

Gumurr Marthakal Rangers – Limurrung Djama*

Marthakal Indigenous Protected Area, Northern Territory



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Protecting Native Wildlife

- Keep outer islands ‘clean’: guard against the arrival of weeds and non-native animals.
- Monitor and manage threatened wildlife on islands.
- Survey islands for rare or threatened wildlife.
- Encourage responsible, traditional hunting of sea turtles and dugong.
- Especially protect Mududhu (Olive Ridley Turtle) and Wirrwakunha (Hawksbill Turtle) nesting areas.
- Keep up commercial fishing inspections.



Controlling Feral Pests and Weeds

- Know your weeds, record infestations, report new arrivals.
- Check outer islands often for cane toads, black rats, cats and tramp ants.
- Quickly remove newly arrived pests or weeds from outer islands.
- Control feral pigs and buffalo in rainforest, wetlands and near homelands.
- Control and limit the spread of tramp ants on Galiwin’ku.
- Manage grassy weeds by spraying and avoiding the spread of seed.
- Continue biosecurity surveillance.

Improving Our Work!

Monitoring and Review:

Survey three sites in each Management Zone, every year.

Recording and Reporting:

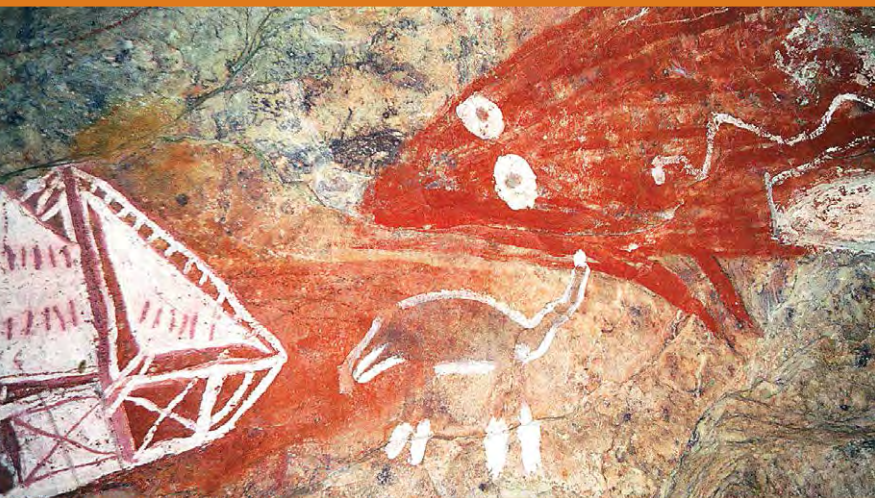
Map weeds, pests, wildlife, wildfire and Rangers’ work using I-Tracker and GIS.

Gumurr Rangers:

Real jobs, safe workplace, accredited training and healthy partnerships with neighbours and agencies.

Healthy Community and Culture

- Protect Sacred Sites.
- Listen to Wanga-Watanju (Traditional Yolŋu Owners).
- Use and respect traditional Yolŋu skills and ecological knowledge.
- Support Women Rangers.
- Support Junior Rangers and school-based cultural projects.
- Help landowners care for homelands and outstations.
- Invite and support countrymen and women to work on IPA activities.
- Support cultural and wildlife-based businesses, such as Mapuru tourism.



Managing Fire

- Make an annual fire plan for each IPA Management Zone.
- Encourage and carry out early dry-season burning.
- Back-burn around wetlands, rainforests and outstations.
- Do conservation burning on outer islands.
- Fight wildfires on the mainland and larger islands.



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* Limurrung Djama means ‘Our Work’

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