House of any alterations to the Memorandum and Articles and all future copies of the Memorandum and Articles issued must contain the alterations.
- 7.4 Alterations may also require the consent of other bodies.

8. Limited Liability

8.1 The liability of the members is limited.

9. Guarantee by Members of the Charity

9.1 Each member of the Charity undertakes that, if the Charity is wound up while he is a member, or within one year after he ceases to be a member, he will contribute a sum not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Charity for:-

9.1.1 payment of the debts and liabilities of the Charity contracted before he ceases to be a member;

9.1.2 payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and

9.1.3 adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

10. Indemnity of Trustees

10.1 To the extent permitted by law from time to time, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a Trustee or other officer may otherwise be entitled the Charity shall indemnify every Trustee or other officer out of the assets of the Charity against all costs and liabilities incurred by him which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as a Trustee or other officer save that no Trustee may be entitled to be indemnified:

10.1.1 for any liability incurred by him to the Charity or any associated company of the Charity (as defined by the Act for these purposes);

10.1.2 for any fine imposed in criminal proceedings;

10.1.3 for any sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature howsoever arising;

10.1.4 for any liability which he has incurred in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted and such conviction has become final;

10.1.5 for any liability which he has incurred in defending any civil proceedings brought by the Charity or an associated company in which a final judgment has been given against him; and

10.1.6 for any liability which he has incurred in connection with any application under the Act in which the court refuses to grant him relief and such refusal has become final.

10.2 To the extent permitted by law from time to time, the Charity may provide funds to every Trustee or other officer to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in any proceedings (whether civil or criminal) brought by any party which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as a Trustee or officer, provided that he will be obliged to repay such amounts no later than:

- 10.2.1 if he is convicted in proceedings, the date when the conviction becomes final; or
- 10.2.2 if judgment is given against him in proceedings, the date when the judgment becomes final; or
- 10.2.3 if the court refuses to grant him relief on any application under the Act, the date when refusal becomes final.

11. Conflicts of Interest

- 11.1 To the extent required by law every Trustee shall fully disclose to the Board the circumstances giving rise to any conflict or potential conflict including any direct or indirect interest in a proposed or existing transaction.
- 11.2 Where the duty of a Trustee to avoid a situation in which he has or can have a direct or indirect interest or duty that conflicts or possibly may conflict with the interests of the Charity including a wish or duty to exploit any property, information or opportunity (as specified by section 175(1) of the Companies Act 2006) would otherwise be infringed in relation to a particular situation, transaction or arrangement, the duty is not infringed if the procedure set out below is followed:
 - 11.2.1 the matter in relation to which that duty exists has been proposed to the Trustees at a meeting of the Trustees and has been authorised by them; and
 - 11.2.2 any requirement as to the quorum of such meeting is met without counting the Trustee in question, or any other interested Trustee, subject to Articles 11.3 and 11.4; and
 - 11.2.3 the matter was agreed to without any such Trustee voting, or would have been agreed to if the vote of any such Trustee had not been counted, subject to Articles 11.3 and 11.4.
- 11.3 In such a conflict of interest situation (including any authorisation of non-disclosure of information), where there are insufficient unconflicted Trustees present at the meeting to constitute a quorum, the unconflicted Trustees present shall be deemed to constitute a quorum for the purposes of authorising the conflict under Article 11.2 and the manner of dealing with the conflict, provided that:
 - 11.3.1 they may only give such authorisation where they are satisfied that the conflicted Trustee or Trustees will not receive any direct or indirect benefit other than one permitted by these Articles; and
 - 11.3.2 the total number of Trustees at the meeting (whether conflicted or unconflicted) is equal to or higher than the quorum of the Board.
- 11.4 In the event that all of the Trustees present at the Board meeting are conflicted in respect of a particular conflict of interest situation, the conflicted Trustees present at a meeting may authorise the conflict and the manner of dealing with the conflict and shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of such authorisation, provided that they satisfy the requirements set out in Article 11.3.1 and 11.3.2 above.

