

Max Giaroli  
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Dear Mr Giaroli,

**RE: Support for Population Genetics Research on Devil Rays (*Mobula* spp.)**

This letter confirms that CDU is collaborating with Wren Fishing on a project investigating the population genetics of two Endangered pygmy devil rays, *Mobula kuhlii* and *Mobula eregoodoo*, high-risk bycatch species in commercial net fisheries across northern Australia.

Support for this project has been secured through the Threatened Species Initiative (TSI), with co-investment from the Minderoo Foundation, through which genetic sequencing will be conducted via Bioplatforms Australia's Framework Initiative Program. Through these analyses, we aim to resolve species-level identification, define population structure, and determine management units across the Australian range of both species.

Please contact me if any further information is required.

Yours sincerely,



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