

LOCAL MARINE NOTICE

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HUMPBACK WHALE MIGRATION – JULY TO OCTOBER

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Attachment: KPA Environment Bulletin for Humpback Whale migration

Mariners and port users are requested to comply with the requirements of the attached KPA Environmental bulletin for Humpback whale migration.

If any marine fauna could pose a navigation hazard in KPA waters, users must promptly notify the relevant Port Operator/Manager and inform KPA by e-mail at info@kimberleyports.wa.gov.au.

Port Contacts for immediate notification:

- Port of Broome: Mob 0419 044 765 & VHF Channel 14.
- Port of Wyndham: Mob 0409 373 920 & VHF Channel 16.
- Port of Yampi Sound: Mob 0484 934 561 & VHF Channel 16.

Any questions regarding this Local Marine Notice should be addressed to the Kimberley Ports Authority by email: harbourmaster@kimberleyports.wa.gov.au



Rohan Wadhwa
REGIONAL HARBOUR MASTER

Marine and other port users are requested to notify the Kimberley Ports Authority on the discovery of new dangers or suspected dangers to navigation.

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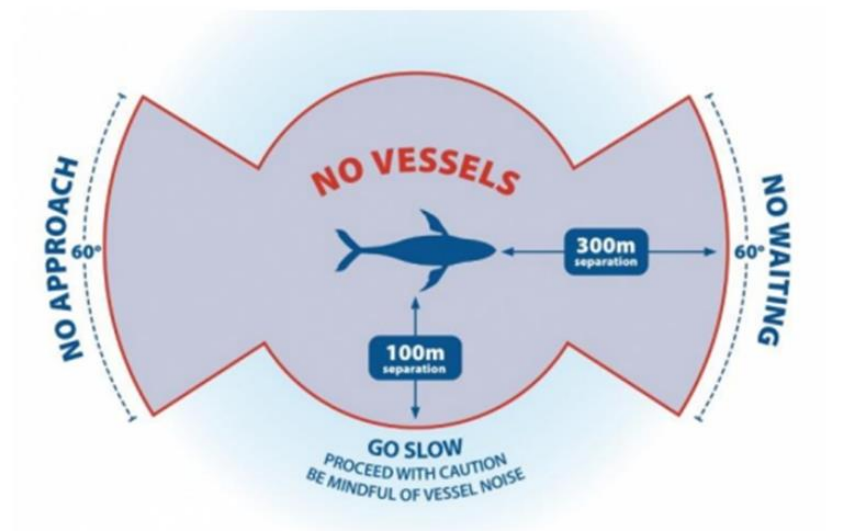
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HUMPBACK WHALE MIGRATION – July to October

The Western Australian coastline is a known migration route for the Western Australian Humpback whale population. The migration occurs between July to October with their migration to breeding grounds in the Kimberley occurring between July and August and their southward migration back to the Antarctic feeding areas between August and October. Humpback whales typically travel along the coastline, sometimes swimming in waters as shallow as 200 meters during their migration.

Vessel operators are reminded to maintain a safe distance from whales of 100m from either side or 300m from in front.



These rules are designed to protect whales from an unacceptable level of impact from human activities.

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What to do if there is an incident involving a Humpback Whale?

If your vessel is involved in an incident you are required to report the event to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and to work with them to determine the best course of action.

Contact the **DBCA Wildcare Helpline** on **9474 9055** to report a sick, injured, or deceased whale or marine fauna.

If there is a hazard or incident involving a Humpback whale or **ANY** marine fauna in port waters, please contact info@kimberleyports.wa.gov.au and provide the following information (where possible):

- Time and exact location the marine fauna was encountered (provide coordinates if possible).
- Type of marine fauna and assumed maturity (i.e. juvenile or mature). Where safe and practicable, take photographs.
- Condition of the marine fauna, including physical condition (i.e. wounds etc.) and behavioural response (i.e. flighty, lethargic/non-responsive, etc.).
- If the marine fauna could pose a navigation hazard; and
- DBCA Wildcare incident report number (if applicable).



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