- 11.5 The duty to deal with conflicts referred to in Article 11.2 applies in the case of the exploitation of property, information or opportunity even if the Charity is not taking, or could not take, advantage of the opportunity.
- 11.6 The Trustees shall observe the other duties and rules in the Act, and such other rules as the Board adopts, as to the management of conflicts of duty or interest.
- 11.7 The Board may by resolution passed in the manner set out in this Article, authorise a Trustee not to disclose to the Board confidential information relating to a conflict of interest provided that it may not authorise the withholding of information relating to a direct or indirect personal benefit for the Trustee.

12. Register of Members

- 12.1 The Charity must keep at the Office a register of members showing their name, postal address and dates of becoming a member and ceasing to be a member.
- 12.2 Subject to any restrictions permitted by the Act, the register is available for inspection by the members of the Charity without charge and any other person on payment of a fee prescribed by the Charity, subject to any maximum fee imposed by law. Subject to the Act, where a person seeks to inspect the register, the Charity must within five working days either comply with the request or apply to the Court for permission not to comply with the request.

13. Membership

- 13.1 All Trustees shall automatically become members of the Charity and their names shall be entered into the Charity's register of members.
- 13.2 Membership shall not be open to any person other than the Trustees.

14. Ending of Membership

- 14.1 A member stops being a member of the Charity if that member ceases to be a Trustee.
- 14.2 None of the rights of any member of the Charity may be transferred or transmitted to any other person.

15. Annual General Meetings

- 15.1 The Charity need not but may hold an annual general meeting in addition to any other general meeting in every calendar year. If held, the annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notices calling it.

16. Other General Meetings

- 16.1 All general meetings except annual general meetings are called general meetings. The Board may call a general meeting whenever they wish.

17. Notice of General Meetings

- 17.1 An annual general meeting or a general meeting must be called by giving at least 14 Clear Days' notice in Writing (for the purposes of this Article "in Writing" includes notice given by website in accordance with Article 51.4). Such notices must specify the place, date, time and the general nature of any business and, in the case of a

special resolution the exact wording of the resolution must be set out in the notice. The notice must also include a statement informing the members of their right to appoint a proxy to exercise their rights to attend, speak and vote at the meeting. Notice of the meeting must be given to everyone entitled by these Articles to receive it and must be given in accordance with these Articles. A meeting may be held on shorter notice if it is agreed by not less than 90 per cent. of the members entitled to attend and vote at it.

- 17.2 Where the Charity's auditors are deemed reappointed in accordance with the Act, the Trustees shall fix the auditors' remuneration.

18. Quorum for General Meetings

- 18.1 Business may be transacted at a general meeting only if a quorum of members is present when the meeting begins to deal with its business. A quorum is 50 per cent. of the total number of members, or 3 persons, whichever is the greater. A person present in person, and any person present who is appointed as proxy of a member in relation to the meeting, may count towards the quorum. No person may count more than once towards the quorum.

19. Adjournment if no Quorum

- 19.1 If there is no quorum at a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting to such other day, time and place as the Board may decide or cancel the meeting. Articles 21.2 and 21.3 shall apply to an adjourned meeting.
- 19.2 If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is again not present within half an hour after the appointed starting time, the members present will be a quorum.

20. Chairman of a General Meeting

- 20.1 The Chair (if any) of the Board should normally preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Charity. If there is no Chair, or if he is not present within 15 minutes after the appointed starting time or is unwilling to take the chair, the Board shall select the chairman of the meeting.

21. Adjournment of a General Meeting

- 21.1 The chairman of the meeting may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and must if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.
- 21.2 No business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting except business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 21.3 When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as for the original meeting. Apart from that, it is not necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting nor of the business to be done at it.

