



Thank you for your interest in the *Seal the Loop* program, installing specially designed bins in fishing locations to help reduce the rates of aquatic wildlife entanglements. If your group is interested in managing the installation and maintenance of a bin near you, please complete this form and return it to sealtheloop@vfa.vic.gov.au

Your Details

Date: _____

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Suburb/town/place: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Proposed number of bins and locations: _____

Land Manager Details

Organisation: _____ Contact Person Name: _____

Contact person Position: _____ Contact Person Phone/email: _____

Seal the Loop agreement

We like to know that our bins are going to a good home and will be well managed. Please sign below to let us know that you agree with the following:

- I have the authorisation of the land manager to install and manage the bin/s at the proposed location/s.
- I am/my organisation is willing to manage the installation of the bin(s) and put processes in place to ensure they are monitored and emptied accordingly.
- Once in possession of the bin(s) I/we understand that they are no longer the property nor responsibility of Zoos Victoria/ Coastcare (although Zoos Victoria/ Coastcare are willing to re-home them should the need arise).

Name

Signature

Thanks for interest in becoming involved in *Seal the Loop*. We'll be in touch with you soon!

Please return your completed application form to sealtheloop@vfa.vic.gov.au





Each year, marine birds, mammals and fish are killed or injured due to discarded fishing gear in the environment. By installing and maintaining a *Seal the Loop* bin, you are helping to untangle the threats to aquatic wildlife across Victoria.

Once installed, *Seal the Loop* bins make it easy for recreational fishers to dispose of their waste, and serve as a reminder of the importance of looking after the environment. Thank you for your commitment to tackling this problem and protecting the environment and its precious wildlife!

What happens now?

After you have submitted this form, Victorian Fisheries Authority staff will be in touch to confirm installation location/s and provide any support you may need (e.g.: working with the land manager if required) and to organise the distribution of your ready-to-install bin/s.

Once installed, the management and emptying of the bins becomes the responsibility of you and your organisation. In the event that you foresee that you are no longer able to monitor the bins, please contact us at sealtheloop@vfa.vic.gov.au

How do we monitor the success of the bins?

An important part of the Seal the Loop program is monitoring the use of the bins and the impact the program is having in your area. To do this, we ask custodians to let us know what the bins are collecting via our online data collection form (a link to this form is on the website).

We would really appreciate your involvement in data collection, as it helps to gain an important insight into how much fishing line is prevented from entering waterways and oceans. We use this information to continuously improve, and to demonstrate how important the bins, and you as a bin custodian, are to protecting wildlife and creating a safe environment for all.

Welcome to the Seal the Loop Community!

Thank you for joining a committed and passionate group of people working to protect marine wildlife.

You can see where other Seal the Loop bins are located at the website www.zoo.org.au/sealtheloop