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Media statement

Student forum to discuss Ningaloo research

Western Australian university students will again lead discussions on research at Ningaloo Marine Park and its surrounding areas when they attend a forum in Perth next week.

The annual Ningaloo Research Day for Students is jointly led by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), the CSIRO Wealth from Oceans Flagship's Ningaloo Collaboration Cluster and the Western Australian Marine Science Institution. The event will be held at CSIRO in Floreat on Tuesday 30 March 2010.

DEC scientist Dr Kelly Waples said the forum provided students with a great opportunity to present their research and to network with their peers.

"Students from all disciplines with an interest in marine science are welcome to attend and exchange their ideas," Dr Waples said.

"There will be presentations on all areas of research including biological, physical and social sciences that may cover research that is near completion or in the planning phase.

"The presentations will provide a good overview of projects underway at Ningaloo which may in turn feed into ongoing research and new leads. The forum also allows students to understand how their research could assist with future developments in marine science.

"Several postgraduate students will also update scientists on their current research efforts at Ningaloo. We hope the forum will again encourage and motivate other students to continue with their projects and to pursue their interest in marine science. It is also an excellent way for scientists to witness first-hand the work being undertaken by students."

Last year, 35 people attended the forum, including marine scientists and students, and there were nine research presentations. Sabrina Trocini, a PhD student from Murdoch University, was selected by event organisers to present her research at the Ningaloo Research Symposium in Exmouth two months later.

"At the end of the forum we will be giving awards to students for the presentation that best displays outstanding science and also the one that demonstrates the most significant application of science to management because it's important to acknowledge the contributions they are making to science," Dr Waples said.

For more information visit www.dec.wa.gov.au or www.wamsi.org.au.

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DEC Scientist Dr Kelly Waples will be available for interviews on Monday, 29 March.