

In 2009, the United Nations Environment Programme estimated that at least **640,000 tonnes** of fishing gear was lost or abandoned in the world's oceans every year, making up approximately 10% of all marine waste when measured by weight. More recent studies have suggested that ghost gear could actually make up as much **46% – 70%** of all macro plastic in our oceans when measured by weight.

Ghost nets are fishing nets that have been abandoned or lost in the Oceans by fishermen.

These marine animals need your help!

1. Cut out each animal. We need to free them from the ghost nets!
2. Use "White Out" or white paint to erase the fishing gear from each animal. Let them dry.
3. Add details that make your animals happy to be free, like a smile! Color them with crayons, markers, paint, etc.
4. Glue your animals to a new sheet of paper so they can swim in the Ocean!

