

# Safe Seabird Release



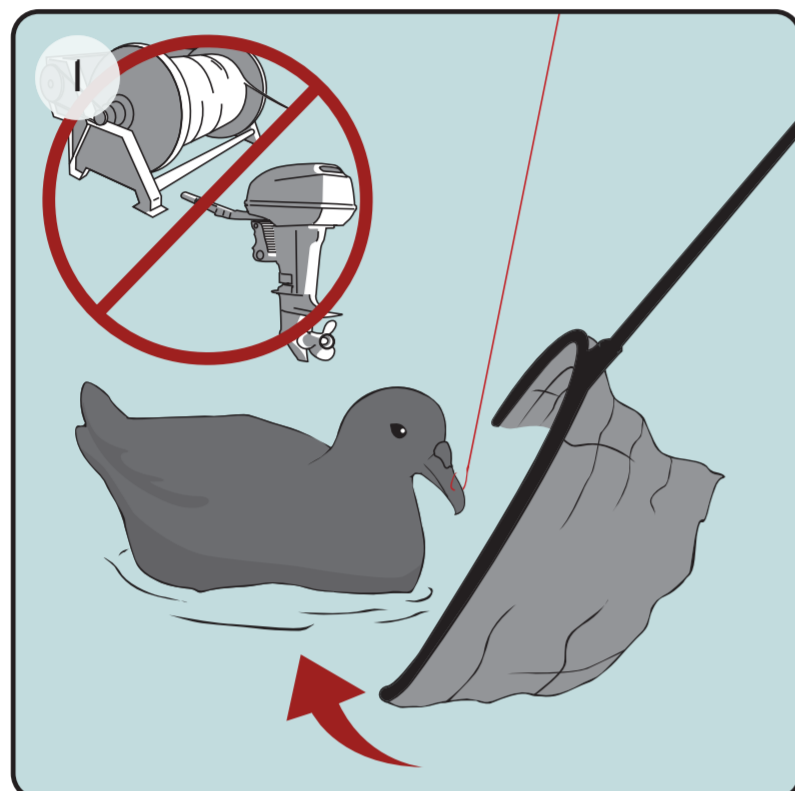
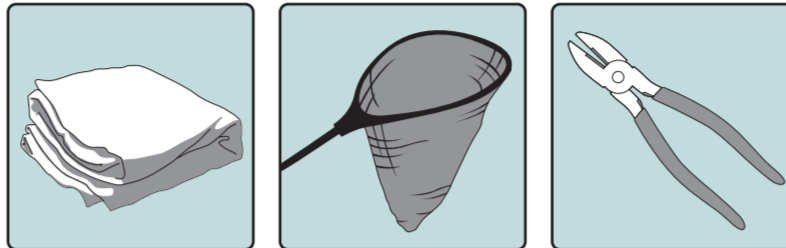
## Helpful Hints

Approach birds from behind where possible.  
 Protect your eyes when handling birds.  
 Never cover bird's nostrils.  
 Make sure the bills are not twisted when you hold the beak.  
 Keep a towel, net, and pliers on board.

