

Main Causes of Entanglement

1 Fishing & shipping activities

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



Fishing line & traces



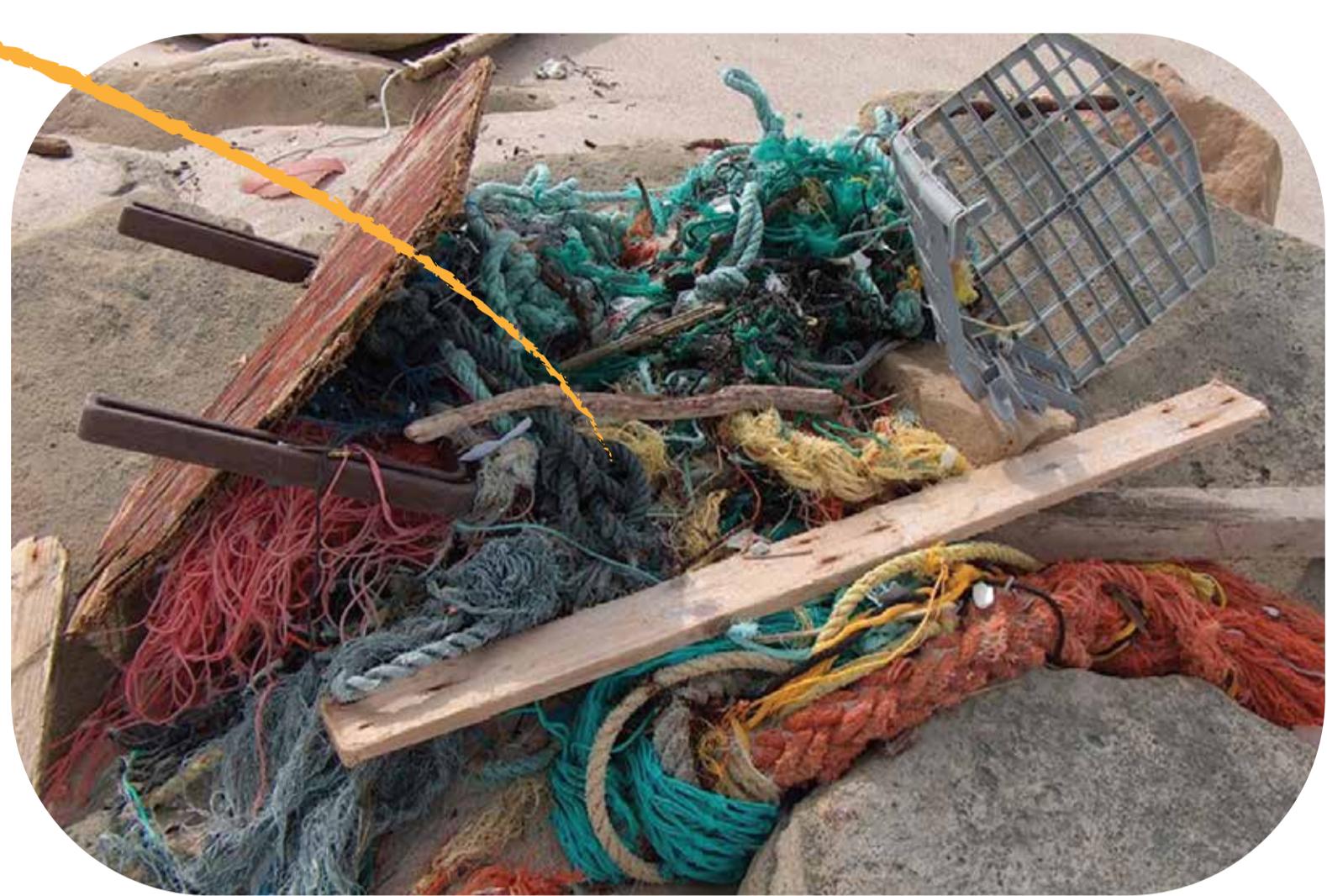
Ropes & various loops



Fishing nets and traps



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



A loggerhead turtle and Cape fur seal caught in a net. Both were successfully released.

