



Canada's Ghost Gear ACTION PLAN

How we're combatting abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear (ghost gear) that is a source of marine plastic debris, that can harm marine animals, fish stocks and habitats

● Phase 1 (2019-2024):

Building capacity, knowledge, and becoming world leaders

Identifying and addressing ghost gear in our waters by:

- Making lost gear reporting mandatory for commercial fisheries
- Developing the online Fishing Gear Reporting System to support lost gear reporting
- Retrieving over 2,470 tonnes of lost gear and 925 km of rope in Canada and abroad
- Supporting responsible disposal of end of life and ghost gear
- Working with international partners, such as the United Nations and the Global Ghost Gear Initiative

● Phase 2 (2024-present):

Modernizing Canada's fisheries

To prevent ghost gear, we are seeking feedback from Indigenous groups and stakeholders to:

- Establish best management practices to prevent gear loss
- Develop regulations for how harvesters manage gear

● Phase 3:

Managing Canada's fisheries

Implementation of best practices and new regulations developed in phase 2 to prevent, and reduce the impact of ghost gear, that are tailored to specific fisheries and guided by partner feedback and risk assessments.

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