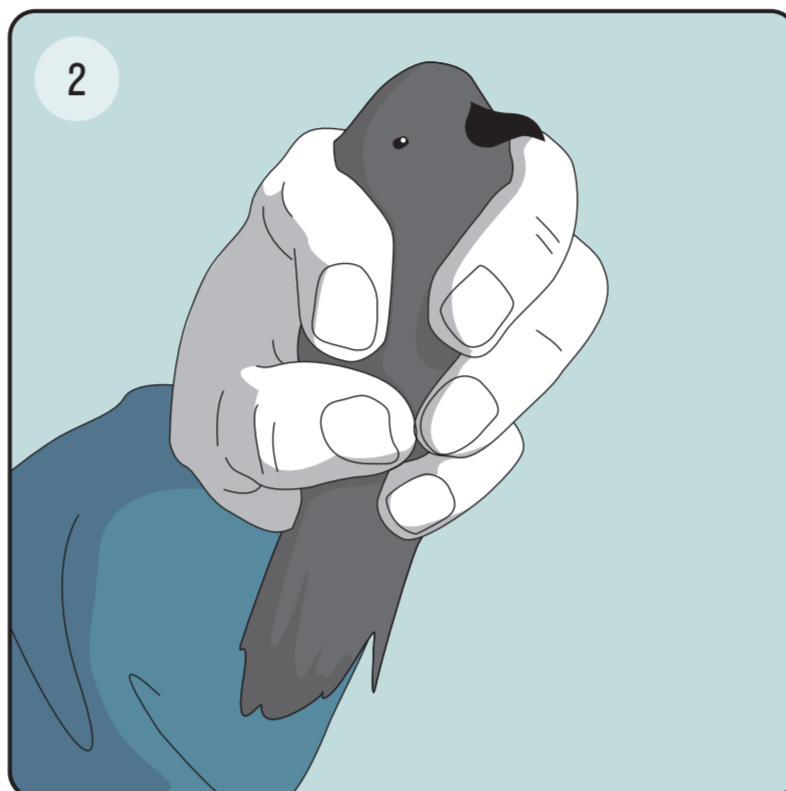
## Emergency Hotline

0800DOCHOT or 0800362468.

