

ABANDONED, LOST OR OTHERWISE DISCARDED FISHING GEAR (ALDFG)/ GHOST GEAR



Ghost gear is the most harmful form of marine debris.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT IT?

- Bottom nets and traps can cause physical damage to the seabed and coral reefs.
- Surface gear can present a navigation and safety hazard for ocean users.
- Once washed ashore, ghost gear pollutes beaches with plastic litter which takes hundreds of years to breakdown.
- Marine organisms can be harmed if they eat or become tangled in ghost gear and marine plastics - affecting fish stocks.

AS A FISHER WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Help to prevent the problem, you are part of the solution.

- Mark your gear (Vessel ID or Registration ID) and keep track of where you place it.
- Recycle or reuse fishing gear when it is no longer safe and/or useful for fishing.
- Remove as much of your gear as possible from the ocean when storms threaten the island.
- Dispose of your gear properly, do not leave them at sea or on the beaches, and no burning.



If lost, what next?

- Report it to your Fisheries Extension Officer at the National Fisheries Authority, include the location where you last saw your gear.



Be a part of the solution

**HELP
TO KEEP
WI ISLAND
CLEAN!**

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