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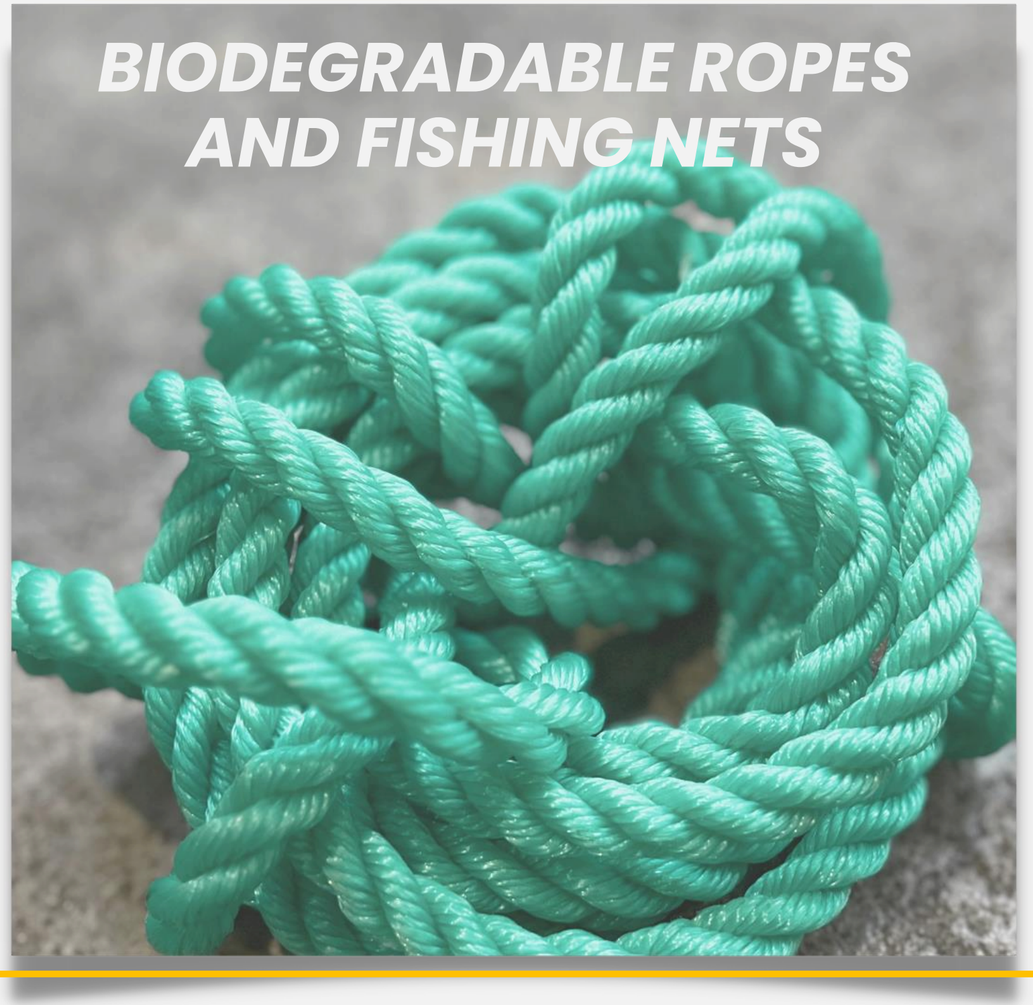


An impact-driven solution to marine sector waste

Replacing harmful nylon and polyethylene in fishing nets with a biodegradable biopolymer.

