

50 Years of Seal Rescue

KwaZulu-Natal

34 Outside KZN

89 KZN North Coast

39 Durban

107 KZN South Coast

12 Most seals are released south of Gqeberha/ Port Elizabeth by boat into the Agulhas current. The fast current helps move them back to their home range in the Southern Ocean.

11 Release is planned by seal experts and permitting authorities. The seal is flipper tagged. Special interest seals may be fitted with a satellite tag to track their movement.

10 Once the seal has reached its goal weight, another medical check-up is done to see if it is fit for release.

9 The seal is led onto a scale for weekly weighing. Food intake is adjusted to achieve the goal weight. Feeding then progresses to the water and a more hands-off approach.

8 Once strong enough the seal is sedated for: Medical checks, blood sampling, X-rays.

7 Once the seal is stronger it is encouraged to swim. This stimulates grooming and bowel movements. Faecal samples are analysed. Seal is dewormed if needed.

38 Seals have been tagged.

56 Died

121 Released



SAAMBR has assisted with over

270

seals that stranded on KZN beaches and neighbouring areas.

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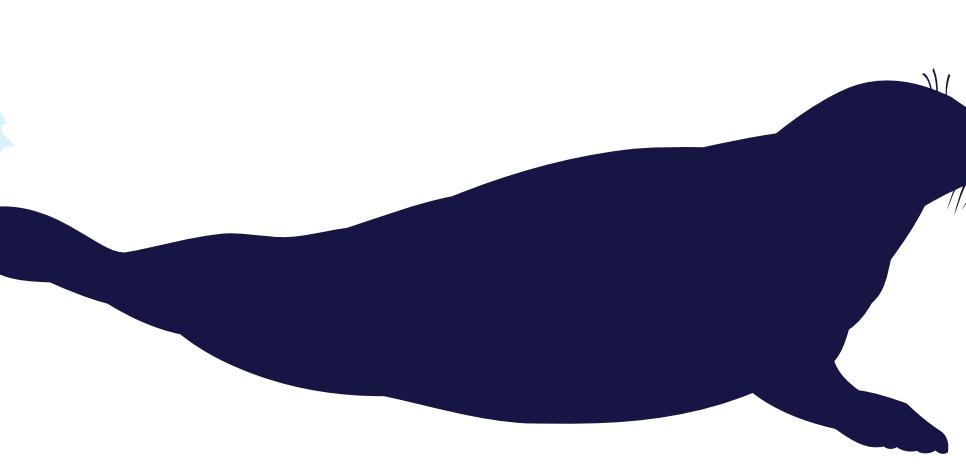
of those seals were admitted into care by SAAMBR.

Species of Stranded Seals



South African fur seal

47



Sub- Antarctic fur seal

179



Antarctic fur seal

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Crabeater seal

4



Leopard seal

2



Southern elephant seal

16



Unconfirmed species

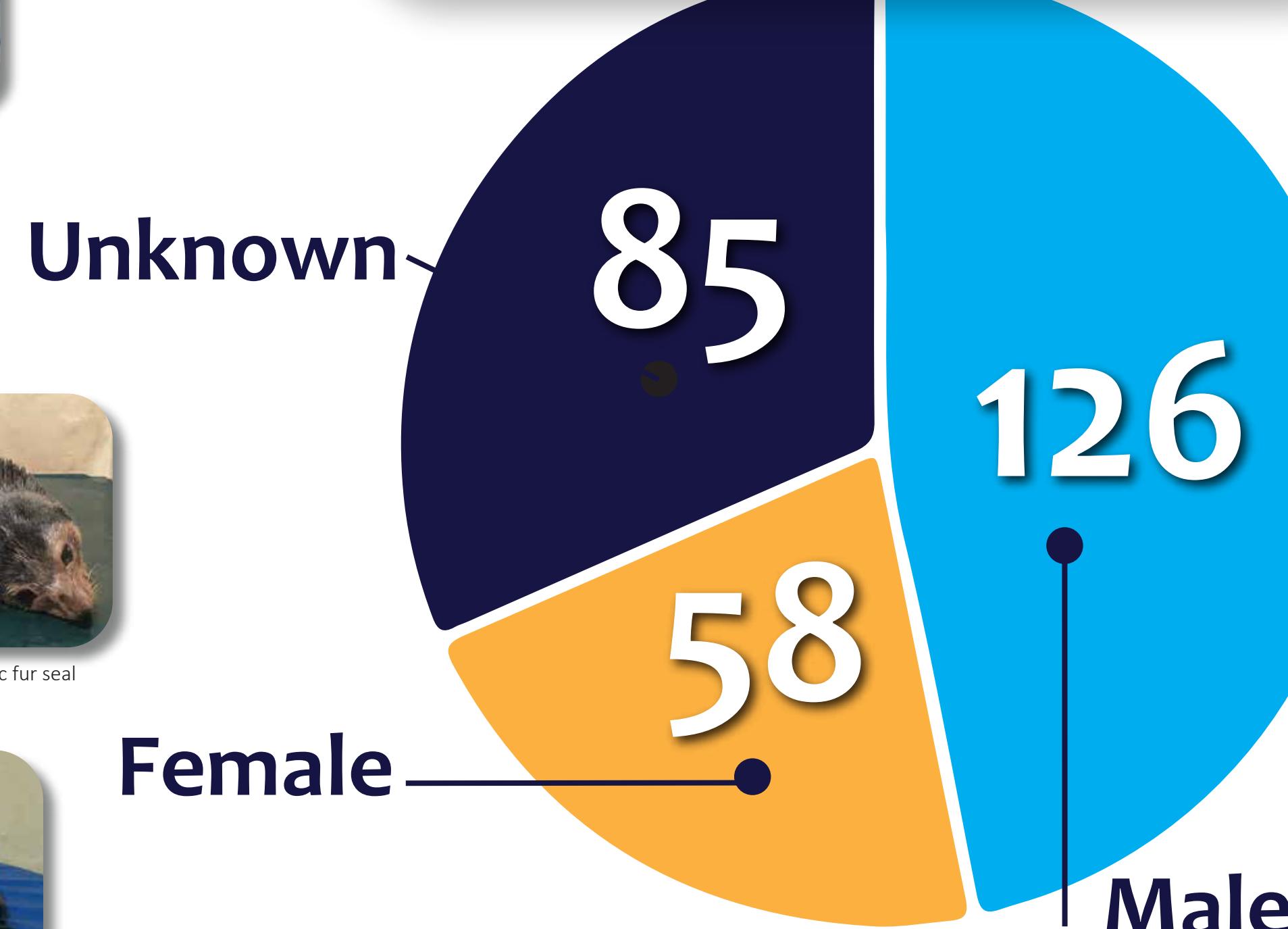
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Cause of Stranding

