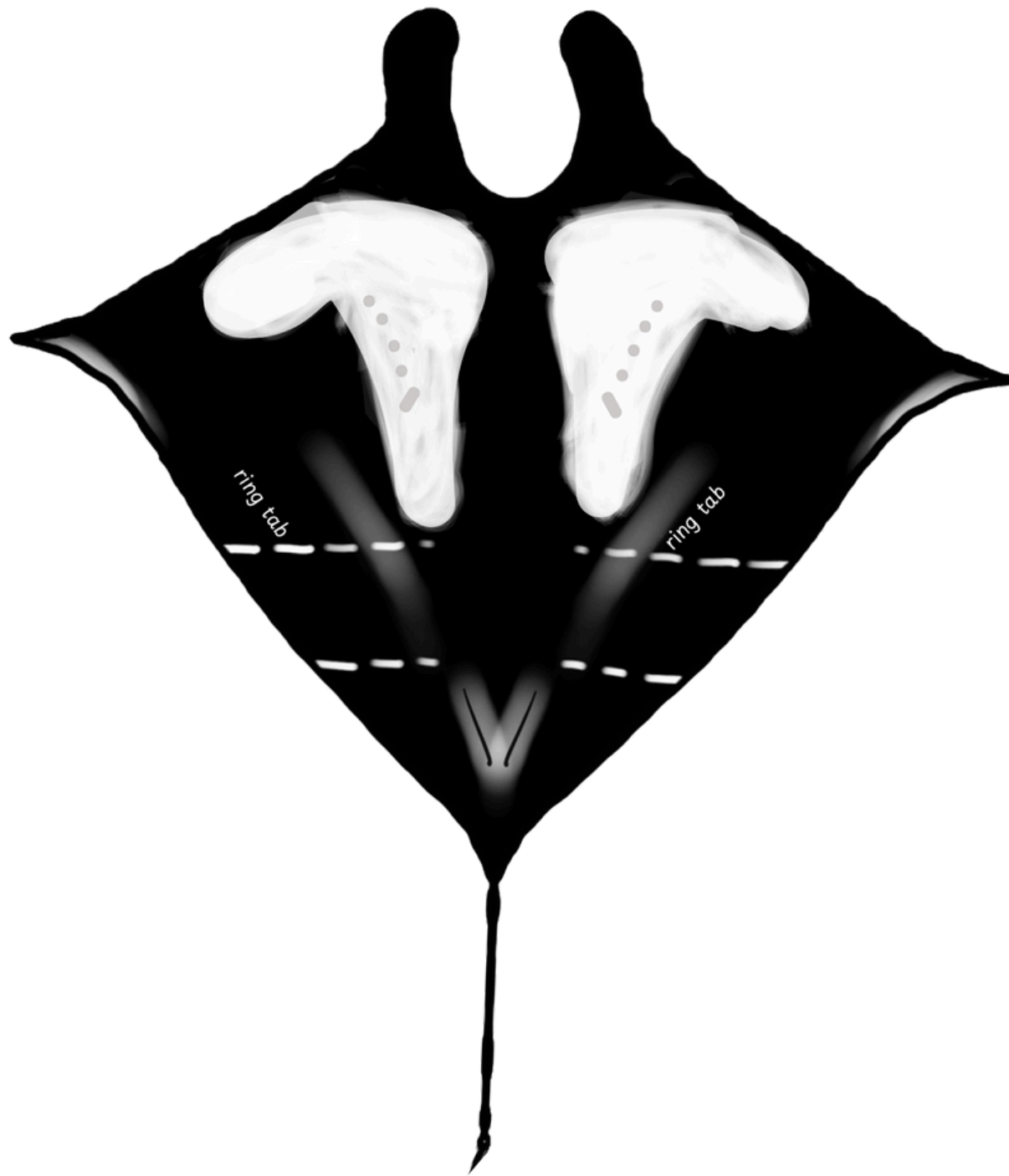


Oceanic Manta Ray finger puppet



1. Print on heavy card stock. Cut out the body and the tail along the outline of the ray. Feel free to leave some white space around the tail to make it easier to cut!
2. Cut along the white dotted lines. Bend ring tabs down to form a ring that fits your finger. Tape overlapping tabs together.
3. Have fun swimming around!

All about Oceanic Manta Ray

- The Oceanic Manta Ray is the largest ray species in the world with a wingspan reaching up to 26 ft and weighing up to 5,300 pounds!
- They can live to be over 45 years old.
- Oceanic Manta Rays feed on zooplankton using the cephalic fins on the sides of their mouth to funnel in water and prey.
- Oceanic Manta Ray were previously confused with reef mantas. You can tell an oceanic manta ray by the 'T' shape that is formed in the space between their white markings.
- Oceanic Manta Rays are considered 'threatened' under the Endangered Species Act. Their large size makes them easily tangled in fishers' nets.

Dive Deeper into more information on sharks in Hawai'i with the DAR Protected Species Program
<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar/sharks-and-rays/>