



# ADOPT A MANTA INITIATIVE



Kokomo Private Island sits on the edge of the Great Astrolabe Reef, one of the world's largest barrier reefs and an extraordinary marine ecosystem. Protecting the waters surrounding the island is central to Kokomo's approach to environmental stewardship.

A dedicated Marine Biology team leads research, restoration, monitoring and education across multiple long-term conservation initiatives, while creating meaningful opportunities for guests to engage with and contribute to the protection of this remarkable environment.

## MANTA CONSERVATION

Since 2017, Kokomo has partnered with Manta Project Fiji to support the research and protection of Fiji's reef manta rays through identification, monitoring and responsible guest interactions. Through ongoing collaboration with Manta Project Fiji and The Manta Trust, Kokomo continues to collect identification, movement and population data that contributes to long-term manta research and conservation planning across the Fiji archipelago.

- Recorded 500+ manta ray sightings during the most recent monitoring season from April to June 2026.
- Monitored more than 100 individual reef manta rays in the waters surrounding Kokomo.
- Identified and added 90 individual manta rays to Fiji's national manta ray identification database, strengthening long-term population monitoring and research.
- Documented feeding aggregations of up to 30 manta rays, providing valuable insight into regional behaviour and habitat use.
- Contributes to long-term manta ray research and conservation through ongoing partnerships with Manta Project Fiji and The Manta Trust.
- Engages guests in manta conservation experiences, with 100% of participants following responsible wildlife interaction guidelines, while providing opportunities to directly support ongoing research through manta adoption donations.
- Maintains a 95% monitoring and data collection rate across Kokomo's active marine conservation programmes, helping to build robust long-term datasets that can inform future conservation management.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

The Adopt a Manta program offer guests that are passionate about conservation the opportunity to adopt a manta ray by making a donation to the collaborative work between Kokomo and the Manta Trust to protect manta rays in the waters surrounding Kokomo. Donations will go towards the following equipment:

- **Bronze - \$500 USD:** Bronze Adoption package will receive a Manta Teddy, Adoption Certificate, and the Kokomo Manta Monthly Newsletter. \$500 USD is the cost of an acoustic tag.
- **Silver - \$1600 USD:** Silver Adoption package will receive a Manta Teddy, Adoption Certificate, the Kokomo Manta Monthly Newsletter, and a Kokomo Keep Cup. \$1600 USD is the minimum cost of an acoustic hydrophone receiver device.
- **Gold - \$2,500 USD (satellite tag):** Gold Adoption package will receive a Manta Teddy, Adoption Certificate, the Kokomo Manta Monthly Newsletter, a Kokomo Water Bottle and the opportunity to Name a Manta Ray. \$2500 USD is the minimum cost of a satellite tag

Manta adoptions are set at a minimum of \$500 USD as this is the cost of an individual acoustic tag however we greatly accept any further donations. All proceeds go directly to equipment for the research. Guests will receive regular bi-monthly updates on their manta's progress, where they have been sighted and any exciting news from our ongoing research. Adopters and donators will also be acknowledged in any publications. Adoptions can be added to your room bill during your stay or can be later made via wire transfer. Please contact the Kokomo Marine Biology Team for more information about payment options.

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions or queries about the research and adoption program please feel free to contact the Kokomo Marine Biology Team.

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