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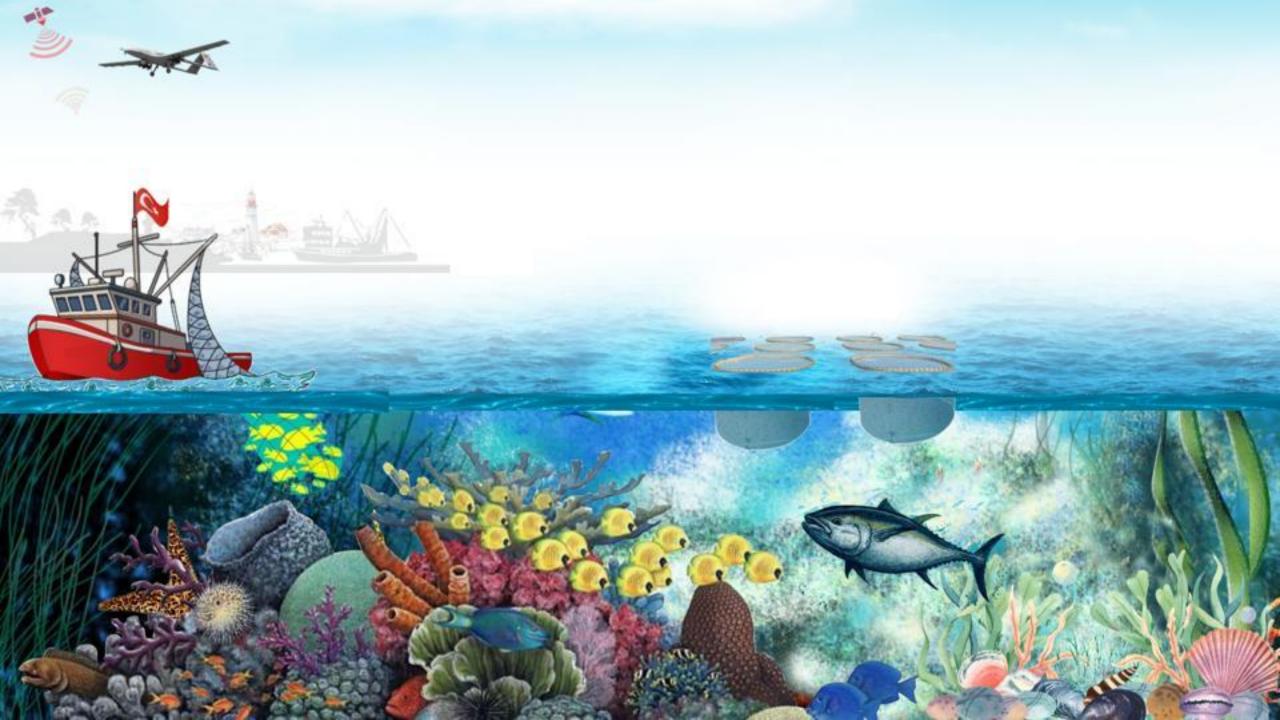
PROJECT FOR CLEANING THE SEAS FROM ABANDONED FISHING GEARS





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## Marine litter, ghost gear

Every year, 11 million tonnes of plastic is released into the

oceans,

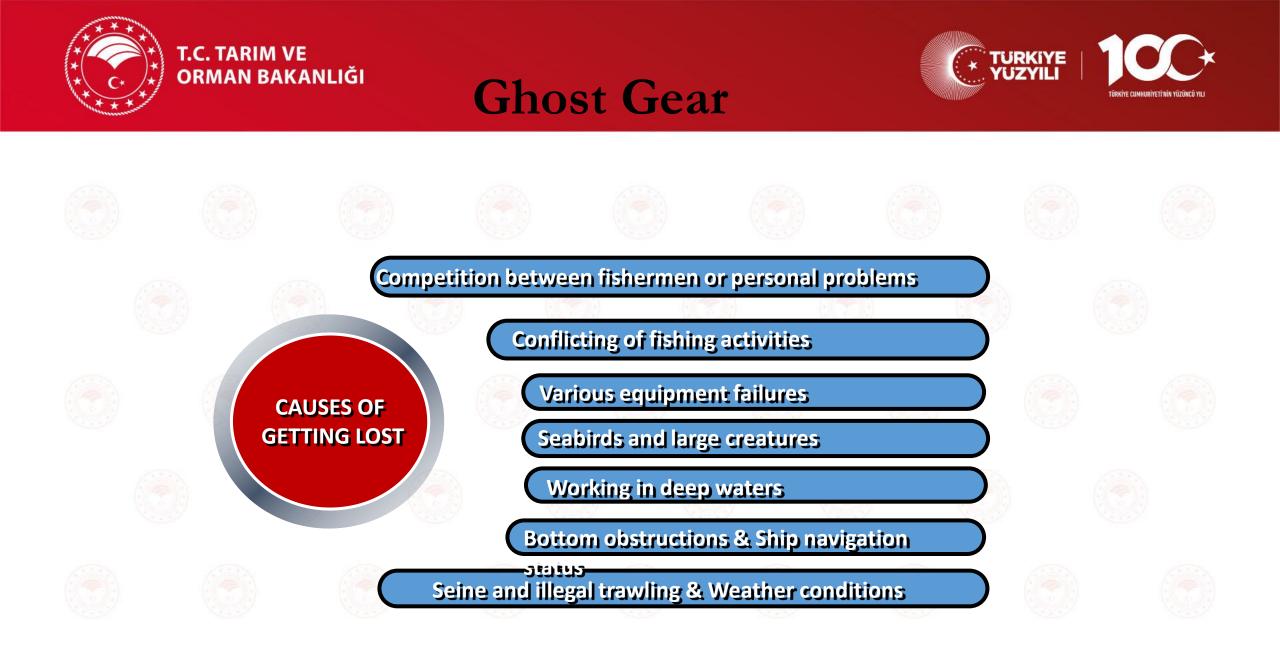
- One of the most harmful is the *ghost gear*.
- At least 10% of marine litter is ghost gear.
- In the late 1970s, evidence of ghost fishing

