



## Whales turn up in Kimberley waters.

**The first humpback whales for 2010 have been spotted in Kimberley Waters.**

*PR Log (Press Release) – May 29, 2010* – Gregg Davey from Kimberley Kayak Fishing Tours (<http://kimberleykayakfishing.com.au/>) spotted the first pod of 3 juvenile whales near Talboys Rock, off Manari on the Kimberley coast on Monday the 24th of May 2010. This year's sighting is a week earlier than the first reported whale sighting for 2009, which occurred on the 31st of May.

Juveniles form the advance guard for the migrating whale population, which is estimated at approximately 22,000 individuals. The Breeding Group D population of Humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) migrate from the frigid waters of the Antarctic to the warm tropical waters of the Kimberley coast to give birth. The calving grounds extend from just south of Broome to north of Camden Sound, which will soon become the Kimberley's first inshore marine park.

The whale sightings herald the beginning of the Kimberley's whale watching season. Broome will also host the second Kimberley Whale Festival, which will be held in Broome from the 15th to the 18th of July 2010. As part of the festival, "Kimberley Whale Watching", a Broome based research group, is offering a framed whale photo for the first photo taken of a humpback whale in Kimberley waters in 2010.

Send your photo with time, date and location to [kimberleywhales@bigpond.com](mailto:kimberleywhales@bigpond.com).

Kimberley Whale Watching - <http://www.kimberleywhales.com.au>

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Kimberley Whale Watching conducts research and charters between Broome and Camden Sound on Western Australia's Kimberley coast.