

TRAPPED: Rescuers monitor the whale yesterday. Picture: Glenn Hampson



WHALE FREED FROM NETTING

A DISTRESSED whale was freed from a shark net on the Gold Coast yesterday.

A team from Sea World and the Department of Boating set the juvenile humpback free after it became stuck off Kirra Beach early yesterday.

Rescuers used specially designed knives to cut the netting that had trapped the young mammal.

Earlier, walkers spotted the whale struggling in the water about 7am and raised the alarm to its plight.

It's the second whale rescue on the Gold Coast this month.

A 20-tonne male humpback aged between two and five years sparked a huge rescue operation on July 8 when it became stranded on Palm Beach.