



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

RESEARCH & GUEST EXPERIENCE INTERNSHIP - RAA ATOLL MALDIVES MANTA CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

The Maldives Manta Conservation Programme is offering a unique internship in Raa Atoll, working at the intersection of marine science, conservation, education and high-end tourism. You will be contributing to the long-term protection of reef manta rays while engaging with guests and local communities. We particularly welcome candidates who are fluent in English and additionally speak Mandarin or Russian. We also strongly encourage applications from Maldivian nationals.

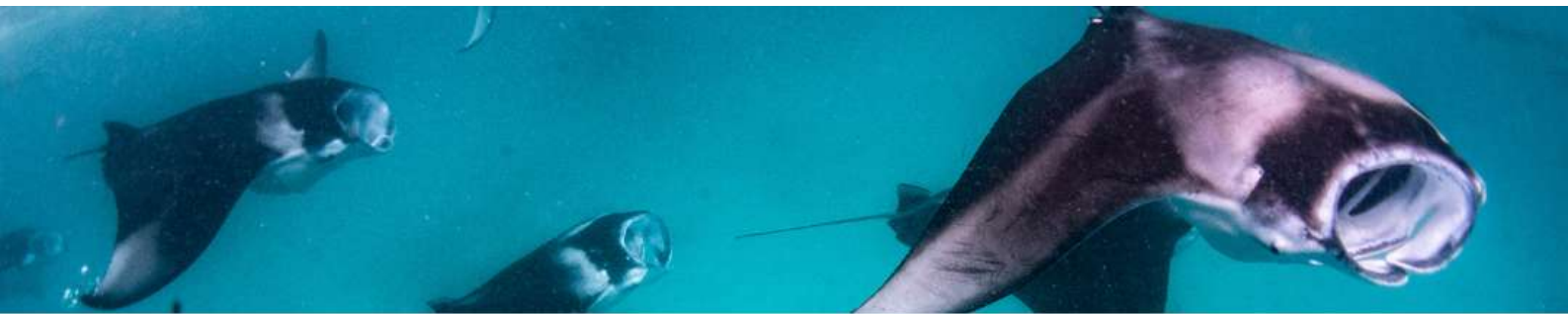
- **Availability:** Minimum 3 month period:
October - December
- **Deadline:** 23rd August 2026
- **Location:** Raa Atoll, Resort Based

Note for Maldivian Nationals:

- Stipend of \$500/month
- Camera and laptop is not a requirement

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Key Responsibilities Include:

- **Guest Engagement:** Support and lead engaging educational sessions and marine experiences, connecting guests with conservation; give presentations and lead resort-based educational sessions; assist in hosting and guiding manta-related guest experiences; maintain a professional guest-facing presence
- **Fieldwork:** Snorkeling surveys, manta site exploration and environmental data collection; promote safe and responsible marine wildlife interactions in line with best-practice guidelines
- **Research Support:** Photo-ID processing, database management and analytical tasks
- **Education and Outreach:** Contribute to local school programmes, community engagement and awareness campaign; contribute to outreach and content creation

Learning Opportunities:

- Practical experience in manta ray research methodologies
- Training in manta ray photo-ID and long term population monitoring
- Experience in marine conservation and research
- Exposure to marine eco-tourism and guest engagement
- Develop public speaking, education and outreach skills
- Mentorship from marine scientists and conservation practitioners
- Insight to operating within resort environments

Inclusions & Exclusions

- Maldivian nationals will receive an internship stipend of USD 500 per month
- All food, shared accommodation, and internal flight transfers will be covered
- Interns are required to arrange their own insurance cover, including but not limited to travel and personal liability insurance

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Essential Requirements:

- BSc in Marine Biology, Environmental Science, or a related field (or equivalent experience). **For Maldivian nationals, a BSc degree is not required.**
- Minimum **PADI Divemaster** (or equivalent) in active status
- Confident in-water ability, strong snorkelling skills and ability to freedive to 10-15 meters. Applicants must hold, or be willing to obtain prior to starting the internship, a minimum **AIDA 2 freediving certification** (or equivalent)
- Fins, mask and snorkel required
- Strong communication and public speaking skills
- Competent in basic computer skills (**Microsoft Excel and general data handling**) and desk based work
- Self motivated, adaptable and able to work in small, remote team, and resort environment
- Passionate about marine conservation
- Fluent in spoken and written English; additional languages are an advantage

Equipment Requirements

- Personal laptop with photo-editing software (e.g. Lightroom)
- Personal fins, mask, and snorkel
- A waterproof timepiece, to be worn during all in-water activities

To apply, send your **CV** (max 2 pages) and **cover letter** (max 1 page) to **tam@mantatrust.org**.

Subject:

'Internship Application #RAA2026 Your Name'

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