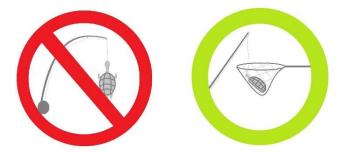
Our Turtle Populations are in Decline,

IF YOU REALIZE YOU HAVE HOOKED A TURTLE WHILE ANGLING:

- 1) Reel it in slow and gentle to prevent the hook from digging in deeper.
- 2) Never cut your line. A hook left embedded in a turtle could lead to its death.
- 3) Use a net or hold the back end of the turtle's shell to lift it out of the water (Don't lift by the line)

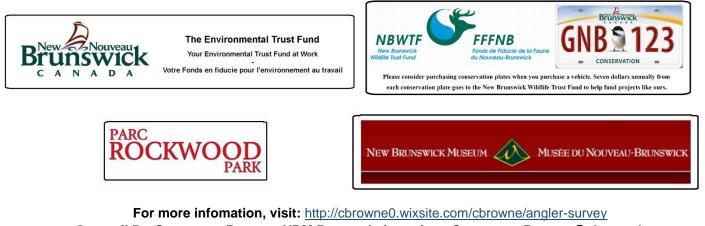


4) Be cautious. Turtles may bite to protect themselves, especially when feeling pain from being hooked. Be extra careful with snapping turtles, they can swing their heads back and have a powerful bite.



- 5) Identify how the hook is embedded. If it can be removed easily, then do so and release the turtle.
- 6) If the hook is difficult to remove, caught in the mouth, or swallowed, medical care is required. **Call the Atlantic Wildlife Institute at (506) 364-1902**, they will provide medical care at no charge and have volunteers to assist with transport.

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