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Conservation groups take aim

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CONSERVATION groups challenged the Barnett Government to release plans for its Kimberley marine park through The West Australian on Monday.

Environs Kimberley was one of the groups calling for Premier Colin Barnett and Environment Minister Donna Faragher to make good on their promise to release a draft by the time whales

started arriving in the Kimberley. But the groups, worried plans to protect humpback whale breeding grounds were being watered down, said whales were already migrating and there was no draft.

About 22,000 humpback whales migrate from Antarctica to the Kimberley coast each year with 1000 visiting Camden Sound, north of Broome, to breed.

A majestic humpback off the Kimberley coast.

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