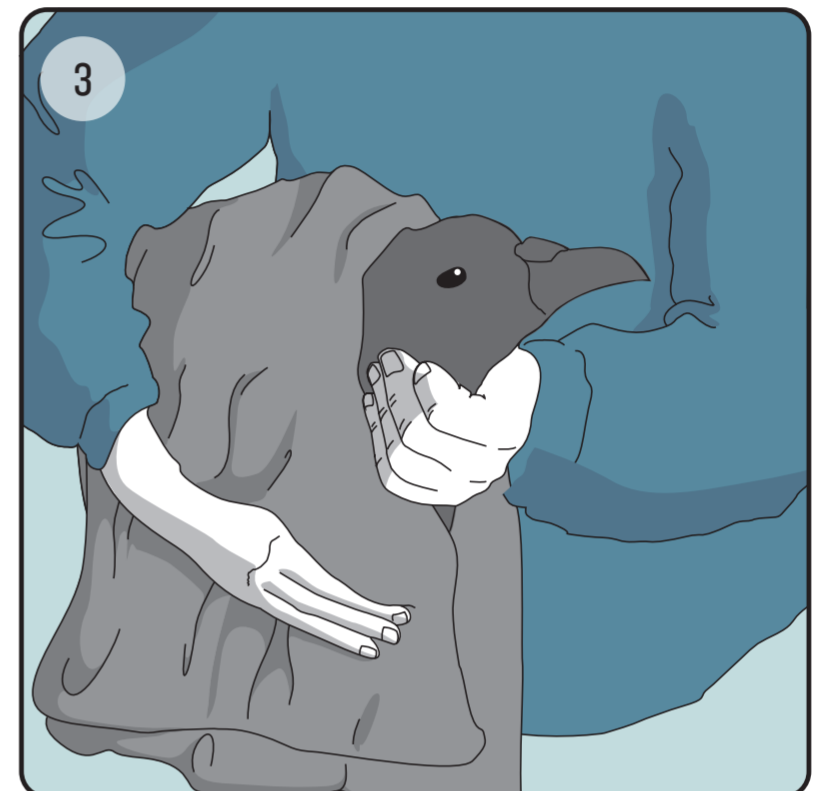
## Release Kit



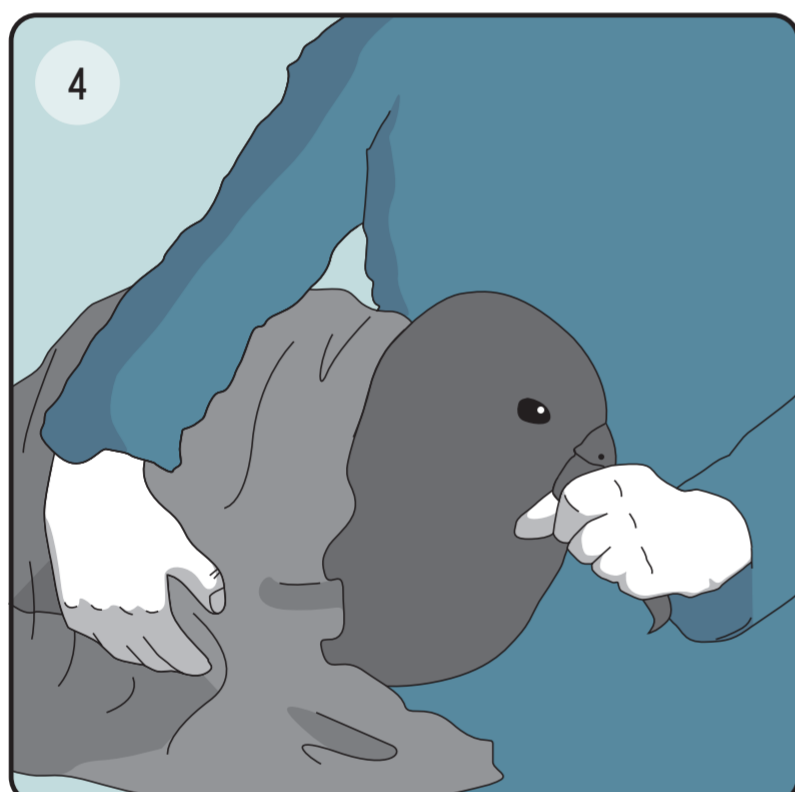
Use a landing net to lift the bird on board.



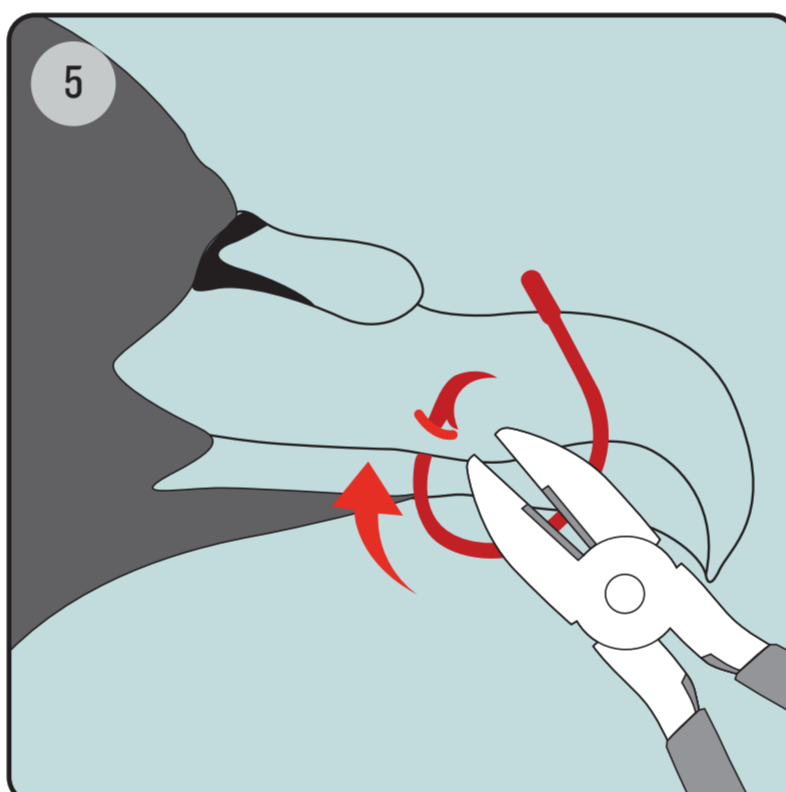
Hold small birds between fingers behind the neck.



