

Saving the TURTLES of Port Hedland

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Made for "Care for Hedland" with the support of BHP Billiton and others.

The flatback turtles of Port Hedland have been returning to the same beach to nest for thousands of year. But in the time they've been coming back, the town has become the heart of the Pilbara iron ore industry and the largest bulk container port in the world. This documentary follows the local community who have rallied together, determined to protect their endangered turtles in the face of ongoing threats.



Made under the auspices of "Care for Hedland", a not-for-profit group established to care for the environment of Port Hedland. The principal sponsor/supporter for this DVD was BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

We felt this an interesting topic, well told, with good balance between the life of the turtles, the formation of the environmental group "Care for Hedland" with the support of the local council and the big business interests of the port. It includes some fascinating undersea footage of the young turtles making their way out to sea.

Being just 30 minutes long, this doco could be a worthwhile addition to almost any film society program.

FVFS review panel scored it 3.3 stars.

To watch a trailer go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4PeYW1h11A



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