

# REDUCE WILDLIFE FISHING INJURIES



Fishing injuries represent the most significant threat to coastal bird life, with 92% of bird injuries caused by fishing entanglement.

## **To reduce injuries to wildlife during fishing**

- Avoid bird feeding and nesting areas.
- Dispose of fishing gear and rubbish properly.
- Avoid using unattended lines.
- Use lead alternative sinkers.
- Use biodegradable line.



## **What do to if you hook a bird**

- Do not cut the line, but reel the bird in gently.
- Place a towel or cloth over the head
- Carefully try to remove line or hook.
- Do not release the bird if the hook has been swallowed or is embedded too deeply to easily remove.
- Call local wildlife rescue such as AWARE.

