



CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBAC WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY HOSTS LECTURE Maui's Manta Rays: Ambassadors of the Olowalu Reef

Learn about Hawai'i's largest population of manta rays residing in Maui waters. How can they be studied? What are the lessons learned? What are their threats? How can we protect and preserve their populations for all future generations to enjoy? With wingspans reaching over 22 ft across, these charismatic and graceful giants have touched the hearts and minds of people all over the world.

Dr. Mark Deakos obtained his Biology degree from the University of Waterloo. At the University of Hawai'i, he completed his master's degree studying humpback whale behavior and continued his graduate work by completing his doctoral degree with a focus on manta ray ecology. In 2004, Mark founded The Hawai'i Association for Marine Education and Research, a non-profit organization with the mission of better understanding and protecting Hawai'i's marine resources.

WHAT: Sanctuary Lecture Series

WHEN: Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Kihei Conference Room, 726 S. Kihei Rd., Maui

WHO: Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

The sanctuary is administered by a partnership of NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai'i through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The sanctuary works to protect humpback whales through research, education, conservation and stewardship. Join us on [Facebook](#).

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DLNR's mission is to enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawai'i's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of visitors and the people of Hawaii nei in partnership with others from the public and private sector. Join us on [Facebook](#).

On the Web:

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary: <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>

NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>

State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources: <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/>