

# EXMOUTH GULF VESSEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

## CONTROL MEASURES

### Background

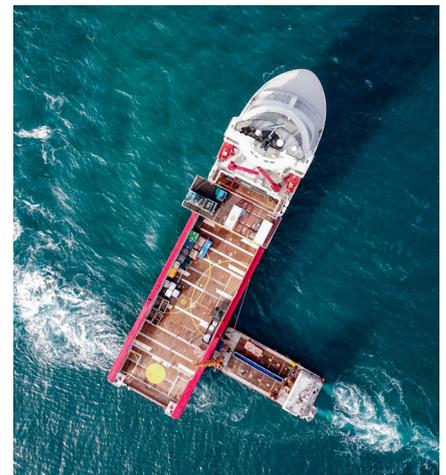
Woodside has implemented an Exmouth Gulf Vessel Management Plan to support the sustainability of our operations in this environmentally significant area.

The Exmouth Gulf is known to be used by humpback whales on their southern migration to their feeding grounds in the Antarctic Ocean. The Gulf serves as an important resting and nursing area for females with calves and male humpback whales on their annual migration to breed in warm waters of north-west Australia.

Woodside's use of the Exmouth Gulf includes the transit of vessels to and from the Exmouth Marina, and the supply and offtake of equipment from supply vessels that service our operations off North West Cape. The Vessel Management Plan proactively reduces the risk of impacts to humpback whales from our activities within Exmouth Gulf, and implements a best practice approach.

The control measures in the Plan which apply from 1 August to 31 October (humpback whale resting season) each year in the Exmouth Gulf are:

- + No vessels greater than 100 metres in length within the Gulf
- + No heavy lift operations allowed within the Gulf – only cargo transfer via a barge or small vessels
- + 8 knot speed restriction for all vessel operations
- + Whale observer onboard all vessels
- + Barge/vessel operations can only commence if no humpback whales are within 300 metres
- + Dynamic positioning only allowed for a maximum of 12 hours before being required to anchor
- + Adhering to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations (Part 8, Division 8.1)



We have consulted with key stakeholders in the Exmouth community as well as State Government agencies in the development of the Management Plan, which goes beyond regulatory requirements and reflects Woodside's ongoing commitment to protect the natural environments in which we operate.

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