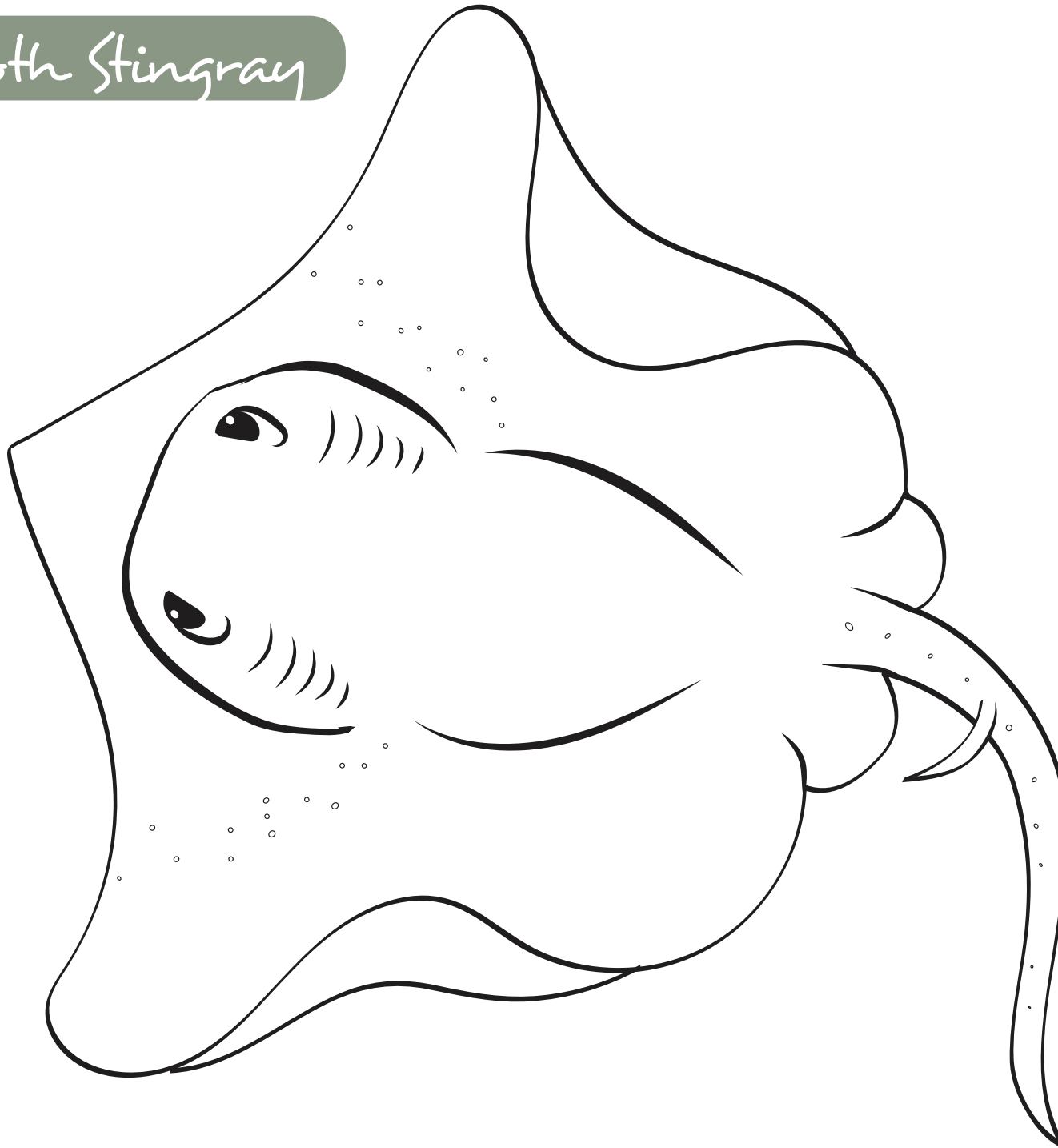




Smooth Stingray



I'm a ray – a flattened fish closely related to sharks.

My skeleton is made up of cartilage, not bone like yours. It's the same bendy stuff that's in your nose and ears.

I'm one of the largest rays in the world, I can grow almost as long as a car!

I like to cruise along reefs and under piers, looking for fish, crabs and molluscs to eat.

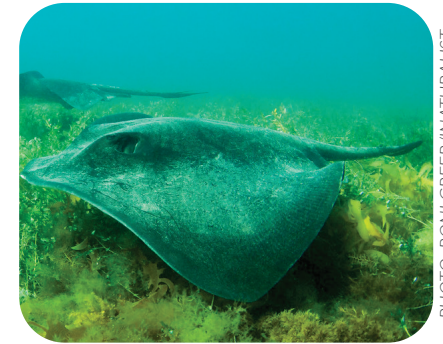


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