

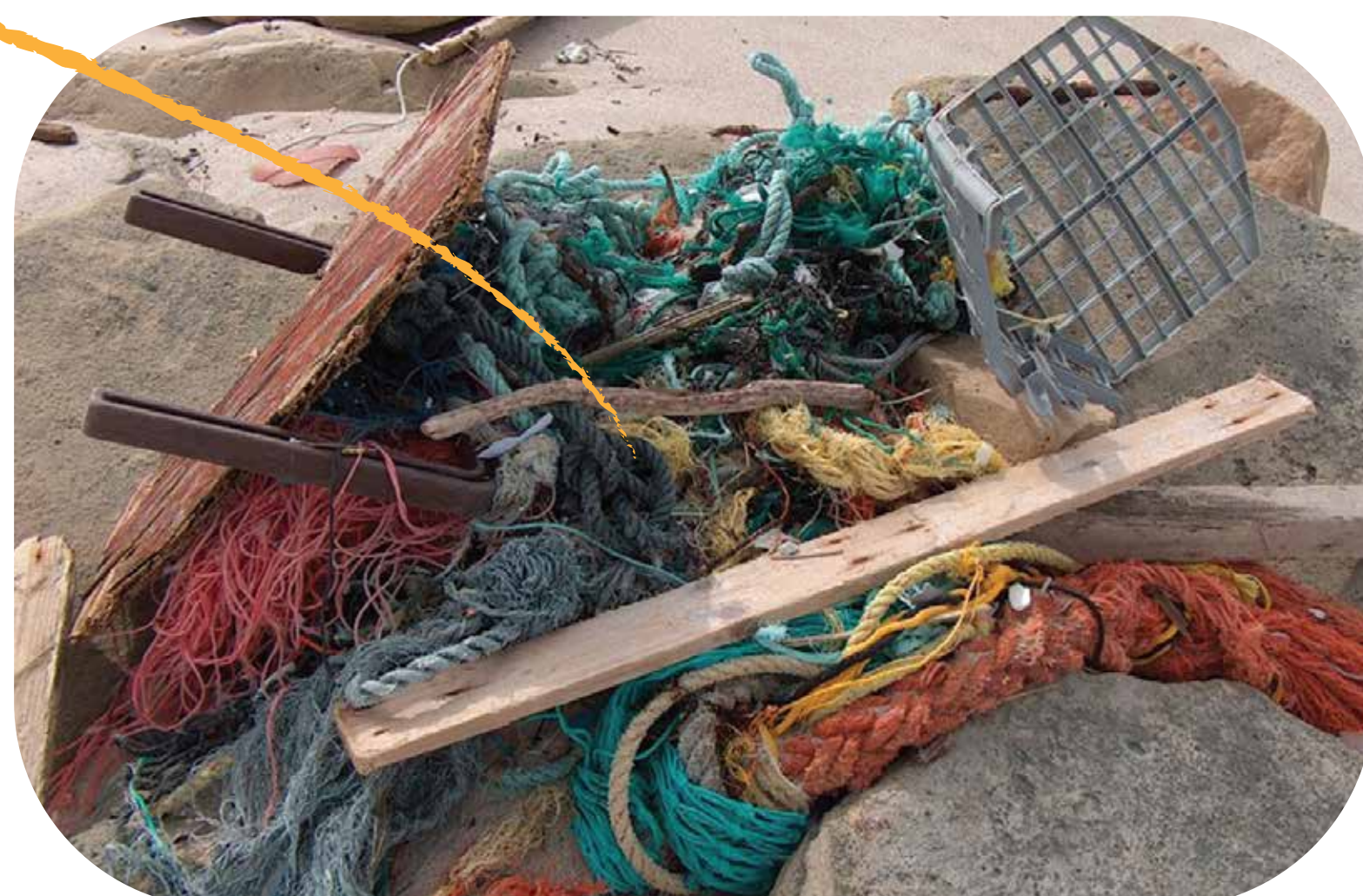
Main Causes of Entanglement

1 Fishing & shipping activities

Items **DELIBERATELY** discarded and **ACCIDENTALLY** lost.