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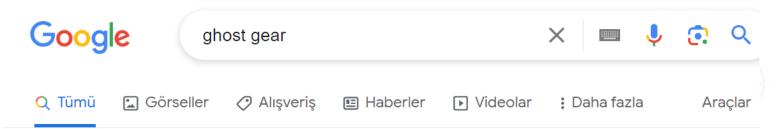






- 66% of marine mammals,
- 50% of seabirds
- It affects all sea turtle species and fishes
- More than 90% of the fish species caught have commercial value.

In short, in all species groups, marine litter is the deadliest.



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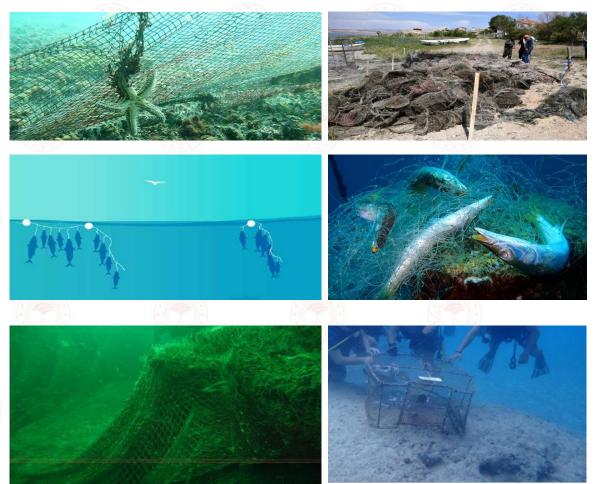
## Lost fishing gear



According to researches; It is estimated

that

- 5.7% of all fishing nets,
- 8.6% of baskets and pinners,
- 29% of fishing lines used worldwide are abandoned, lost or discarded into the environment.









## Fishing life of ghost gear

### Extension gear up to 7 years

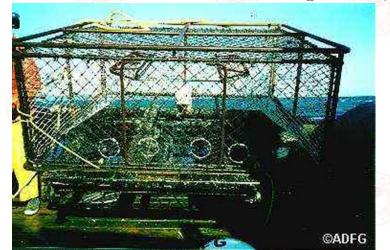




Plastic baskets up to 10-30 years



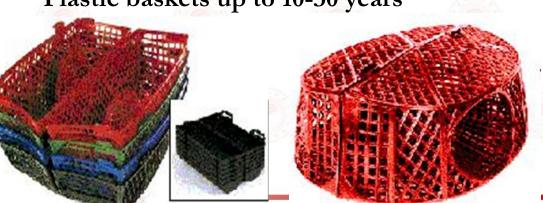
Those with a metal frame up to 15 years



Wooden traps can be used for up



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## Precautions against ghost gear

- Removal of ghost gear,
- Labeling of gear
- Training,
- Prevention (restriction of the use of high-risk equipment at certain times
  - of the year or in certain areas
- Using biodegradable materials



https://www.ghostgear.org/ https://www.worldwildlife.org/projects/stopping-ghost-gear https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/plastics-in-theocean/global-ghost-gear-initiative/





### T.C. TARIM VE ORMAN BAKANLIĞI Areas of Precautions Taken for Ghost Gear in the World







## **Ghost Gear project**



- The project was launched in 2014 mainly in the seas
- as of 2020, it also covered streams, lakes, ponds and dams







### Project for Cleaning the Seas from Abandoned Fishing Gears





## Areas where the Ghost Gear Project ORMAN BAKANLIĞI has been implemented so far









## Ghost gear



Approximately 1.050.000 m<sup>2</sup> of ghost gear was removed.









# Ghost fishing equipment





• 52,000 baskets, pinter was removed.







## We contribute to the protection of the environment and biodiversity.

# Nearly 3.5 million lives have been saved

so far.





## **Marine Litter**





Every year thousands of kg of plastic and its derivatives are removed from our seas.



