

Marine litter and marine animals: impacts and solutions



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Impacts of marine litter – the problem for animals

Marine litter injures and kills millions of marine animals worldwide, every year.

HOW?

Animals become entangled in, or ingest, litter.

WHAT ARE THEY ENTANGLED IN?

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Ghost fishing gear: impacts for animals

Acute suffering (minutes):
e.g. drowning, asphyxiation

Chronic suffering (months or years): e.g. injury, infection, limb amputation, exhaustion, starvation

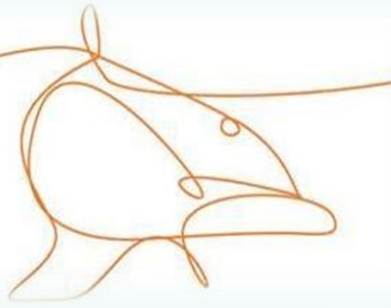


Why take action for animals?



- They are icons of the oceans – they give a ‘face’ to the problem of marine litter
- Because we have responsibility to protect them from our mess

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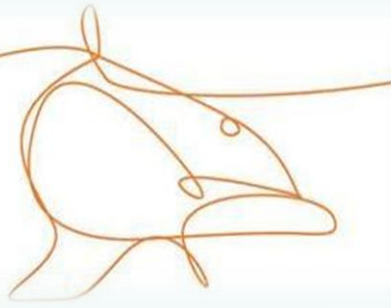
To make the seas a safer home for animals

Objectives

- **Reduce** volume of fishing gear being abandoned, lost or discarded
- **Remove** entangling ghost fishing gear already in the marine environment;
- Enable the effective **Rescue** of animals already entangled in fishing gear



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Untangled Alliance: towards ghost-gear free seas

- **Who?** Alliance of IGOs, NGOs, governments, industry/corporations (e.g. fishing & plastics)
- **To do what?** Establish vision and targets towards ghost-gear free seas; engage - and allow communication between - a diverse range of stakeholders to co-ordinate and catalyse action
- **Why?** Enable: expansion and replication of existing effective solutions, plus development of new solutions; effective global co-ordination and resource sharing; monitoring and feedback to show global impact and inspire further change.



What has WSPA done so far?

USA:
'Reel in and recycle'
Corporate sponsored
recycling of monofilament



South Korea:
Govt-supported
net recovery
programme

Philippines:
'Net-works'
community net
collection and
recycling

USA
Nets-to-Energy
Govt/private
sector/third sector
partnership

North Sea:
Local authority
co-ordinated
'Fishing for Litter'
by fishermen

Australia:
Community net
recovery and
recycling

Thank you for your
feedback!

