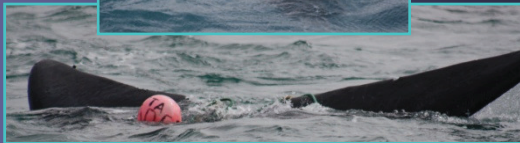




Whale Disentanglement



What is entanglement?

Entanglement occurs when whales get wrapped up in discarded fishing gear, rock lobster trap lines and even diving lines. Juvenile whales seem to be the most vulnerable to entanglement due to their more playful, curious nature. Some adults show scar evidence of previous entanglement events.

How are we helping?

Dyer Island Conservation Trust (DICT) works in partnership with the **South African Whale Disentanglement Network (SAWDN)** in conjunction with **Oceans & Coasts (previously Marine & Coastal Management)** and **CapeNature**. Using specifically designed tools and following special safety protocols, we are able to cut away the ropes and gear from the animal. Since its inception SAWDN has been able to free more than a dozen whales off the coast of South Africa.



Specially designed grappling and cutting tools are used to cut away the offending gear while causing as little harm to the whale as possible.



DICT's zodiac "Free Willy" is used to get closer to the whales to facilitate disentanglement.

How can YOU help?

Call **Dyer Island Conservation Trust**
Wilfred Chivell 0829060101

Call **Marine and Coastal Management**
Mike Meyer 0825787617
Chris Wilke 0827847132

Please include the following information:

- Time and location of the sighting as accurately as possible (GPS position preferred)
- Whether the whale was moving or stationary
- If moving, in what direction
- Description of gear (net, lines, buoys, floats)
- Does the whale have a fin on the back?

