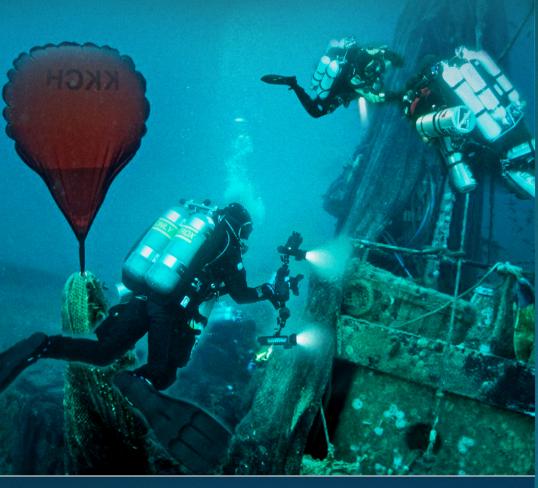
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WE ORGANIZE TRIPS

## TO CLEAN UP THE OCEAN AND TO MAKE IT

A SAFER HABITAT.





More resources:

www.endoftheline.com
(A book and documentary film)

"The Empty Ocean" by Richard Ellis

www.thechinastudy.com

(Book on nutrition science, supporting a whole foods, plant-based diet)





HollywoodDivers.com Southern California GUE Facility





www.guelosangeles.org

The Econyl project
Aquafil.com Healthyseas.org

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## **INSIDE RIGHT**

## THE PROBLEM THE SOLUTION



Every year, thousands of kilometers of commercial fishing nets are lost in the ocean.

They can get snagged or tangled on shipwrecks or natural reefs, and are left there. Surprisingly, this is legal.

These "ghost nets" continue to trap, harm, and kill sea life.

They also scrub the reef and smother marine life; or prevent it from growing in the first place.

Fish and crabs get trapped in the net, then bigger animals dive in for a meal and they get trapped. These nets are known for killing sea birds, marine mammals (dolphins, sea lions, whales), sea turtles, and lots of other animals.

Hemp or nylon nets take decades to degrade. The sturdy monofilament of gill nets will never degrade. Therefore, countless lives are lost over an indefinite period of time. As often as we can, we organize trips to clean up the ocean and to make it a safer habitat. (Disclaimer: this work is incredibly dangerous and requires very specific training! Please do NOT try this on your own!)

Every dive is documented with video and still photography, to show the devastating effects of these ghost nets, as well as to track our progress.

## "What can I do?"

Since we are all volunteers, any donations would be most welcome! Ghost Fishing and Los Angeles Underwater Explorers are both non-profit organizations.

You can buy products (carpets, clothing) made with recycled ghost nets. Info on back.

Think about what you are eating. There aren't any nutrients in seafood that you cannot obtain from a plant-based diet. It is the demand for seafood that is fueling this problem. Every person who abstains from seafood DOES make a difference!