

LIEUTENANT MONA'QÉ

Takaya's Whale

Male

Starfleet

Biography

The Federation has included cetacean officers for many decades, and Cetacean Operations are standard issue on large vessels such as *Galaxy*-class starships. The unique insight of cetaceans into three-dimensional thinking makes them excellent navigators and stellar cartographers, but they also are able to enter and excel in aquatic environments where bipedal crew have difficulty.



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Mona'qé is one cetacean officer who has advanced significantly by specializing in aquatic worlds and pushing the boundary of Federation knowledge in ways that has earned him quite a bit of attention. Though his species is native to Earth, Mona'qé himself was raised on a Federation colony world near Andoria. He studied anthropology first at the Andorian Science Academy and then at Starfleet Academy before taking a commission on a *Galaxy*-class vessel surveying planets near the Briar Patch. It was there that Mona'qé and his team developed some incredible advances in passive sensor techniques and on the basis of that Mona'qé shifted to embedded studies.

These days, Lt. Mona'qé is best known as an anthropologist who stays in long-term missions studying prewarp aquatic civilizations. Using holo-disguised “duck blind” to observe without being seen and high-orbit, sensor-shielded satellites to take high-resolution images and thermal scans. With the techniques and practices he's honed, Mona'qé and his team are able to observe even civilizations that are on the cusp of warp technology without being seen and the implications of phenomena he's observed are still being determined.

Mona'qé as Support Crew

As written, Lt. Mona'qé is an itinerant scientist that the crew will interact with for specific missions. If you like, however, he could be a Support Crew member in the ship's Cetacean Operations lab. This is best justified on larger spaceframes (like the *Galaxy* or *Sovereign* classes) but could also be a specialty lab included in the ship's design.

Given his background, Mona'qé is most likely to be assigned to a ship doing a lot of planetary surveys where his aquatic expertise might come into play. This is the case for any ship's assigned to the Sargon Region or Shackleton Expanse, of course, but any five-year voyage might justifiably have Mona'qé aboard.

Statistics

Use the following statistics for a Notable or Major version of this character. The statistics note what changes are necessary for a Major NPC.

TRAIT: Takaya's Whale,
Xenoanthropologist,

VALUES:

- **Oceanic Species Have Unique Insights**
- **A Civilization's Roots Inform Its Future** (Major NPC)

ATTRIBUTES

Control	9	Daring	9
Fitness	11	Insight	12
Presence	9	Reason	12

DISCIPLINES

Command	01	Conn	03
Security	01	Engineering	02
Science	04	Medicine	02

For Major NPC add +1 to Command and Medicine.

FOCUSES:

- **Aquatic Environments**
- **Sensor Systems**
- **Xenoanthropology** (Major NPC)
- **Pre-Industrial Technology** (Major NPC)

Stress: 12 **Resistance:** 0

ATTACKS:

- **Unarmed Strike** (Melee, 2♣ Knockdown, 1H, Non-lethal)
- **Phaser type-I** (Ranged, 3♣, 1H, Charge, Hidden 1)
- **Escalation Phaser type-II** (Ranged, 4♣, 1H, Charge)

SPECIAL ABILITIES

- **Studious** (Talent, p. 136)
- **Intense Scrutiny** (Talent, p. 138)
- **Research Control:** While using sensors to scan an area or individual, Mona'qué increases the Difficulty of others attempting to detect his scan by +1. If there is an Advantage that applies to the scan, Mona'qué also gains an extra Threat which must be used for the Obtain Information spend.
- **Aquatic Cybernetics:** Mona'qué has two cybernetic arms that he can attach to his sides just behind his pectoral fins. One contains a standard tricorder and the other contains a detronal scanner (see p. 197 of the core rulebook).
- **Echolocation:** Takaya's whales are able to use echolocation to detect objects. When Mona'qué is using echolocation to perceive something through a liquid environment, he may re-roll any number of dice.