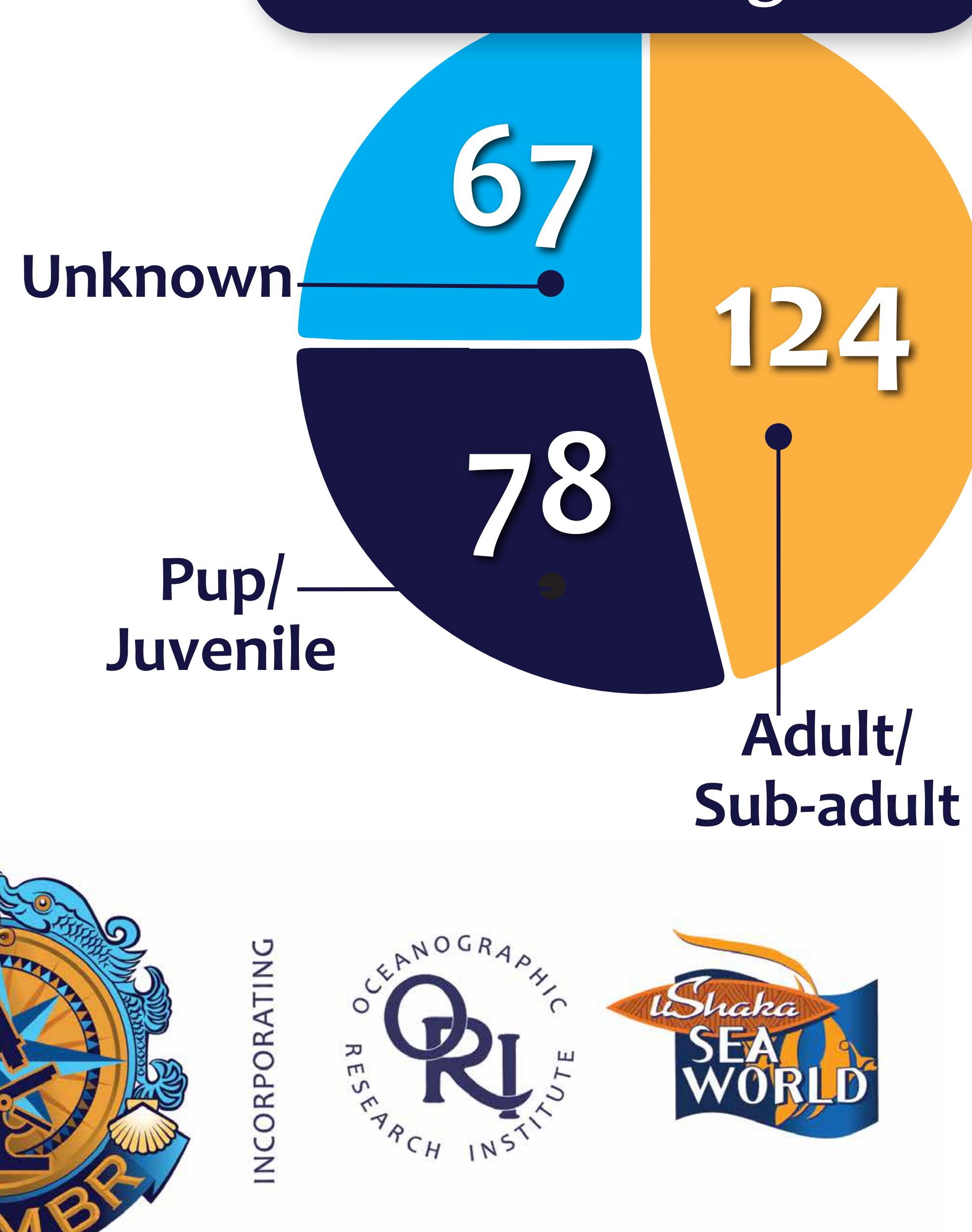
- Malnutrition & dehydration
- Infection & disease
- Injury
- Fishing gear/ plastic
- Vagrancy

Strandings often coincide with the sardine run

Sex of Stranded Seals



Estimated Ages



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