



# Spotting Giant Sea Bass User Agreement

Welcome to Spotting Giant Sea Bass! Your time and participation in the project is deeply appreciated and helps advance non-profit research aimed at learning more about the biology and management of giant sea bass (*Stereolepis gigas*). Please review all terms and conditions in this User Agreement prior to submitting data (images, videos, and/or metadata) to the Spotting Giant Sea Bass website.

The Spotting Giant Sea Bass project is managed by a research team based at the University of California, Santa Barbara and the non-profit organization WildMe. Please don't hesitate to contact us at [spottinggiantseabass@gmail.com](mailto:spottinggiantseabass@gmail.com) with any questions related to this policy or requests for usage of any information on this website.

## Data Submission Policy

We kindly request that all submissions be as complete and accurate as possible, and that permission should be obtained to use any copyrighted materials before submitting them to the website. In addition, users will not submit any content that uses language or imagery (verbal or visual) that is deemed as offensive by anyone for any reason. We reserve the right to edit any offensive content. We respect the hard work and talent of all that submit content to our project. Use of watermarks on images or videos is acceptable if you wish; however, we ask that watermarks not obscure the fish's spots, as this impairs our ability to identify and match fish.

By submitting images, videos, and/or data to Spotting Giant Sea Bass, you are granting unlimited usage of these materials for not-for-profit research and conservation purposes. This includes but is not limited to:

- Scientific publications
- Public presentations
- Materials promoting the project (printed or electronic, such as flyers and newsletters)
- Media coverage (traditional or social media)

This project is conducted for research purposes only, and no images or data will be sold or used for commercial purposes.



## Data Usage

You may not publish, copy, automatically browse or download, display, distribute, post, transmit, perform, modify, create derivative works from or sell any materials that you did not personally submit, except as expressly permitted under applicable law, as described in this policy, or as expressly granted by the research team at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

## Future Expectations

For the benefit of the science and conservation community, we intend to make the Spotting Giant Sea Bass dataset openly available to other researchers at a future date once it is published. Updates about data availability will be provided on this website at that time. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [spottinggiantseabass@gmail.com](mailto:spottinggiantseabass@gmail.com) if you would like to be included on updates regarding the dataset or have an interest in collaborating.

Thank you for participation and for helping advance marine science and management.