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"A picture is worth a thousand words." This page provides a series of photos that illustrate the international problem that is the focus of the conference.

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|  | <p>Volunteer divers survey entangled reef areas on the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. (photo: NMFS)</p> |
|  | <p>A tendril from a net weighing approximately 300 pounds hangs on a coral head at French Frigate Shoals. (photo: Ray Boland/NMFS)</p> |
|  | <p>These northern fur seal pups were found tangled</p> |



in a derelict fishing net on St. Paul Island, Alaska. Entanglements from marine debris have been implicated in the deaths of turtles, seals, whales, dolphins, seabirds and other marine life (photo: NMFS).



This stranded sea turtle was found gashed and strangled by monofilament fishing line. All species of sea turtles are threatened or endangered and the survival of this ancient animal is at risk. (photo: Center for Marine Conservation)



Over the years, coastal cleanups have evolved to include divers working underwater. (photo: Center for Marine Conservation)



Ocean currents wash derelict fishing gear like this through the Hawaiian Islands. (photo: Ray Boland/NMFS)



Since 1982, divers have found 170 endangered Hawaiian monk seals entangled in nets. Twenty-two were found in 1999 cleanup of the northwestern Hawaiian Islands. (photo: U.S. Coast Guard)

Group members from the



Crewmembers from the Coast Guard cutter *Walnut* recover part of the 57,000 pounds of marine debris from the northwestern Hawaiian Islands. (photo: U.S. Coast Guard)



Derelict fishing gear and miscellaneous marine debris washed up on a singel beach in Kahuku in O`ahu's north shore. (photo: Butch Tilley)



Derelict fishing gear and miscellaneous marine debris washed up on a beach on the south point of the Big Island. (photo: Davida Remer)

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