## Coastal cleaning





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Ülkemiz balıkları kırmızı listesini hazırlayan komisyonumuzdan örnek çalışma. Komisyon üyeleri sahik temizliği yaptı.





## **Reduction of Plastic Use**





### **Commission** for he Mediterranean

### Scientific Advisory Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)

Intersessional meeting

FAO headquarters, 12–13 July 2023

Report





Detailed priorities and advice for aquaculture management and research on specific issues

#### Reduce plastic use in aquaculture farms

Implement plans to reduce single-use plastic goods in aquaculture farms should be 1 implemented. The exploration of alternative materials and innovative solutions that have a low ecological impact, are reusable or biodegradable, without jeopardizing the safety and efficiency of operations is encouraged.

2. Support the adoption of best practices in solid waste management by means of active participation in awareness campaigns and training programmes to educate staff and stakeholders on the significance of decreasing plastic consumption is supported.

Stimulate collaboration and establishment of partnerships between stakeholders in order to 3. develop and promote sustainable alternatives to plastic use in aquaculture farms is welcomed. Farms should be given financial and technical assistance in order to implement plastic reduction methods.

Encourage research institutes and stakeholders to invest in research and development to investigate novel technologies and materials that can successfully substitute plastic in aquaculture operations. To that end, funding should be granted for research initiatives targeted at establishing efficient recycling and solid waste management systems adapted specifically for aquaculture operations.



## Fishing crates



Single-use crates





### Planned multi-use crates



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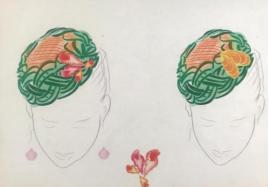








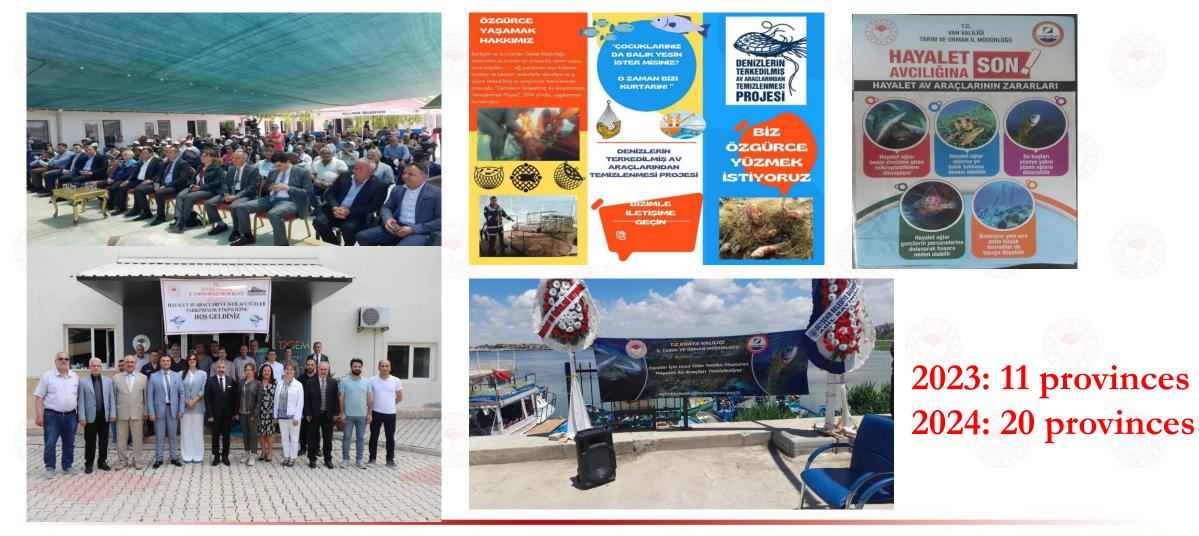








## Awareness: Trainings, meetings







## Awareness: Documents, News





#### İstanbul'un denizlerinden 322 bin 620 metrekare hayalet ağçıkarıldı Ticari ya da amatör avcılık yaparken takılan, kopan veya bilerek bırakılan av araçlarından oluşan hayalet ağlar sucul ekosistemdeki canlıların 2014'TEN BU YANA TOPLAM **9** 192 m², 322.620 4,98 MILYON 212 ADET METREKARE AĞ metrekarelik hayalet ağ deniz alan tarandı dibinden çıkarılıp geri dönüşüme kazandırıldı





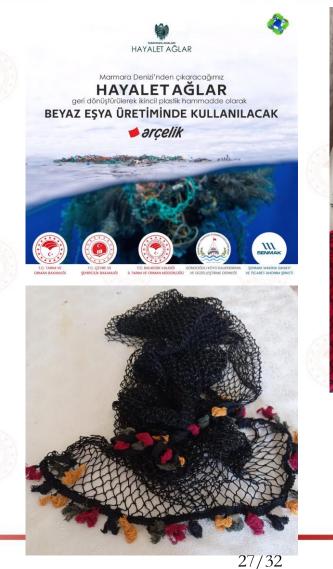




















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