Discarded fishing line on a beach.



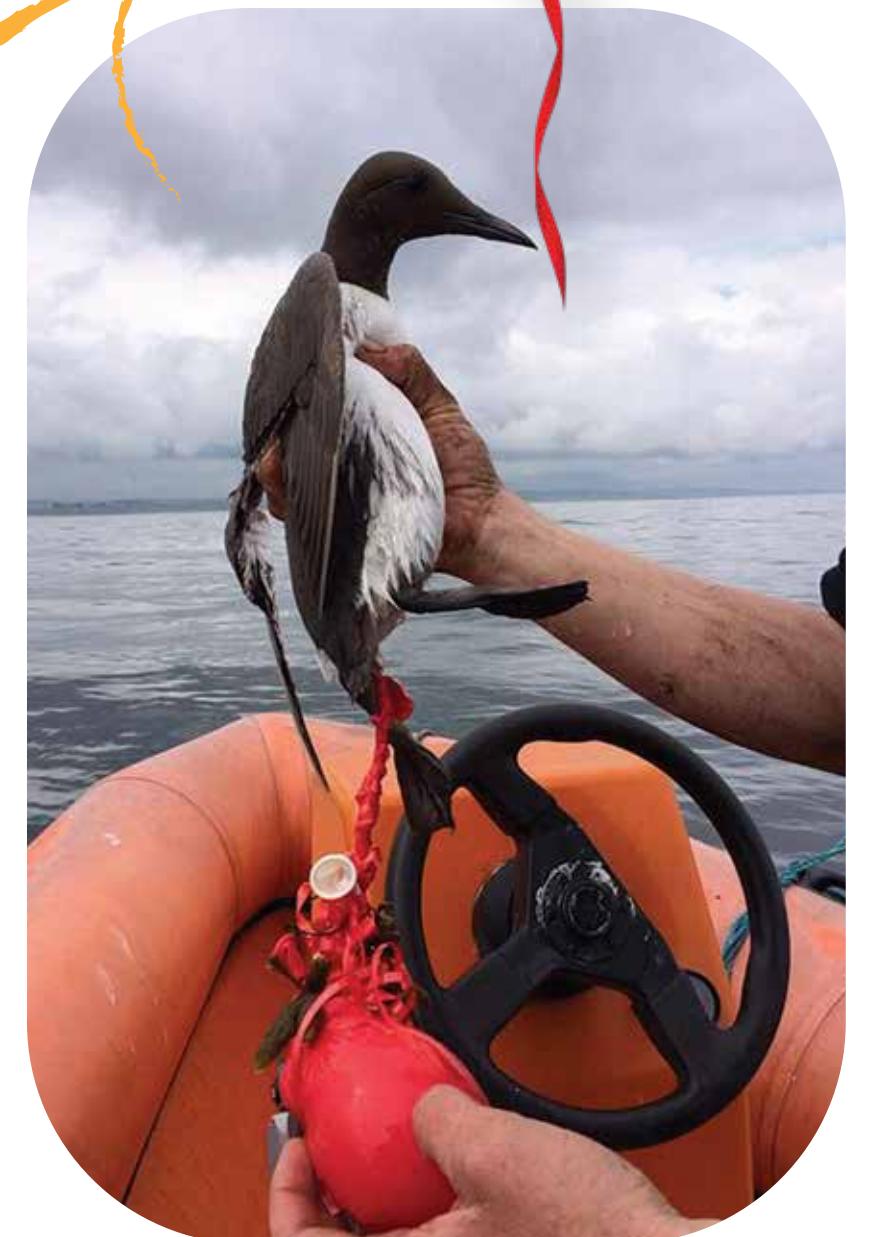
Fishing gear discarded off vessels and washed up on the De Hoop beach - Western Cape.
Photo: Judy Mann, SAAMBR

