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Grey Nurse Shark Rescue

Manly SEA LIFE Sanctuary in Australia are part of a project to identify and rescue critically endangered grey nurse sharks that have been hooked or tangled by commercial and recreational fishing gear. The project aims at improving recreational angler relations with the wider community by building capacity for sea life rescue in Sydney Harbour and the surrounding area. This is a unique project where recreational fishers are collaborating with conservation and diving groups to solve a fishing issue.

The team from Manly, which includes experienced divers with the assistance of Rob Jones, the Aquarium Vet, have to date, successfully dehooked or disentangled three sharks from marine debris. Many of these rescues have occurred at Magic point near Maroubra beach where grey nurse sharks are frequent visitors. The individual sharks are well known and can be identified by their unique spots. All the rescued sharks continue to be seen and are doing well.