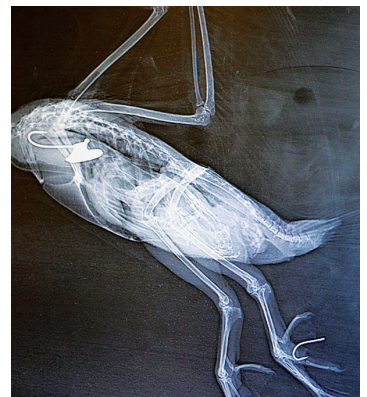


# Proper Fishing Etiquette Can Minimize Injuries to Wildlife



- Always pick up discarded fishing line (monofilament) and dispose of it properly. Monofilament cuts deeply when it becomes tangled around the legs, wings and necks of animals.
- Use non-lead weights. Animals that swallow lead weights can die of lead poisoning.
- Avoid casting fishing line near trees. If your tackle gets stuck in vegetation, please remove it so wild



animals won't swallow it / become entangled.

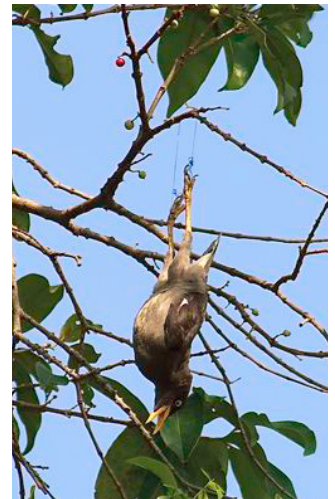


- If your catch of the day is an animal other than fish, use a net to bring it into your boat/ onto shore.

***Please do not cut the line*** - but if you must, make sure the animal is restrained first. Use a large

towel or shirt to capture the animal. Approach it slowly, holding the towel/shirt in front of you. Once you're within range, throw the towel/shirt over the animal's head or its entire body. Restrain the head, wrap the towel/shirt around the animal, then quickly transfer the animal to a box or whatever container you have available before it escapes.

- If you do not keep a bird contained it will fly away with your fishing gear attached to it and may perish.



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Keep your day's catch in a properly sealed container and dispose of fish carcasses/fishing line in designated receptacles. Resist the temptation to feed wildlife. Wild animals become accustomed to hand-outs from people, lose their innate fear of humans, and become nuisance beggars.

Be careful and considerate. Many wild animals who are admitted to CROW have been injured, sickened or orphaned by careless human behavior.