2 Some land-based activities

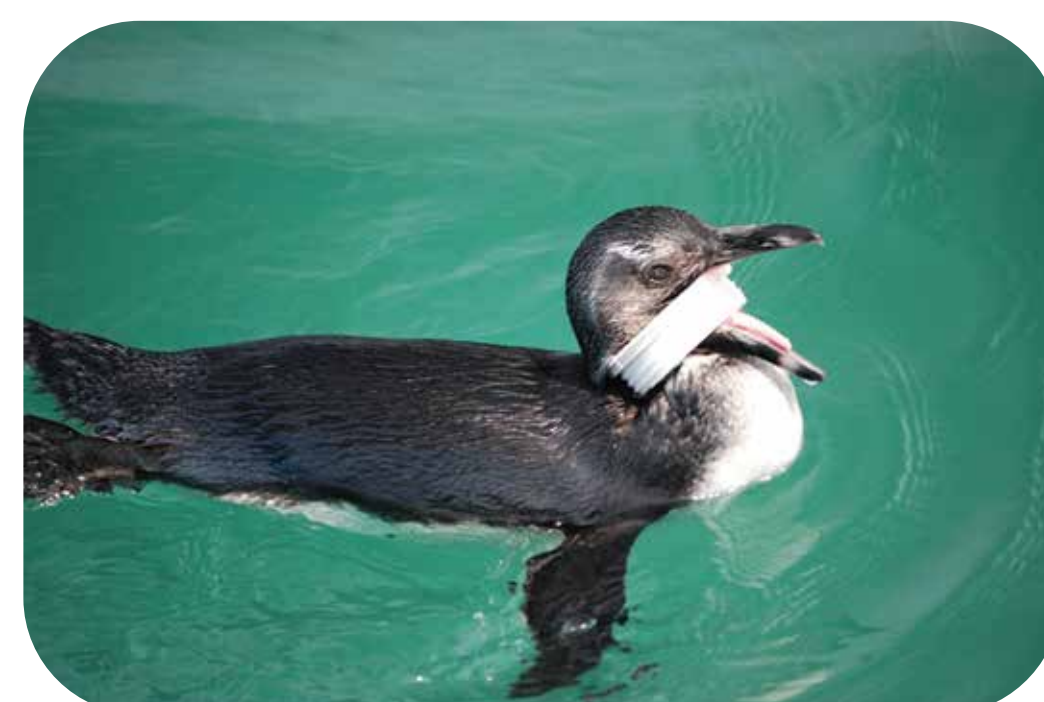
Items such as **BOX STRAPPING**, **BALLOONS**, **SKY LANTERNS** and **BOTTLE CAP LOOPS**.



A fish caught in a plastic bottle loop found on a beach in Umhlanga Rocks.
Photo: Carl Schloms, SAAMBR



A loggerhead turtle and Cape fur seal caught in a net. Both were successfully released.
Photo: Maryke Musson, Two Oceans Aquarium Foundation



A juvenile African penguin caught in a plastic loop.
Photo: Dyer Island Conservation Trust



Clockwise above: A turtle, guillemot and horseshoe crab entangled in balloons & ribbons
Photos: BallonsBlow.org

Thousands of marine animals become entangled each year, and many of them die because of it.



"Strappy" the bottlenose dolphin calf in Mozambique.
Photo: Dolphin Encounters Research Center



A Great white shark named "Lucky" entangled in fishing line. The line was successfully removed. Lucky was spotted 5 months later and the wounds had healed well.
Photo: Dyer Island Conservation Trust



Turtle entangled in a fishing net on a beach in Gabon.
Photo: Ewan Kyle

GHOST FISHING

is a term used to refer to abandoned or discarded fishing gear that **CONTINUES TO CATCH** and **KILL SEA CREATURES** long after the end of its intended use.

What you can do:

Beach-goers:



Keep rocks and beaches debris free

When fishing:



Throw waste fishing gear in bins.