22. Voting on Resolutions

- 22.1 At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting is decided by a show of hands by members unless a poll is demanded (before or after the result of the show of hands is declared). A poll may be demanded by the chairman of the

meeting or a member, save that no poll may be demanded on the election of a chairman of a meeting or on any question of adjournment.

- 22.2 Members may vote by proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Charity. The proxy may be appointed by the member to exercise all or any of the member's rights to attend, speak, vote and demand a poll at a meeting of the Charity.

23. Proxies

- 23.1 A person holding a proxy may vote on any resolution.
- 23.2 An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in Writing executed by or on behalf of the appointer and shall be in any usual or common form or in such other form as the Trustees may approve. If the appointer does not direct the proxy how to vote on a particular resolution, the proxy may vote as he thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated in such instrument of proxy, be valid for any adjournment of the meeting as well as for the meeting to which it relates. The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed shall be deposited at the Office or at such other place or with such other person as the notice for the meeting shall specify at least 48 hours prior to the general meeting or adjourned meeting (excluding any day that is not a working day).
- 23.3 A vote given or poll demanded by proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous termination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of the termination was received by the Charity at the Office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited at least 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting (excluding any day that is not a working day).

24. Declaration of chairman is final

- 24.1 Unless a poll is demanded, the chairman of the meeting's declaration that a resolution has been carried by a particular majority or lost on a show of hands and an entry saying so in the minute book is conclusive evidence of the result. The number or proportion of the votes need not be entered in the minute book.
- 24.2 The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

25. When a poll is taken

- 25.1 Polls will be taken whenever the chairman of the meeting says so. Business which is not the subject of a poll may be dealt with before, during, or after the poll.
- 25.2 The chairman of the meeting will decide how a poll will be taken. The result of a poll will be treated as a resolution of the meeting.

26. Voting and Speaking

- 26.1 Every member including the chairman of the meeting has one vote at general meetings. The chairman of the meeting does not have a casting vote at general meetings.
- 26.2 The auditor or reporting accountant has the right to attend and speak at general meetings.

27. Written Agreement to Resolution

27.1 Except in the case of a resolution to remove a Trustee or the auditors before the expiry of their term, members may pass a valid resolution without a meeting being held. But for the resolution to be valid:

27.1.1 it must be in Writing;

27.1.2 in the case of a special resolution it must be stated on the resolution that it is a special resolution, and it must be Signed by at least 75 per cent. of all those members entitled to receive notice of and to attend general meetings;

27.1.3 in the case of an ordinary resolution it must be Signed by a majority of all those members entitled to receive notice of and to attend general meetings;

27.1.4 it may consist of two or more documents in identical form Signed by members; and

27.1.5 the passing of the resolution must comply with any other requirements of the law from time to time.

27.2 A written resolution is passed when the required majority of eligible members have signified their agreement to it.

27.3 A written resolution passed in accordance with this Article 27 has effect as if passed by the Charity in general meeting.

28. Management by the Board

28.1 The business of the Charity is managed by the Board. They may pay all the expenses of promoting and registering the Charity. They may use all powers of the Charity which are not, by the Act or by these Articles, required to be used by a general meeting of the Charity.

29. Payment of reasonable expenses to Trustees

29.1 The Trustees may be paid reasonable out-of-pocket expenses that they have properly incurred in connection with the business of the Charity but shall not be paid any other remuneration except as permitted by law or by these Articles.

30. The Keeping of Minutes

30.1 The Board must have minutes entered in the minute books:-

30.1.1 of all appointments of officers by the Board;

30.1.2 of the names of the Trustees present at each of its meetings and of any committee of the Board; and

30.1.3 of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of:

(a) The members;

(b) The Board; and

(c) Committees of the Board.

