

GHOST NETS

What are they?

Ghost nets are fishing nets that have been accidentally lost, purposely discarded, or abandoned at sea. The name comes from the action of the nets. Although they are not attached to anything, they appear to be fishing "as if by an unseen hand".

Plastic netting tends to be larger, more buoyant, and persists much longer than nets made of organic material.

Ghost nets often catch non-target species that are already threatened or endangered.

These nets can deplete fishing stocks, leading to environmental and economic losses.

Ghost nets can introduce invasive species into regions.

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