Biodolomerr®Ocean

- Suitable for marine applications
- Nets that are lost or dumped will sink to the bottom of the ocean
- Where they will disintegrate into biomass
- Without any toxins or microplastics

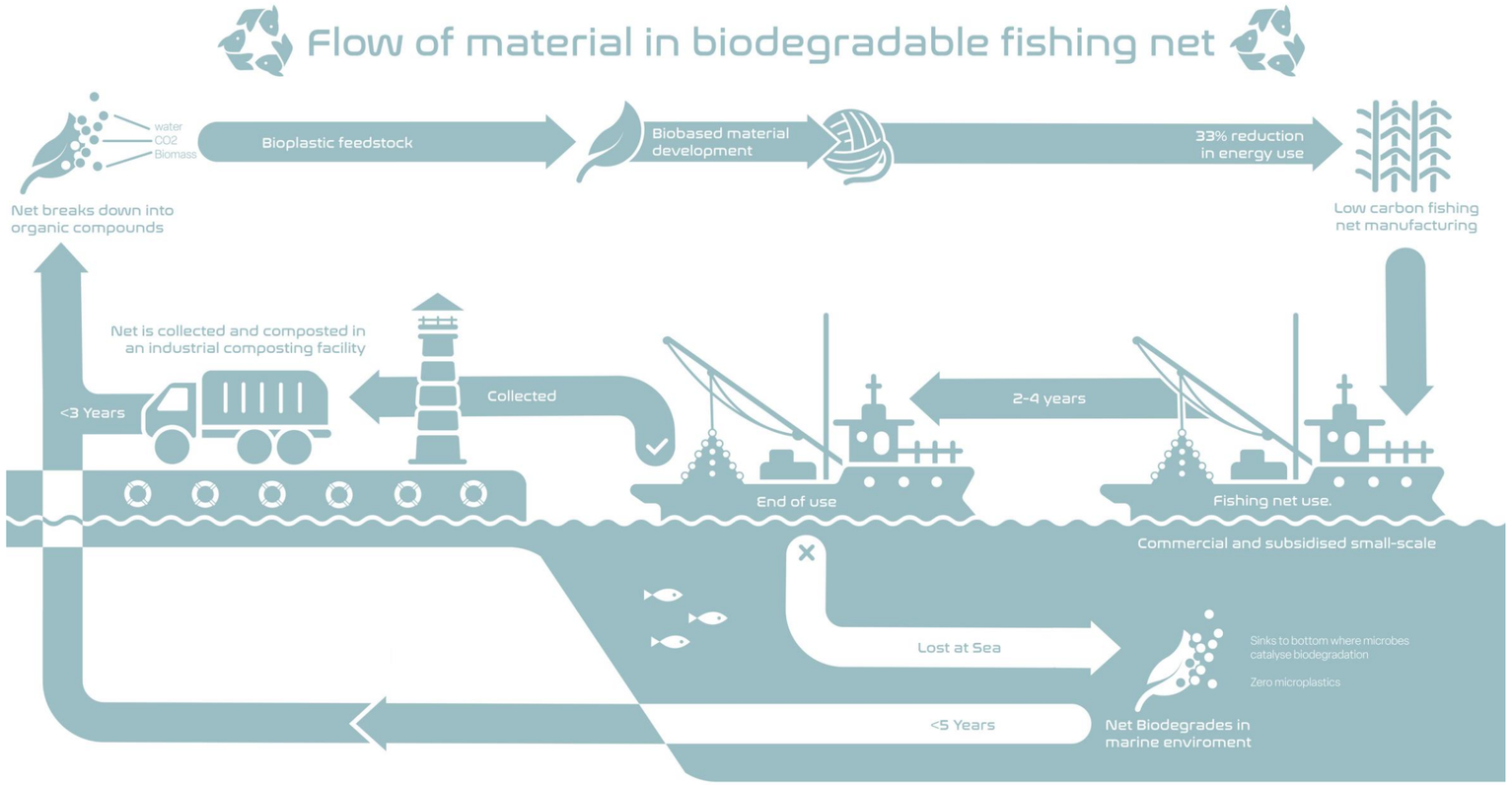
Co-benefits

Reduces the incidents and duration of ghost-fishing – ALDFG will disintegrate into biomass within 2-5 years

Reduces the amount of microplastics in the ocean – the nets will biodegrade without microplastics through weathering or degradation.