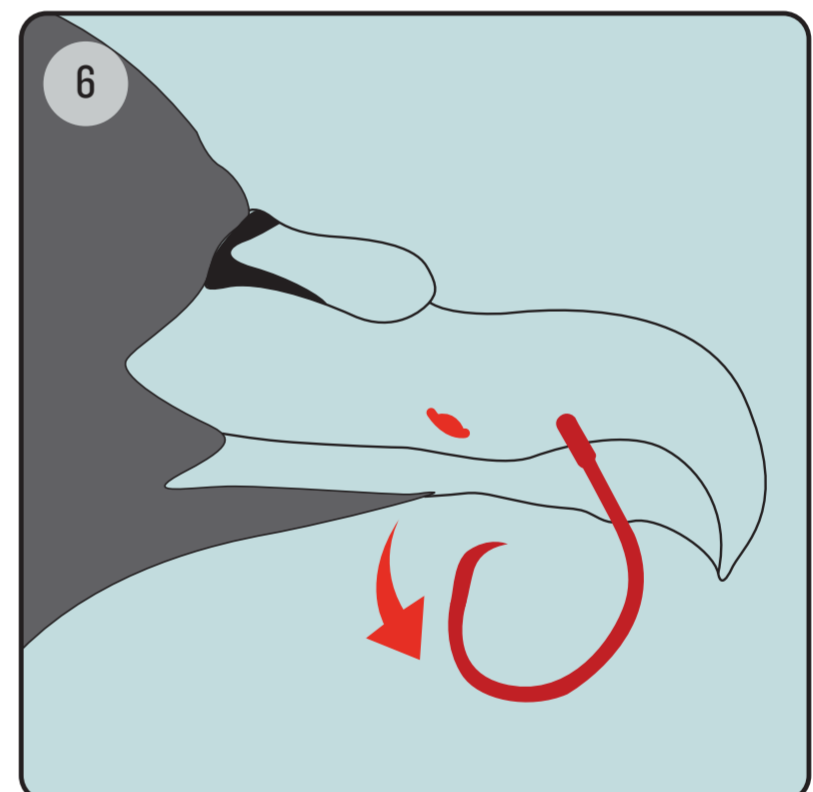
Wrap medium sized birds in towels and cover eyes if possible.



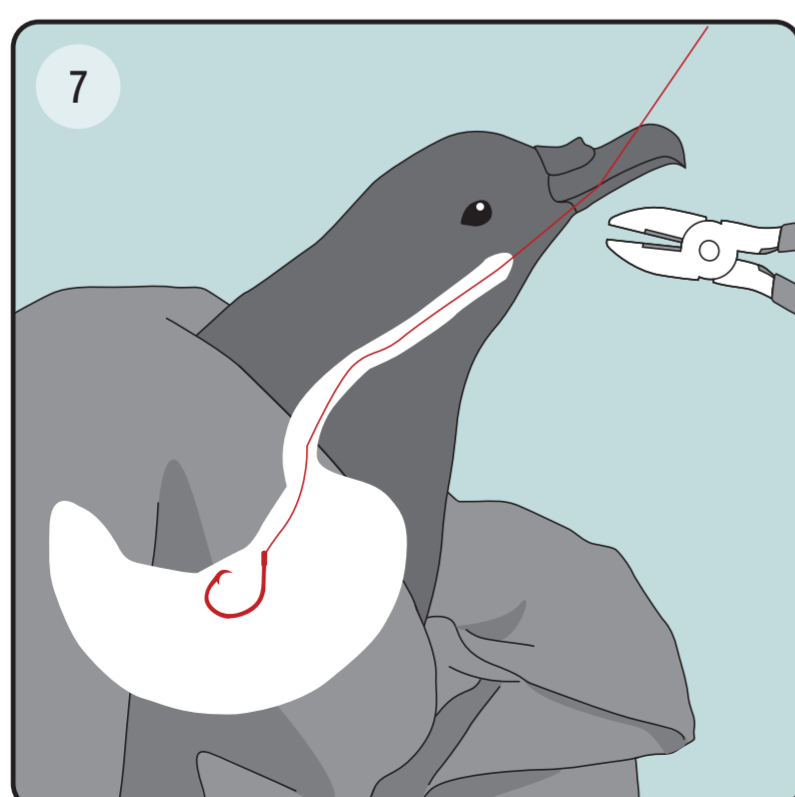
Hold large birds' beaks shut, careful of nostrils.



