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Environmentalists raising money to protect whale breeding ground

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KPBS SAN DIEGO (2005-06-20) Environmentalists in the United States are hoping to raise \$10 million to protect a fragile Mexican lagoon that serves as a whale breeding ground. KPBS Reporter Erik Anderson has details.

The Natural Resources Defense Council hopes to raise \$10 million to permanently protect the land around Laguna San Ignacio. The lagoon on the Pacific side of the Baja California peninsula is a breeding site for hundreds of gray whales. NRDC attorney Joel Reynolds says the money will allow conservationists to keep the land around the lagoon, development free.

The funds would go to acquire about one million acres, or more specifically the development rights on one million acres located around this amazing lagoon.

Reynolds hopes more than 140,000 acres will be protected by the end of summer. The region is one of 12 places in the America's threatened by development.
Erik Anderson KPBS News.

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