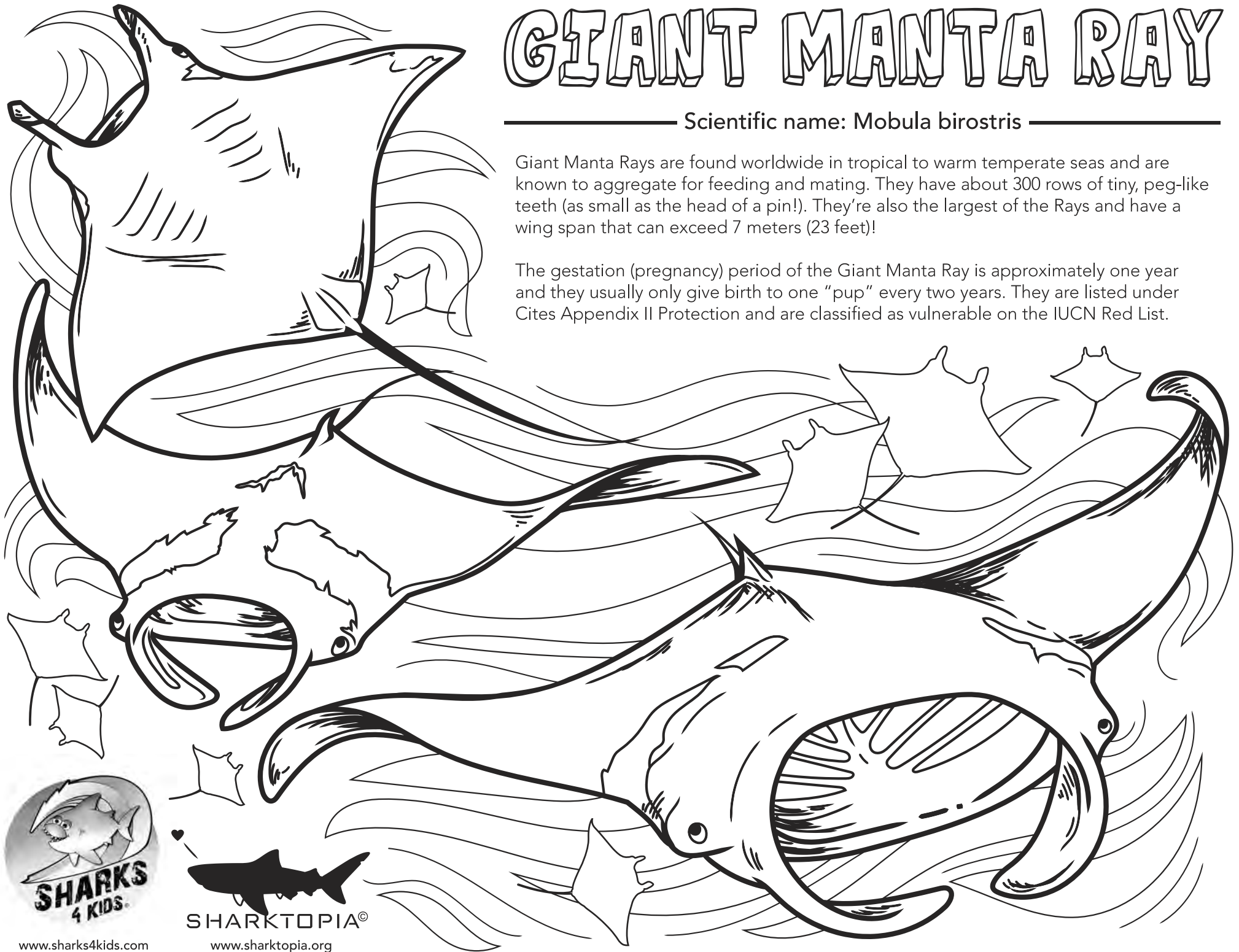


# GIANT MANTA RAY

Scientific name: *Mobula birostris*

Giant Manta Rays are found worldwide in tropical to warm temperate seas and are known to aggregate for feeding and mating. They have about 300 rows of tiny, peg-like teeth (as small as the head of a pin!). They're also the largest of the Rays and have a wing span that can exceed 7 meters (23 feet)!

The gestation (pregnancy) period of the Giant Manta Ray is approximately one year and they usually only give birth to one "pup" every two years. They are listed under Cites Appendix II Protection and are classified as vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.



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