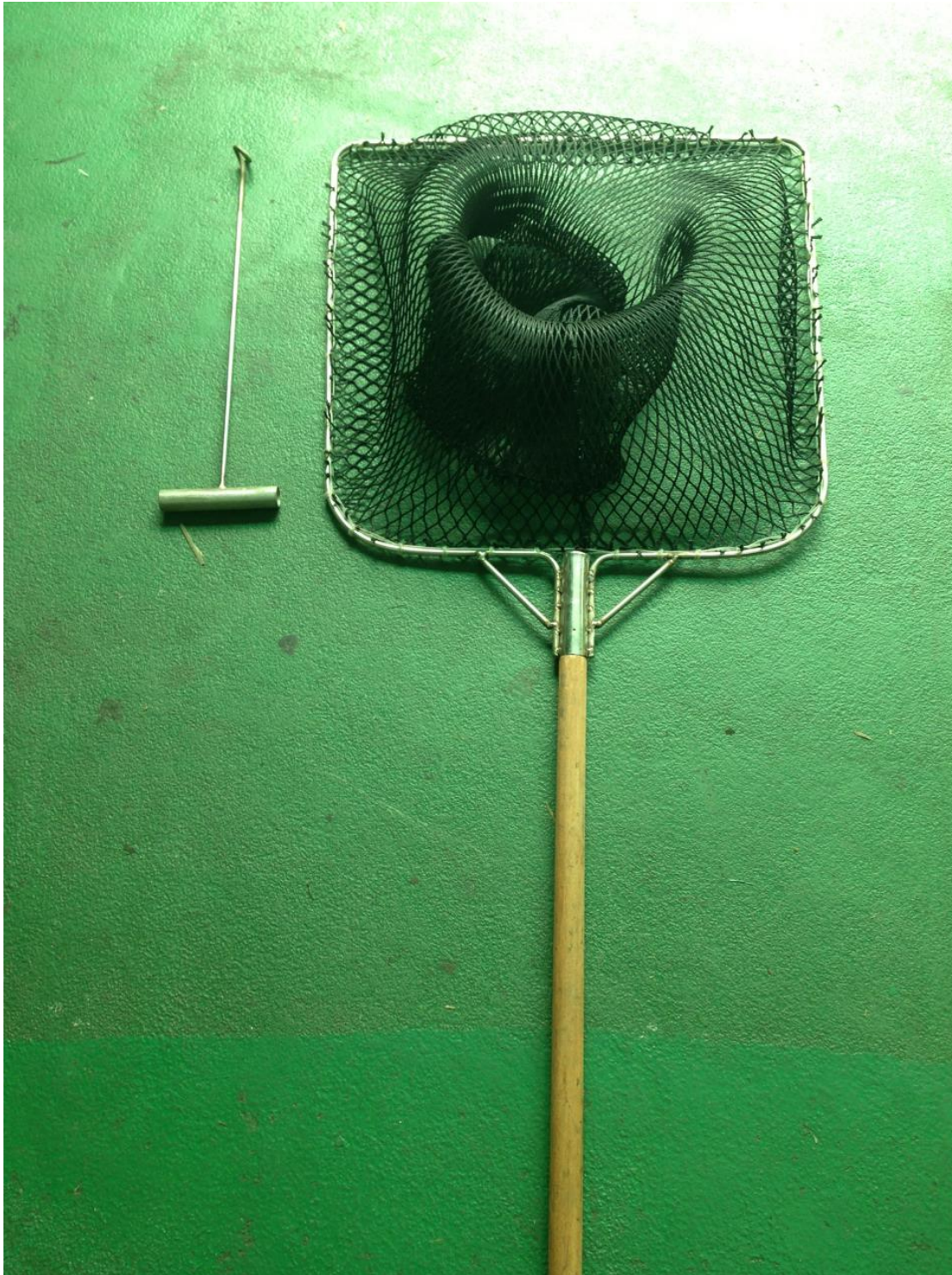


Appendix 7 De-hooker (left) and Scoop net (right)



Instructions:

1. For any sea turtle hooked or entangled in gear and cannot be safely removed from the water, the line should be cut as close as possible to the hook, without inflicting additional unnecessary harm on the turtle. If the sea turtle can be safely removed from the water, an appropriate scoop net or basket lift shall be used to bring aboard the turtle for removing the gear or cutting the line as close as possible to the hook, fostering its recovery if needed, and returning it to the sea at once.
2. When a hook is swallowed and the hook can be removed, use the de-hooker by holding its handle, engaging the shank of the hook, and pulling the de-hooker out with the hook with a slight thrust downward.