31. The Make-up of the Board

- 31.1 The first Board consists of those people named and authenticated electronically when the Charity is formed. After that, the Board consists of not fewer than three and no more than twelve persons appointed by a resolution of the Board of the Trustees.
- 31.2 No person under the age of 16 may be appointed as a Trustee.
- 31.3 The make-up and number of the Board may be varied by amendment to these Articles but at no time may the number of the Board be reduced to below three

32. Retirement of members of the Board

- 32.1 At the first Board meeting of each calendar year one third of the Trustees shall retire. They shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- 32.2 In the absence of agreement those to retire shall be selected by lot but shall be entitled to be re-appointed.

33. Notification of change of members of the Board to the Registrar of Companies

- 33.1 All appointments, retirements or removals of Trustees and the Company Secretary (if appointed) must be notified to the Registrar of Companies.

34. Ending of Board Membership

- 34.1 A Trustee ceases to hold office if he:-
 - 34.1.1 becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
 - 34.1.2 becomes barred from membership of the Board because of any order made under the Act, the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (or any regulations made under it) or the Charities Act 1993; or
 - 34.1.3 is considered by the Board to have become incapable whether mentally or physically of managing his own affairs and a majority of the other Trustees resolve that he must cease to hold office; or
 - 34.1.4 resigns the office by notice in writing to the Charity but only if at least three Trustees will remain in office when the resignation takes effect; or
 - 34.1.5 is absent from four consecutive meetings of the Trustees and is asked by a majority of the other Trustees to resign; or
 - 34.1.6 breaches his duties under the Act and in particular the duties for the proper management of conflicts of interest and the Board resolves to remove him by a resolution by 75 per cent. of the other Trustees present and voting at a meeting and that prior to such a meeting the Trustee in question has been given written notice of the intention to propose such a resolution at the meeting; or

34.1.7 is removed from office by a resolution of at least 75 per cent. of the other Trustees present and voting at a Board meeting at which at least half of the serving Trustees are present provided that prior to such a meeting the Trustee in question has been given written notice of the intention to propose such a resolution at the meeting.

35. Meetings of the Board

35.1 The Board may meet, adjourn and run its meetings as it wishes, subject to the rest of these Articles.

35.2 Questions arising at any meeting must be decided by a majority of votes. Every Trustee has one vote including the Chair. If the votes are equal, the Chair has a second or casting vote.

35.3 Meetings may be held in person, by telephone, or by suitable electronic means agreed by the Board in which all participants may communicate with all other participants.

36. Officers of the Board

36.1 The Board may elect or remove the Chair or any other officers that it wishes at a Board meeting. Officers shall be appointed from among the Trustees.

37. Quorum for the Board

37.1 The quorum necessary for business to be done at a Board meeting is 50 per cent. of the Trustees or three Trustees, whichever is greater. A Trustee shall not be counted in the quorum at a meeting in relation to a resolution on which he is not entitled to vote. This is subject to Article 11.

38. Board's Right to Act Despite Vacancies on the Board

38.1 The Board may act despite any vacancy on the Board, but if the number of Trustees falls below the quorum, it may act only to appoint further Trustees.

39. A Resolution may be Approved by Signature Without a Meeting

39.1 A resolution in Writing Signed by all of the Trustees or any committee is as valid as if it had been passed at a properly held meeting of the Board or committee. The resolution may consist of several documents in the same form Signed by one or more members of the Board or committee.

40. Validity of Acts Done at Meetings

40.1 If it is discovered that there was some defect in the procedure at a meeting or the appointment of a Trustee or that he was disqualified, anything done before the discovery is as valid as if there were no defect or disqualification.

41. Delegation by the Board

41.1 The Board may delegate the administration of any of its powers to individual Trustees or committees of Trustees and any such Trustee or committee must conform to any rules that the Board imposes on it.

41.2 The Board may co-opt any person or people who are not Trustees to serve on the committee, but any such committee must have at least one Trustee on it at all times.

41.3 All acts and proceedings of the committee or Trustees must be reported to the Board as soon as possible.

42. Chair of Committees

42.1 A committee may elect a chair of its meetings if the Board does not nominate one.

42.2 If at any meeting the committee's chair is not present within 10 minutes after the appointed starting time, the committee members present may choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting.