Reduces the accumulation of plastics in landfills – old nets can be disposed of at industrial composting facilities and turned into beneficial agricultural biomass.

Sustainability



Tested for biodegradability in the ocean (SINTEF)

Tested for compostability on land (TUV OM Compost INDUSTRIAL)

Material development

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A mix of PBS (polybutylene succinate) and PBAT (polybutylene adipate terephthalate).

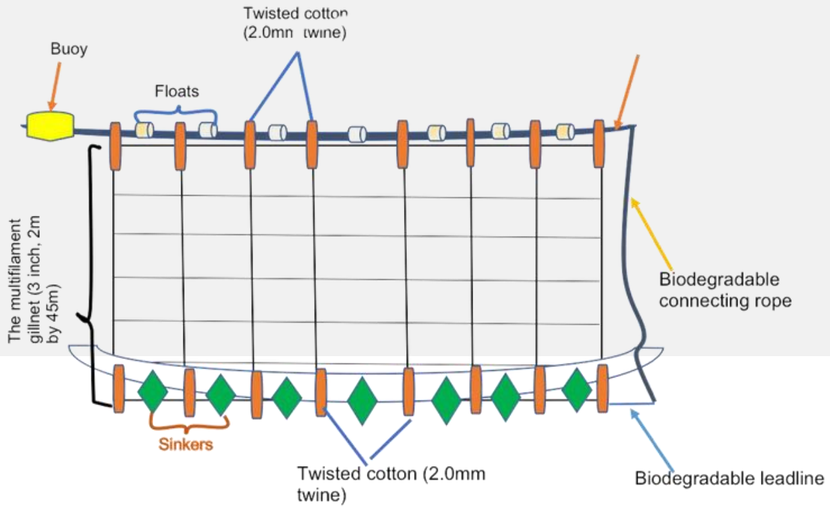
Offers the right balance between strength and flexibility.

Designed for mono-extrusion and the spinning of thread.

Used to manufacture various types of ropes and nets.

Biodolomer®Ocean is manufactured in recognisable orange and turquoise to distinguish it from traditional fishing gear.

Piloting



Gill nets

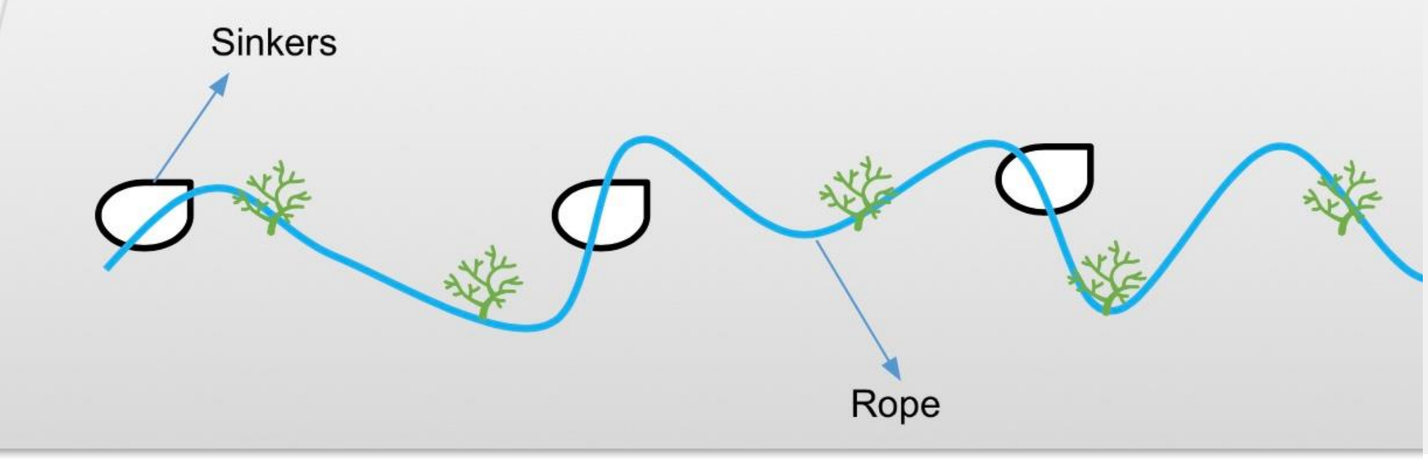
KMFRI is piloting Biodolomer®Ocean twine for modified gill nets.

