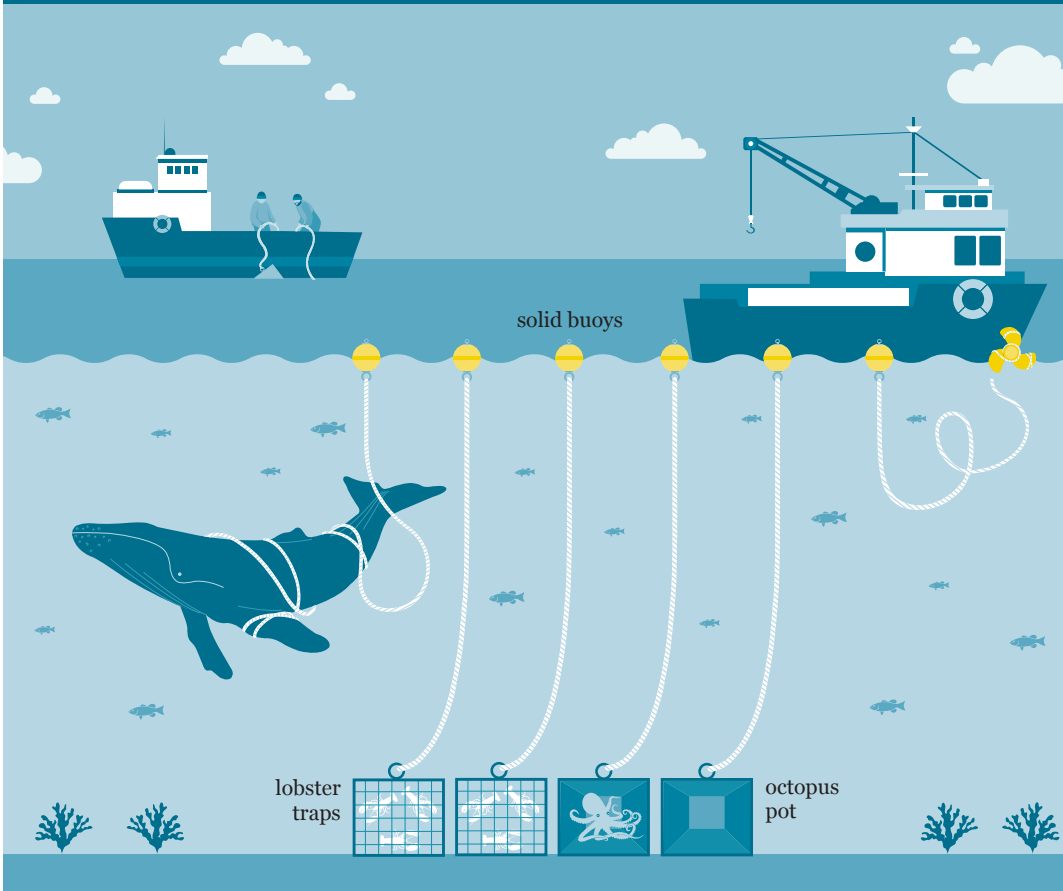


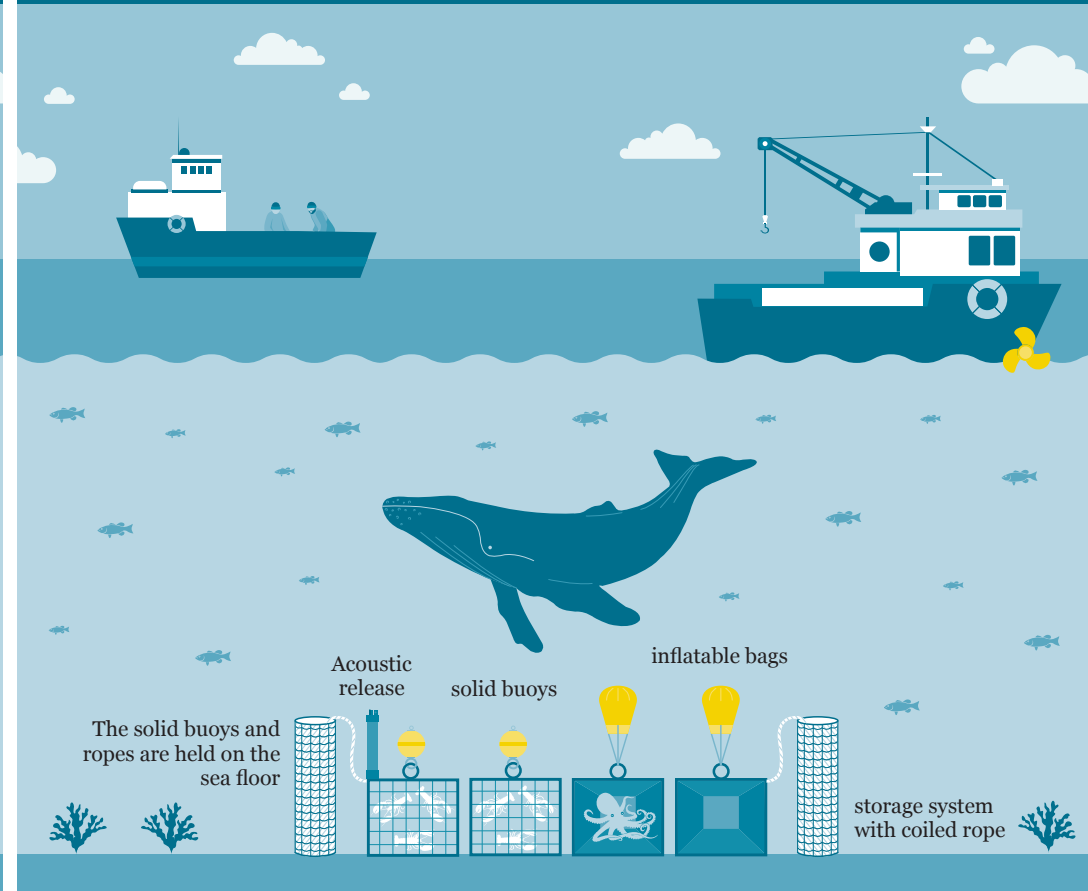


# ROPELESS FISHING: A SOLUTION FOR SEA LIFE AND FISHERIES

## THE ISSUE WITH WHALE ENTANGLEMENT



## THE SOLUTION TO WHALE ENTANGLEMENT



## NEGATIVE IMPACTS



Whales often get entangled in the rope-based fishing gear of rock lobster and the experimental octopus fisheries.



About R10 000 is spent on waste management services for every whale that dies from an entanglement.



An average of 14 whale entanglements from various types of fishing gear has been recorded every year for the past five years.



Approximately R4 500 is spent for every whale that is disentangled.

## POSITIVE IMPACTS



Ropeless fishing eliminates the threat of whale entanglement.



The technique has been tested and proven to work in South Africa.



Ropes are put in a rope storage system and placed on the seafloor until such time of retrieval.



The experimental octopus fishery implemented the ropeless fishing method in 2020, and there have been no whale entanglements since then.