43. Meetings of Committees

43.1 A committee may meet and adjourn whenever it chooses.

43.2 Questions at the meeting must be decided by a majority of votes of the committee members present. In the case of an equality of votes, the chair of the committee meeting shall have a casting vote.

43.3 A committee must have minutes entered in minute books.

43.4 If it is discovered that there was some defect in the procedure at a meeting of a committee, or in the appointment of a committee member anything done before such discovery at any meeting of the committee is as valid as if there were no defect.

44. Appointment and Removal of the Company Secretary

44.1 The Board may but, subject to the Act, need not appoint a Company Secretary and may decide his period of office, pay and any conditions of service, and may remove him from office.

45. Honorary Officer

45.1 The Board may appoint or remove any person for such terms as they think fit as the President, Vice President or Patron of the Charity. Such posts are honorary only and carry no vote or other rights.

46. Actions of Trustees and Company Secretary

46.1 The Act says that some actions must or may be taken both by a Trustee and by the Company Secretary. If one person is both a Trustee and Company Secretary, that one person may not act in the capacity of both Trustee and Company Secretary for any business that requires the action of both a Trustee and the Company Secretary.

47. Proper Accounts must be Kept

47.1 Accounts shall be prepared in accordance with the Act and the Charities Act.

48. Books must be Kept at the Office

- 48.1 The accounts must be kept at the Office or at other places decided by the Board. The accounts must always be open to inspection by Trustees.

49. Accounts and Returns

- 49.1 The Board must, for each financial year, send a copy of its annual accounts and reports (or summary financial statements where appropriate) to every person who is entitled to receive notice of general meetings.

- 49.2 Copies need not be sent to a person for whom the Charity does not have a current address.

- 49.3 The deadline for sending out the accounts and reports (or summary financial statements) is as follows:

49.3.1 the deadline for filing the Charity's accounts and reports (or summary financial statements) with Companies House, as prescribed by the Companies Act 2006; or

49.3.2 if earlier, the date on which the Charity actually files the accounts and reports (or summary financial statements) with Companies House.

- 49.4 To the extent required by law, the Board must file the accounts and reports (or summary financial statements) with Companies House within any deadlines specified by law.

- 49.5 The Board must file with the Charity Commission the accounts and reports (or summary financial statements) and all annual returns and other documents that are required to be filed, within any deadlines specified by the Charity Commission.

50. Appointment of Reporting Accountants or Auditors

- 50.1 The Charity must appoint properly qualified reporting accountants or properly qualified auditors if the level of the Charity's income or assets from time to time makes this a legal requirement.

51. Service of Notices

- 51.1 The Charity may give notices, accounts or other documents to any member either:

51.1.1 personally; or

51.1.2 by delivering them or sending them by ordinary post to the member's registered address; or

51.1.3 if the member has provided the Charity with a fax number, by sending them by fax to that member. This is subject to the member having consented to receipt of the notice, documents or accounts in this way, where this is a legal requirement; or

51.1.4 if the member has provided the Charity with an e-mail address, by sending them by e-mail to that address. This is subject to the member having consented to receipt of the notice, documents or accounts in this way, where this is a legal requirement; or

51.1.5 in accordance with the provisions for communication by website set out below.

If the member lacks a registered postal address within the United Kingdom, the notice, accounts or documents may be sent to any postal address within the United Kingdom which he has given the Charity for that purpose or in accordance with Article 51.1.1, 51.1.3, 51.1.4 or 51.1.5 above. A member without a registered postal address in the United Kingdom who has provided a postal address outside the United Kingdom for that purpose, shall also be entitled to receive notices, accounts or other documents served by the Charity.

If a notice, accounts or other documents are sent by post, they will be treated as having been served by properly addressing, pre-paying and posting a sealed envelope containing them. If sent by fax or email they will be treated as properly sent if the Charity receives no indication that they have not been received.

