MĀTAI MOANA
JOHN MORTON MEDAL FOR ADVANCES IN MARINE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

NOMINATION FORM

2026 nominations close **5pm Monday, 15th June 2026.**

Nominations must be made using this form.

The Mātai Moana/New Zealand Marine Sciences Society John Morton Medal can be awarded to a person whose work has, in the opinion of the Mātai Moana Council, made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of marine conservation and sustainability in New Zealand.

The Medal will be tailored to the intended recipient with an engraved plaque to be presented at the Mātai Moana annual conference. Any Mātai Moana member can make a nomination to the Secretary or as advised. Nominations will be sought and considered annually, but the Council need not present the medal each year. This award was inaugurated in 2016.

John Morton Medal Nomination:

All nominations must be made using this form. In order to produce comparable citations, we ask nominators to summarize the case for the nominee under the headings provided. Nominators should aim to write concisely and highlight the main arguments to support the nomination made. The Council can make additional enquiries, via referees, as it sees fit. The nominee need not be a current member of Mātai Moana. Information on past award recipients is available on the Mātai Moana/NZMSS website.

Nominations must be sent electronically to the Secretary (secretary@nzmss.org) by 5pm Monday, 15th June 2026.

Please insert “John Morton Medal” in the subject line and the name of the nominee in the file name when sending the completed form.

NZMSS JOHN MORTON MEDAL
NOMINATION FORM

I / we would like to nominate:	
Title	
Name	
Address	
City	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	
Marine science field	
Current position	

Nominator(s) name and signature(s)	
Name(s)	
Signature(s)	
Email(s)	
Date	

Referee name and contact details (2 minimum)	
Name	**Email**
Ref 1	
Ref 2	
Add/remove as required	

[A] Key contribution to the advancement of marine conservation and sustainability in New Zealand

Brief history of nominee's milestones that made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of marine conservation and sustainability in New Zealand. Include research that has resulted in significant improvements to marine conservation. ***(300 words or less)***

[B] Communication of marine science and conservation

Summarise public education, community engagement and discussions with decision makers that raised awareness and resulted in substantial improvements in key conservation and sustainability issues. ***(150 words or less)***

[C] Contribution to NZMSS

For example: years of membership, NZMSS Council positions held, attendance and support of student attendance at NZMSS conferences etc. ***(75 words or less)***

[D] Supporting documentation and/or references.

List attachments included to support this nomination. For example: 2-page CV and a list of publications.