

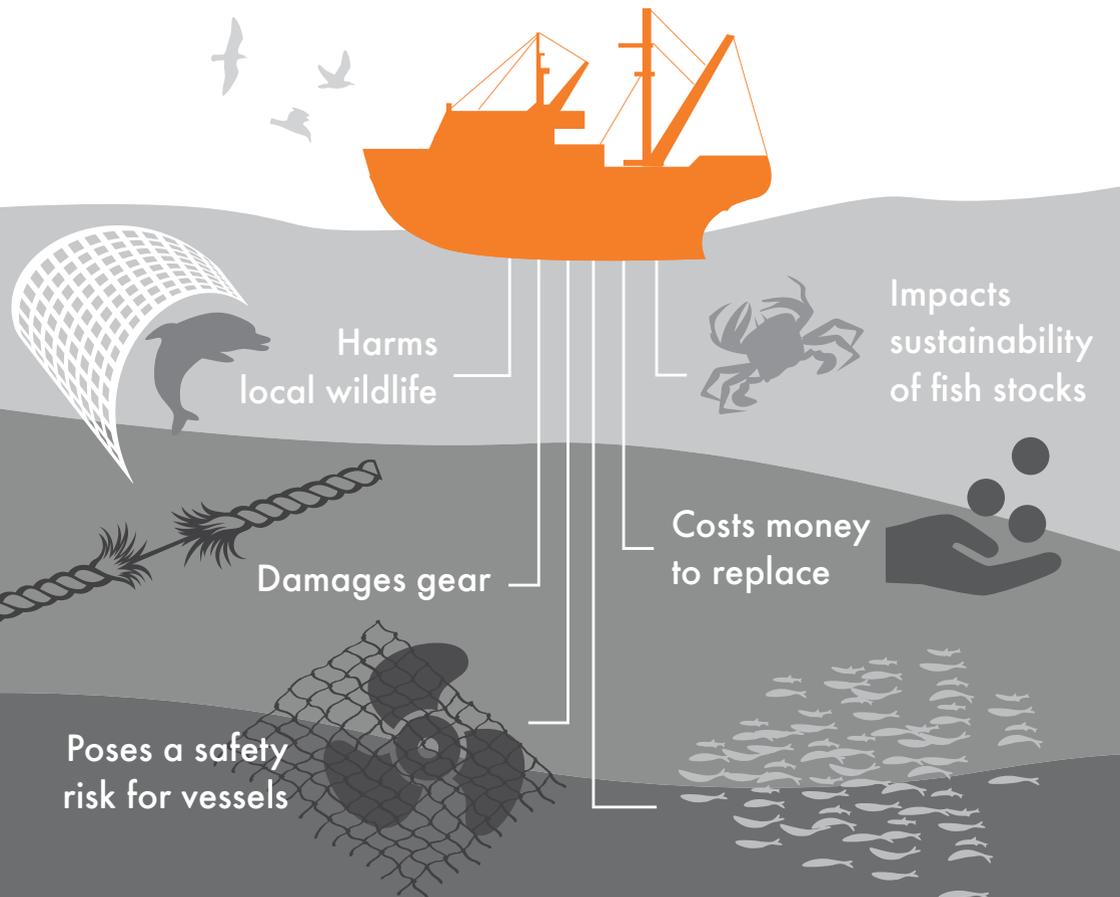
Catch up with the future of fishing



Ghost gear will haunt your business

Fishing litter or 'ghost gear' is used to describe nets, pots, lines and ropes that have been lost or discarded at sea. Gear loss happens for a number of reasons, from adverse weather to gear conflict. Any gear you lose will be expensive to replace, can continue to fish and cause problems for wildlife. Fish stocks are affected by ghost gear and it can be a safety hazard for you and your vessel.

All of this can put you out of pocket! Ghost gear costs money.



Sustainable fishing is more than pot luck



Fishermen everywhere are already part of the solution and are following these simple tips to protect their fishing ground for the future. It's quick and simple for you to do the same.

- 1 Avoid marine transit and ferry lanes
- 2 Use multiple buoys in high current areas
- 3 Mark all your fishing gear with clearly visible buoys
- 4 Weight your lines to sink below the surface and avoid being cut by passing boats
- 5 Weight your pots so they do not move in high currents or tidal changes
- 6 Use correct length of line – use 1/3 more line than water depth
- 7 Secure lid and escape panels with biodegradable cotton escape cord (this will enable trapped marine life to escape if pot is lost)
- 8 Install escape gaps on all your pots
- 9 Report lost gear if it cannot be safely retrieved
- 10 Use tags so your gear can be returned if lost



It is easy to get involved

Find out about successful pilot projects led by fishermen happening all over the world and hear their stories: www.ghostgear.org

worldanimalprotection.org.uk/seasolutions