51.2 If sent by post in accordance with this Article, the notice, accounts or other documents will be treated as having been received 48 hours after the envelope containing them was posted if posted by first class post and 72 hours after posting if posted by second class post or air mail. If sent by fax or email, the notice, accounts or other documents will be treated as having been received 24 hours after having been properly sent.

51.3 The Charity may assume that any fax number or e-mail address given to it by a member remains valid unless the member informs the Charity that it is not.

51.4 Where a member has informed the Charity in Writing of his consent, or has given deemed consent in accordance with the Act, to receive notices, accounts or other documents from the Charity by means of a website, such information will be validly given if the Charity sends that member a notification informing him that the documents forming part of the notice, the accounts or other documents, may be viewed on a specified website. The notification must provide the website address, and the place on the website where the information may be accessed and an explanation of how it may be accessed. If the information relates to a general meeting the notification must state that it concerns a notice of a general meeting and give the place, date and time of the meeting. The notice must be available on the website throughout the notice period until the end of the meeting in question.

52. Accidental Omission of Notice

52.1 Sometimes a person entitled to receive a notice of a meeting does not receive it because of accidental omission or some other similar reason. This does not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

53. Who is Entitled to Notice of General Meetings

53.1 Notice of every general meeting must be given to:-

53.1.1 every member; and

53.1.2 the reporting accountants or auditor of the Charity;

53.2 No one else is entitled to receive notice of general meetings.

54. Regulations

- 54.1 The Board may make such regulations, by-laws or standing orders as it sees fit. These must not be inconsistent with the Articles or such that they would otherwise need to be made by a special resolution. No regulation may be made which invalidates any prior act of the Board which would otherwise have been valid.

55. Winding-up of the Charity

- 55.1 A general meeting may decide at any time to dissolve the Charity. If the Charity is wound up or dissolved, and there remains any property after all debts and liabilities have been met, the property must be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions. This other institution(s) must have objects which are the same as or similar to those of the Charity.
- 55.2 The institution or institutions will be chosen by the Trustees of the Charity at or before the time when the Charity is wound-up or dissolved.

THE MANTA TRUST

MISSION STATEMENT

Conservation through Research, Awareness and Education

Our Vision

A sustainable future for the oceans where manta rays thrive in healthy, diverse marine ecosystems.

Our Mission

The Manta Trust takes a multidisciplinary approach to the worldwide conservation of manta rays and their habitat through robust science and research, while raising awareness and providing education to the general public and community stakeholders alike.

Our Motivation

Manta rays are among the most charismatic creatures that inhabit our oceans. With the largest brain of all fish their intelligence and curiosity make encounters with these creatures a truly amazing experience.

However, despite their popularity with divers and snorkelers many aspects of these creatures lives remain a mystery, with only snippets of their life history understood. More worryingly, in recent years, a fishery for these animals has developed with devastating effects on populations of these animals globally.

The Manta Trust was formed in 2011 to co-ordinate global research and conservation efforts for these amazing animals, their close relatives and their habitat. As charismatic megafauna manta rays act as flagship species, helping to promote and engage the general public in the wider message of marine ecosystem conservation. Through this top down approach to conservation the manta ray becomes the catalyst for change, engaging and motivating the general public, governments and local communities alike. A UK Registered Charity, the Trust brings together a number of projects from around the globe, both new and long-standing, including the Republic of Maldives, Sri Lanka, Mexico and Indonesia. **By conducting long-term, robust studies into manta populations in these locations we aim to build the**



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solid foundations upon which Governments, NGO's and conservationists can make informed and effective decisions to ensure the long term survival of these animals and their habitat.

Good conservation requires a holistic approach. The Manta Trust researchers and volunteers work closely with tourists, local communities, businesses and governments to ensure the preservation of these amazing animals through good science, education, community based initiatives and government legislation. As the scope of the Trust's work continues to grow our goal is to expand these efforts globally.