

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HOOK A **TURTLE**

Our turtles are in decline and
need all the help they can get!



IF YOU HAVE HOOKED A TURTLE WHILE ANGLING:

- 1** Reel it in slowly and gently to prevent the hook from digging in deeper.
- 2** **Never cut your line.** A hook left embedded in a turtle can lead to its death.
- 3** Use a net or grab the back of the turtle's shell to lift it out of the water. **To prevent further injury, don't lift the turtle by the fishing line or tail.**
- 4** Be cautious as turtles may bite or scratch to protect themselves. Use extra caution with Snapping and Spiny Softshell Turtles as they have long necks and powerful bites.
- 5** If the hook is difficult to remove, caught in its mouth, or is swallowed, medical care is required. 📞



Send your observation to
sostortues@eco-nature.ca
Upload your observation to:



If you find an injured turtle, please don't leave it in nature.
Call the Turtle Rehabilitation Center of Quebec

📞 **450.622.1020 ext. 286**

They will guide you through the next steps
and provide medical care at no charge.

For more information:
HelpTheTurtles.ca or
CanadianHerpetology.ca



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