



THE KIMBERLEY

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The world renowned Kimberley region has some of the largest intact natural areas left on the planet - comparable with the Great Barrier Reef and Amazon rainforest. The Kimberley is also a culturally rich region; Traditional Owners' ancient practices and strong connection to their country continue today.

Nearly twice the size of Victoria, the Kimberley's beauty is matched only by its enormous diversity - with stunning seas, deserts, islands, sandstone gorges, mangroves, rainforests, savannahs and woodlands.

Some of the many reasons the Kimberley needs protection:

- The Kimberley Coast is the nursery for the **world's largest humpback whale population, with over 22,000 whales visiting each year.**
- The Kimberley is one of the last remaining large and healthy refuges in the world for many **threatened and endangered marine species**, including dugong, six of seven species of marine turtles, sawfish and numerous species of sharks, whales, dolphins and fish.
- Hundreds of thousands of **migratory shore birds** stop to feed and rest along the Kimberley Coast, with over 300,000 visiting Roebuck Bay alone.
- The Kimberley is a refuge for both of Australia's unique dolphin species, the **snubfin dolphin** and the **Australian humpback dolphin**. The second largest snubfin population in Australia is found in Roebuck Bay.
- The Kimberley's **coral reefs** are globally unique because they live in turbid and estuarine environments and are often exposed at low tide. The Kimberley has a greater diversity of coral species than the Great Barrier Reef.
- The Kimberley is the only region of mainland Australia to experience **no native mammal extinctions** since European arrival, making it a critical refuge for many endangered Australian mammal species.
- The Kimberley is home to one of the **oldest living cultures on earth**. Many sites and features of the sea and landscape have deep cultural and spiritual significance to the Traditional Owners; some are marked by a rich array of rock art throughout the landscape.
- Horizontal Falls was described by David Attenborough as **"one of the greatest natural wonders of the world"**.

Despite the many amazing assets of the region, the Kimberley faces a number of serious, cumulative pressures, including climate change, large wild fires, feral animals and weeds, cattle grazing degradation and ad hoc and incompatible development.

Unless we take action now, these pressures will continue to grow unabated and lead to irreversible and widespread environmental degradation, with all the consequent social and economic impacts and costs.

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