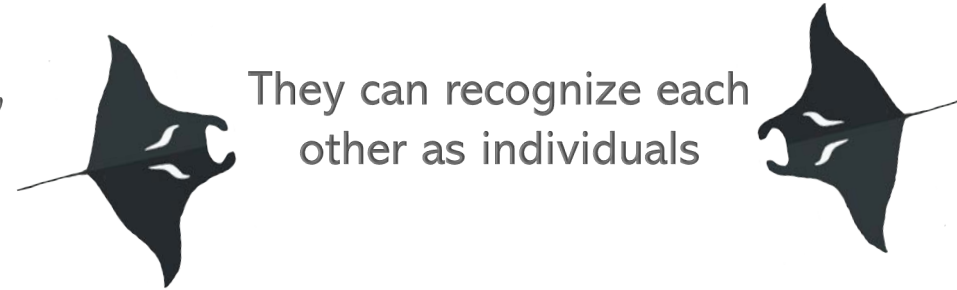


Manta rays are social creatures

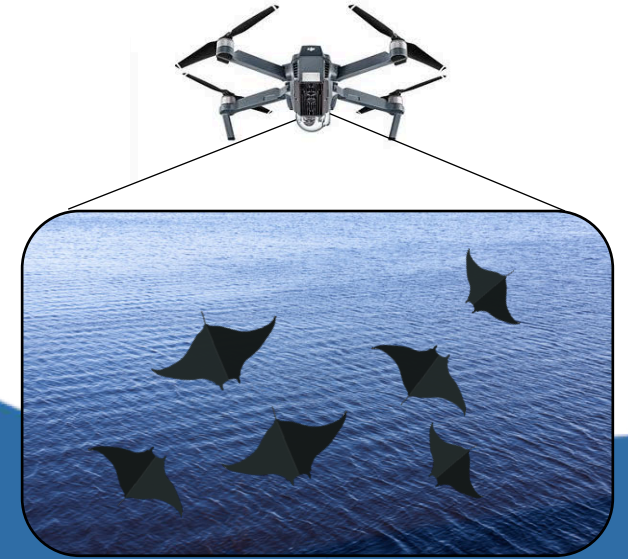
They interact socially during feeding, cleaning and mating events

They can recognize each other as individuals

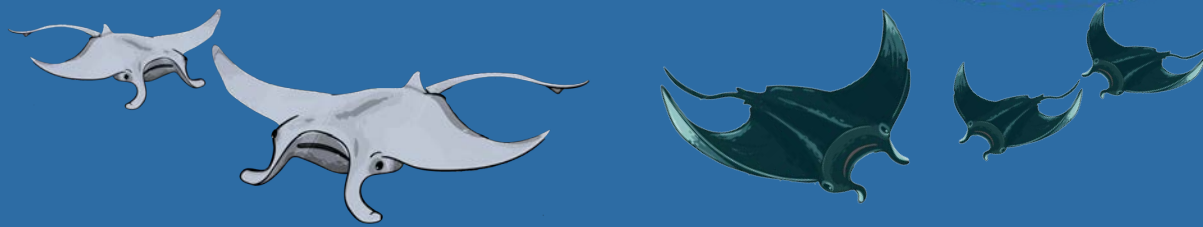
We used drones to study manta social dynamics from the air



We found that males and females both followed each other regularly,



and distinct colour morphs preferred to interact with others that looked the same



This may have important implications for sexual selection and evolution of manta colouration