Photo: Maryke Musson, Two Oceans Aquarium Foundation



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

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

2 Some land-based activities

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



Box strapping loops



Cable tie loops



Bottle cap loops



Plastic bags



Sky lanterns



Balloons & ribbons



A fish caught in a plastic bottle loop found on a beach in Umhlanga Rocks.

Photo: Carl Schloms, SAAMBR



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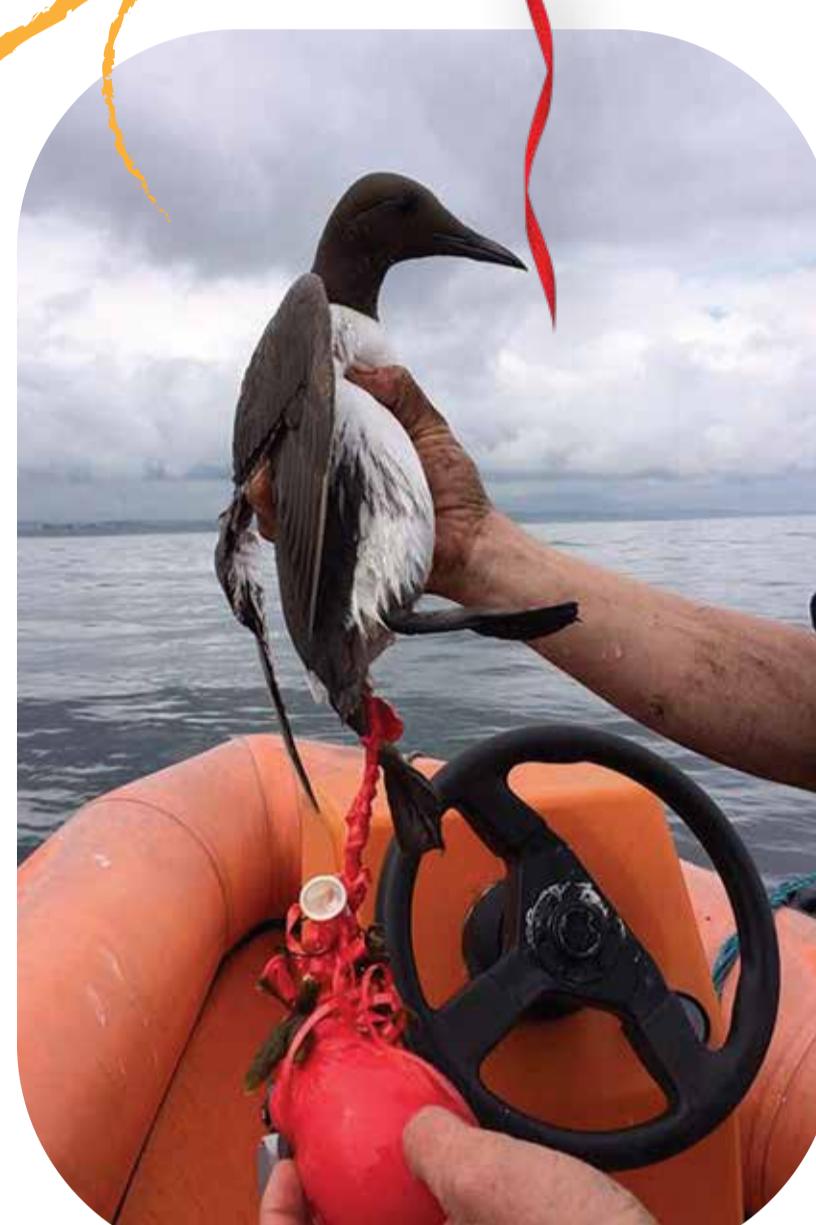


