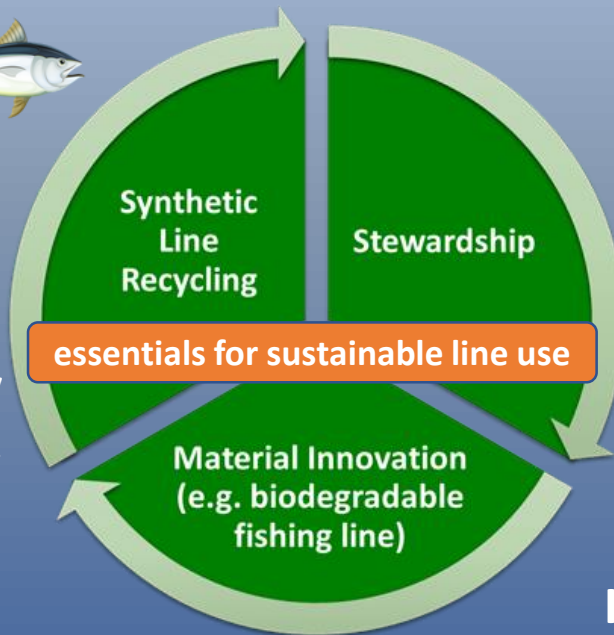


Sustainable recreational fishing line use

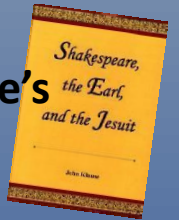


LOST or DISCARDED recreational fishing line (and other equipment including weights and hooks) known as 'ghost gear' can continue causing problems for life below water and on land

SYNTHETIC LINES cannot decompose AND easily disperse in water. Instead they become brittle, break into pieces and contribute to micro-plastics in the environment



600 years.... the estimated time synthetic lines stay in the environment – back to Shakespeare's sonnets



LINE RECYCLING

1 tonne collected nylon line

≈ **5400 km** of 9 kg breaking strain fishing line



INNOVATION but... biodegradable line has the potential to harmlessly decay in a few years, reducing the long-term threat to wildlife by **99%**



STEWARDSHIP

- Manufacturers promote responsible use of their products
- People starting recreational fishing learn and adopt good practice