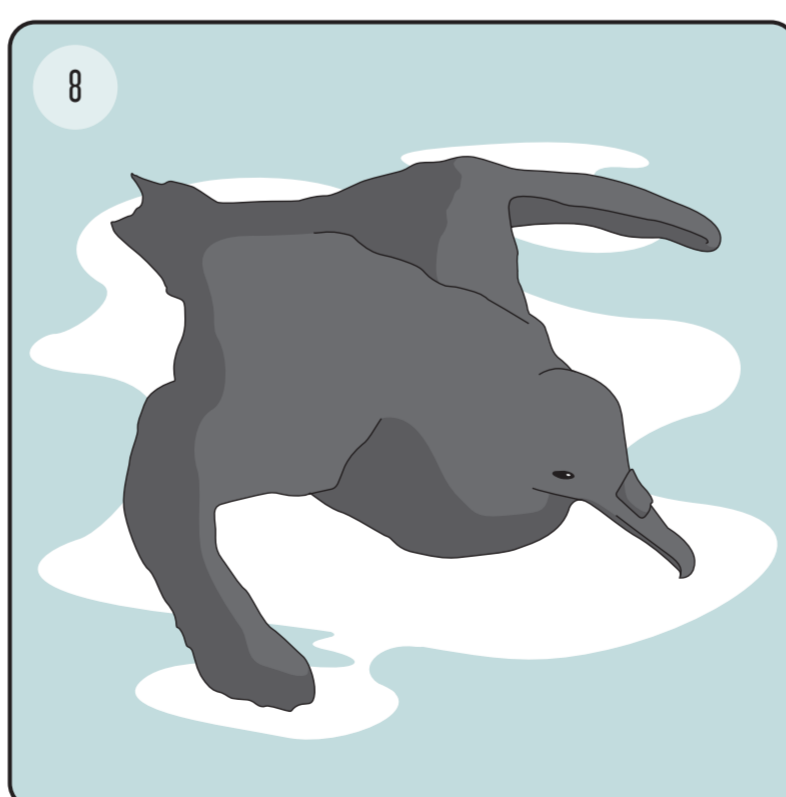
Use pliers to flatten the barb.



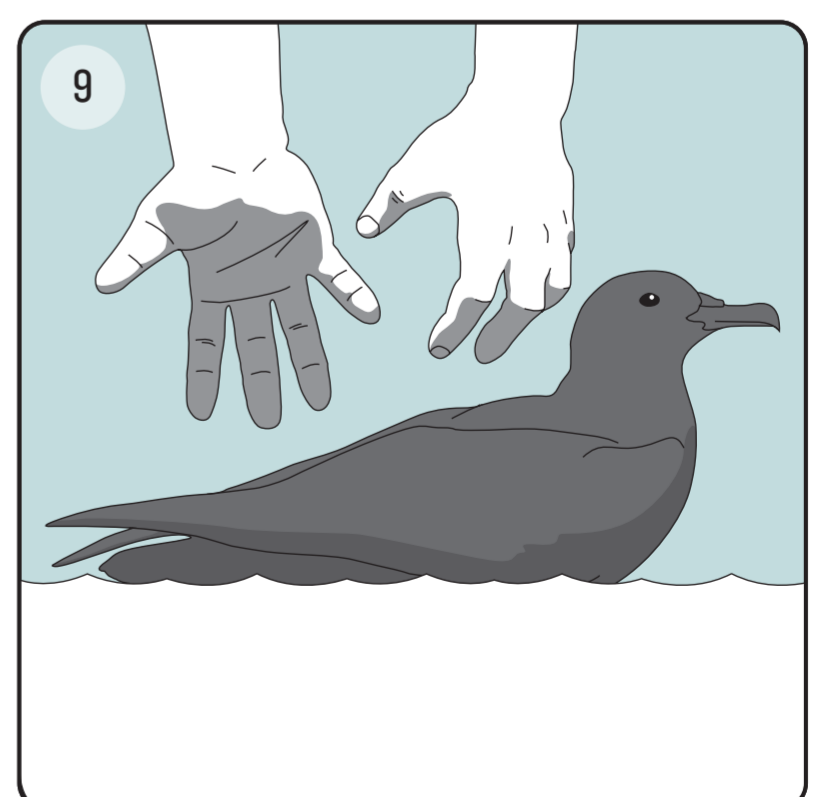
Pull the hook back out of the beak.



If hook is swallowed cut as close to entry as possible.



If bird is exhausted or waterlogged place in loosely covered box to recover.



Release healthy bird onto the water.