Photo: Carl Schloms, SAAMBR



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



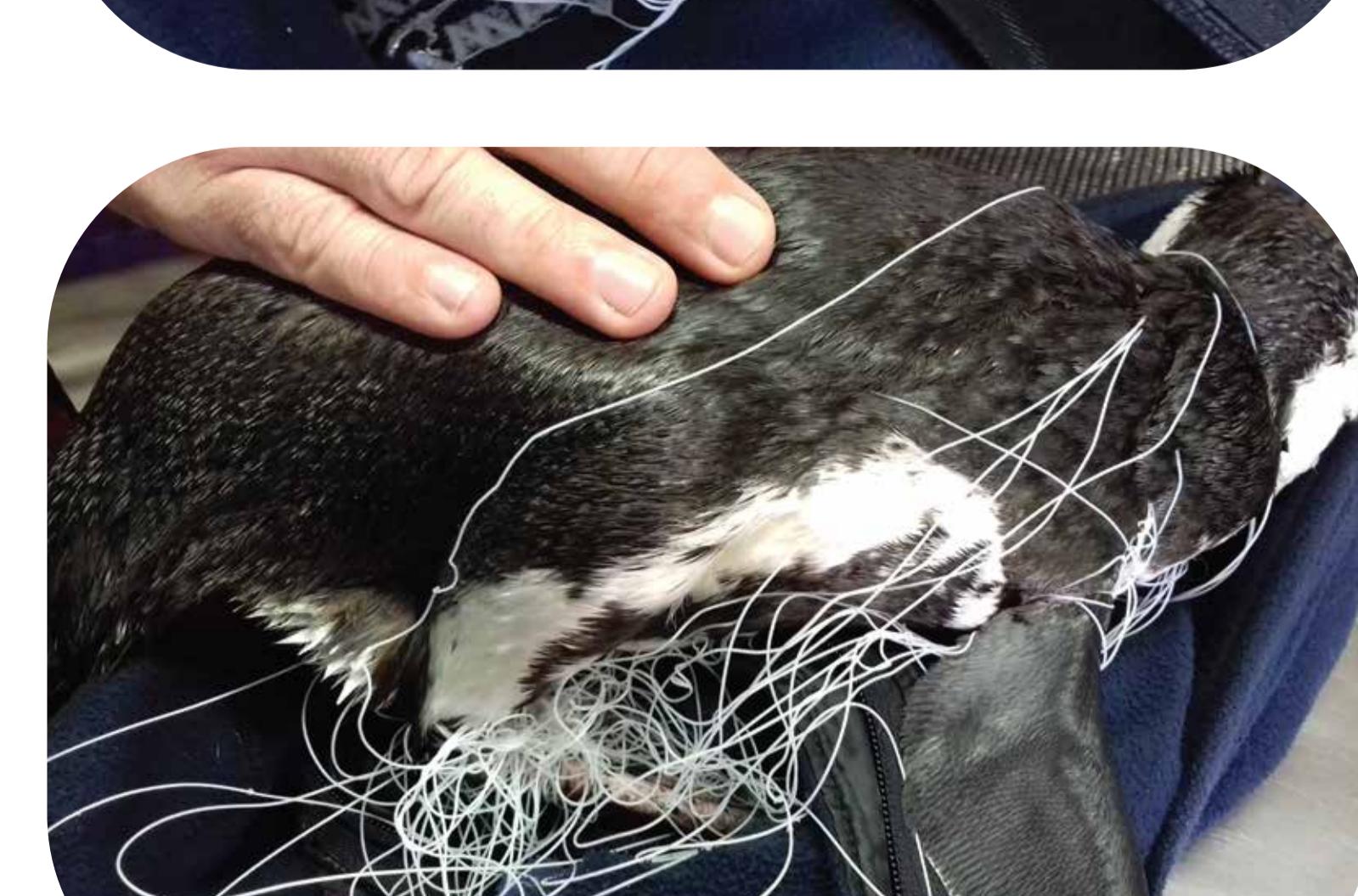
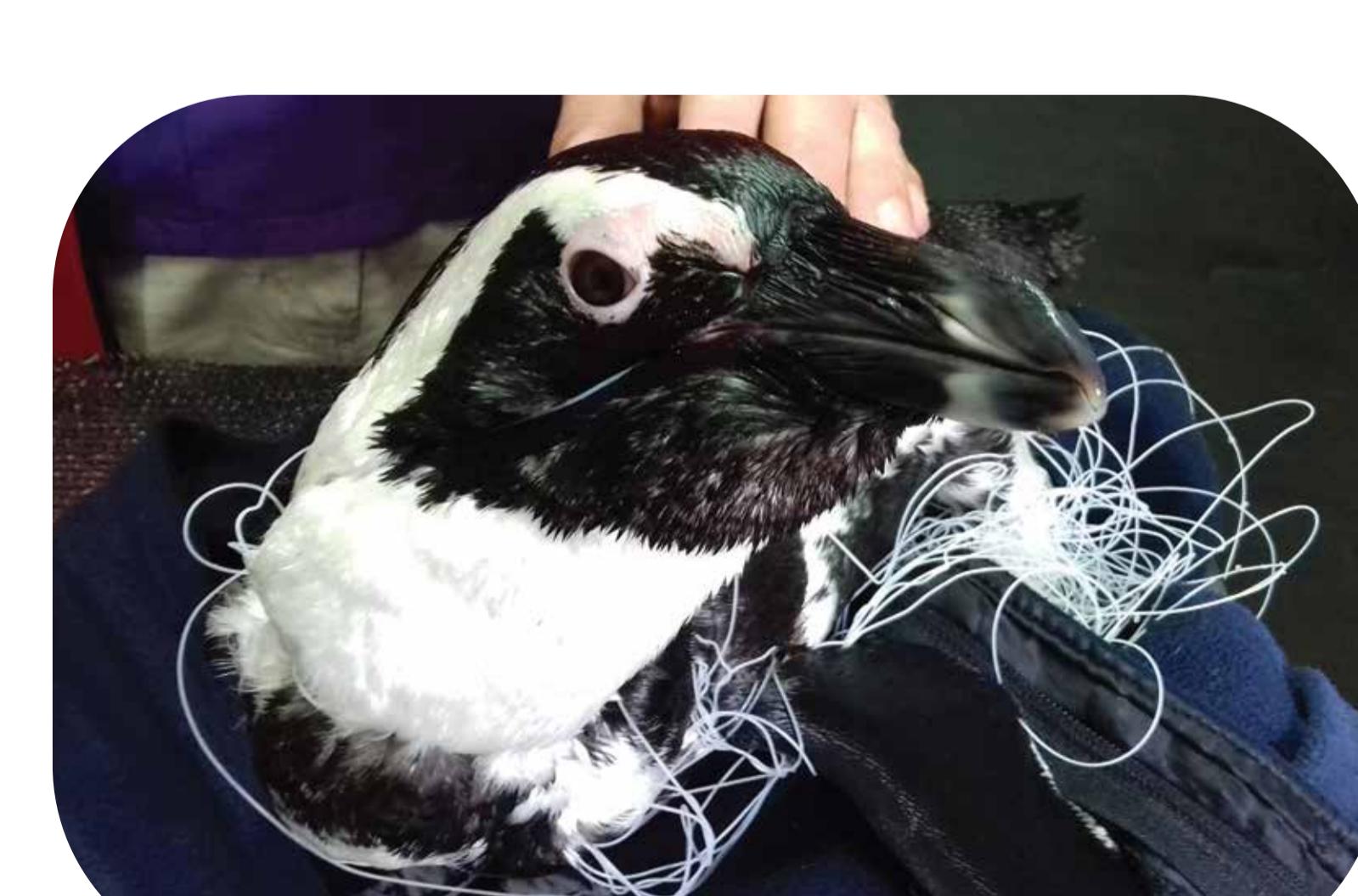
"Strappy" the bottlenose dolphin calf in Mozambique.

Photo: Dolphin Encounters Research Center

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:



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

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.