- Replacing the headline and leadlines with biodegradable twine
- Replacing 50% of the plastics in the nets
- Reducing plastics on land and in the ocean.

Seaweed farming

KMFRI is piloting biodegradable ropes for seaweed farming:

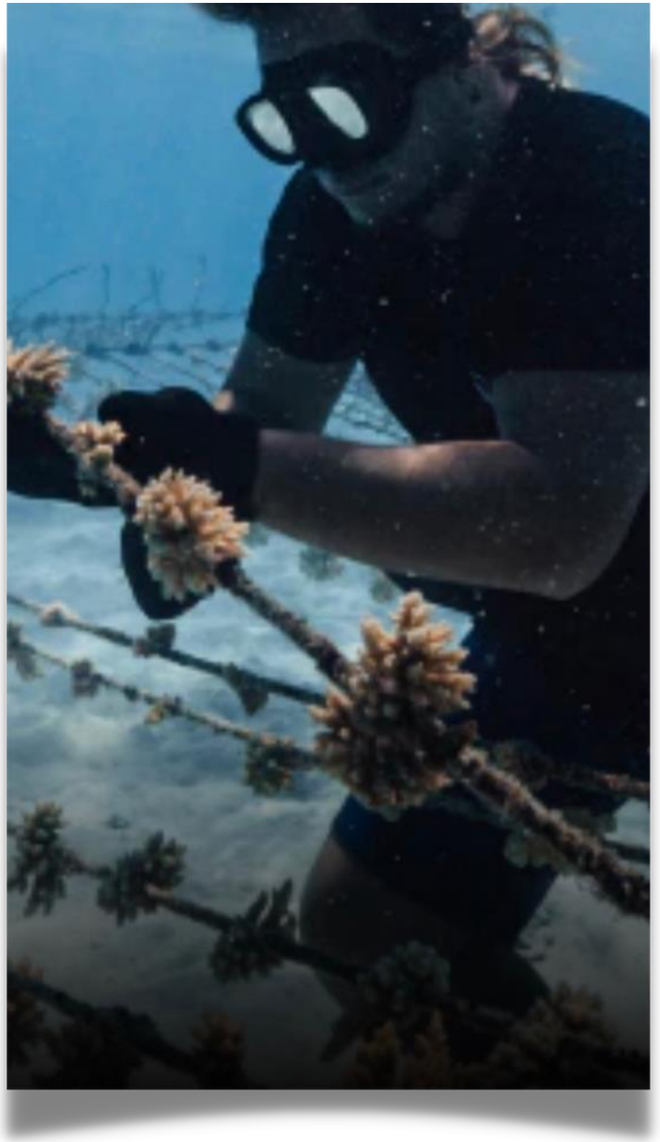
- Replacing plastic ropes with biodegradable ropes.
- Comparing yield between the two ropes.
- Observing the biodegradation process.
- Measuring microplastics.
- Testing composting on land.



Coral restoration

Biodolomer®Ocean ropes for coral restoration on Wasini Island, Kenya, and on Mo'oera Island French Polynesia.

- Using ropes to provide a safe environment for coral fragments to grow.
- Minimising the environmental impacts by replacing plastic ropes with biodegradable ropes.
- Cost-effective and accelerated coral restoration.



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