At home, school and work:

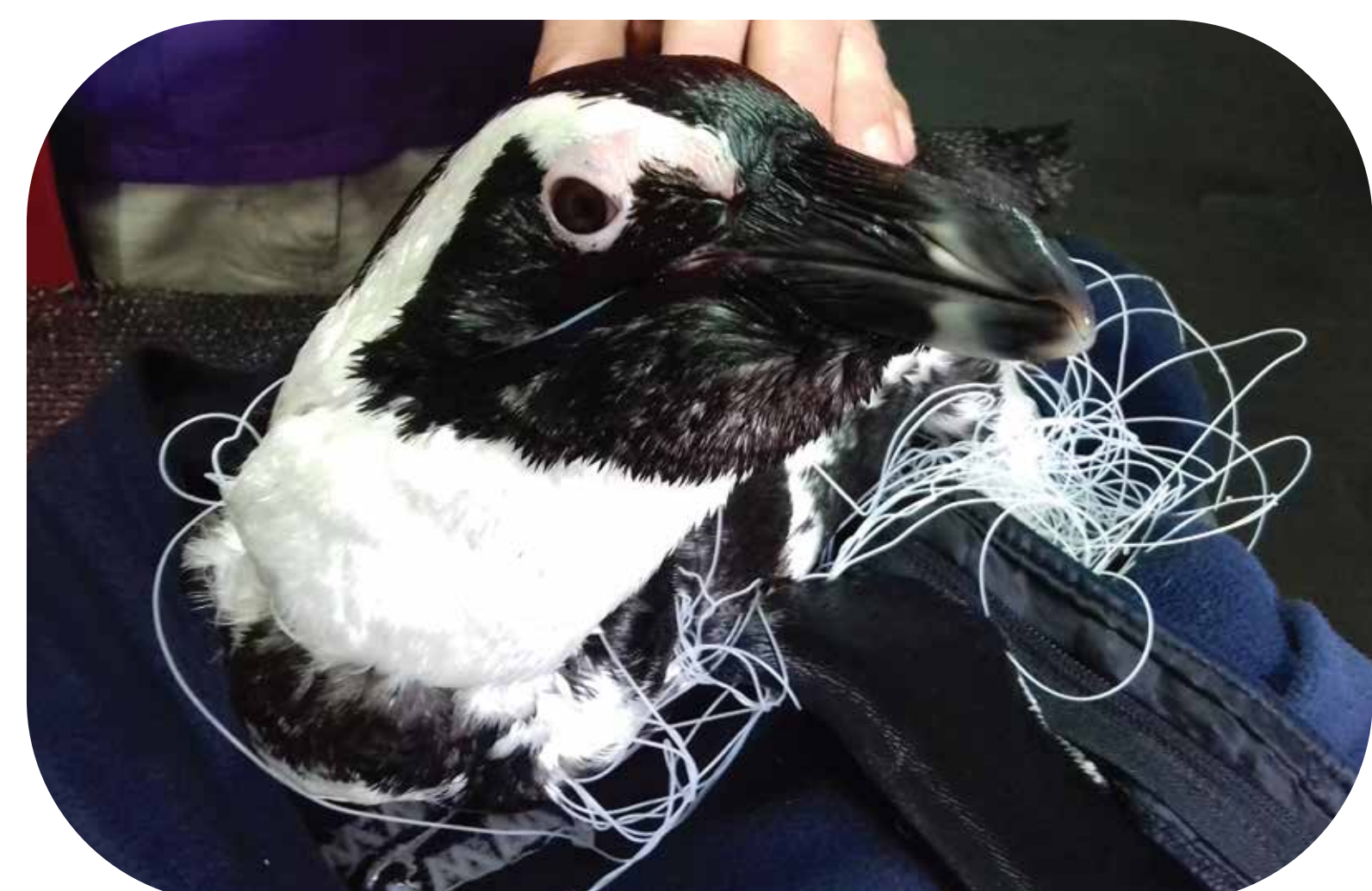


Cut loops

Use eco friendly alternatives to balloons e.g. bubbles

When at sea:

Bring it onboard and throw it away when back ashore.



An African penguin entangled in fishing line.
Photo: Dyer Island Conservation Trust



A Southern right whale entangled in a net, successfully released by SAWDN. (South African Whale Disentanglement Network).
Photo: KZN Sharksboard