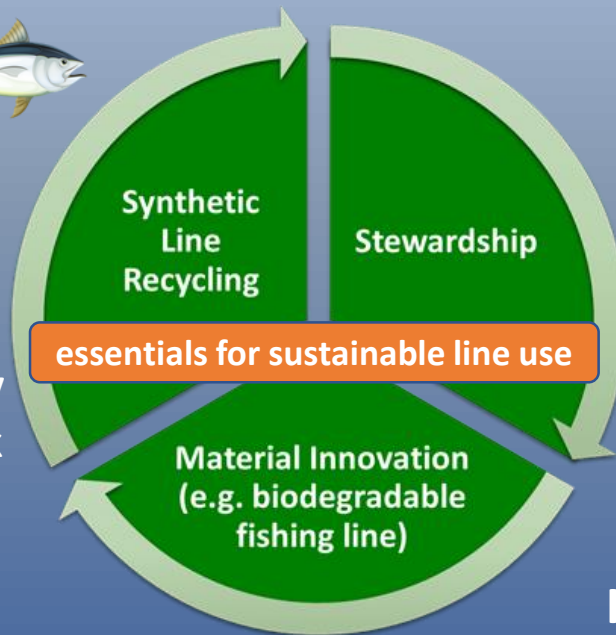


# Sustainable recreational fishing line use

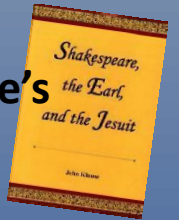


**LOST or DISCARDED** recreational fishing line (and other equipment including weights and hooks) known as 'ghost gear' can continue causing problems for life below water and on land

**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

