

# Kimberley Marine & Coastal Scientific Forum

- 12 presentations by academics and government agencies
- Lack of industry data
- Topics included:
  - Hydrogeology
  - Nutrient dynamics
  - Tourism
  - Introduced marine pests
  - Research activities by government agencies
  - Fringing coral reefs
  - Marine biodiversity
  - Fisheries research
  - Mangroves
- The presentations highlighted the limited knowledge of the natural ecosystems of the Kimberley and their susceptibility to human impact.
- The remoteness of the Kimberley was seen as making effective regulation difficult.
- A second forum in Broome will present a DVD of highlights of this event and seek contributions from non-government groups on their activities.
- These events complement the workshop organized by WWF in Broome.



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